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
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Friends.



DEPARTED from the summer ways
He knew so oft, we know so well,
Yet we may feel in coming days,
Our basin home still has his spell.
Our friend shall not deny us, nor
Leave not his spirit on that shore.

Because he shall not walk beside,
When we shall wander haply sad,
His face shall seem to see the tide,
The varied skies where we were glad;
Dividing all those glories still
Near rock-made isle, and summer hill.

We yet shall love that summer home,
Beside the Fundy of his love,
Though all the years without him come
To broadening brook and deepening grove;
And every rocky beach we tread
Shall sing his song though he be dead,

John Frederic Herbin, '90.

Sir W. S. Gilbert.

AN APPRECIATION.

Sir William Schwenk Gilbert is one of the ablest Police Magistrates on the London Bench, where he is respected and loved as much by his colleagues as by the barristers who have occasion to plead before him. He has a great respect for the dignity and majesty of the law but none for the quibbles and technicalities with which the law is too often administered. He is said to have rebuked a young barrister, who was trying to have some evidence shut out by the flimsiest of technicalities, with the remark: "This, sir, is not a court of law, but a court of justice." His wide knowledge of life, and sympathy with men, enable him to look at the larger issues of the case as well as the mere offense against the law. For the offense he has no extenuation or tolerance but for the offender he has a great pity and sympathy. More than once he has been known to sternly impose a fine—and then pay it out of his own pocket.

But it is not as a Magistrate that Gilbert is known by the great British and English-speaking public but as the writer of that light sparkling and humorous verse with which contemporary English literature is so richly endowed. Gilbert's work falls naturally into two groups; the songs of the "Savoy Operas," and the "Bab Ballads." This division is artificial rather than real for the style the metre and the subject-matter of the two classes are almost identical.

The Savoy Operas, so called because they were first produced at the Savoy Theatre, were written by Gilbert and Sullivan, the former writing the words and the latter the music. The best known of these are "H. M. S. Pinafore," "The Mikado," "Trial by Jury," "The Gondoliers" and the two operettas "Captain Reece" and "Pirates of Penzance." These retain their popularity through forty years of poorer operas which have flashed meteor-

like for a few months only to completely disappear. Every few years sees a big revival of one or more of these delightful "Savoy Operas."

The "Bab Ballads" are the verses which were not intended for opera. When Gilbert first started to publish his poems in the magazine called "Fun" he used to draw sketches to illustrate them. As these sketches were always signed "Bab" the poems soon came to be called "Bab Ballads." When the poems were gathered together in book form, the sketches were printed too and the whole book took the title of "The Bab Ballads".

Gilbert has given us not the humour of the punster, the mere play on words, but a real humour of nature. He has enobled the Comic Opera, not by making it serious and intellectual, but by giving it a really joyous atmosphere. He has brought back into fashion, not the cutting satire of Pope, or the impish grin of Voltaire, but the good hearty honest British laugh.

His humour is the humour of the student of human nature. He creates a character, and he is true to that character. The joke is not the actual words that the character says, the joke is, that that particular character should say them, as in "Pinafore," the captain sings to the crew of burly tars.

"I do my best to try and please you all," and the crew answer,

"With you we're quite content", and the captain with excessive drawing-room politeness replies

"You're exceedingly polite

"And I think it only right

"To return the compliment".

Especially does he delight in satirizing our modern paradoxical civilization and the types which it has evoked. Indeed, in this, lies his chief strength, for his satire is never cutting and ill-natured, but always hearty, good-natured and genuinely funny. The Church, the Army, the Navy and the Bar have all shown their humourous side through the verbal caricatures of Gilbert. Bishops have especially suffered. "The Bishop of Rum-ti-foo" who wanted

to learn to dance in order "to amuse the tribe when he got back" is one of Gilbert's best poems.

" Another game the dancer planned
 " Just take your ankle in your hand
 " And try, my lord, if you can stand
 " Your body stiff and stark.

" No,' said the worthy bishop " No '
 " That is a length to which I trow
 " Colonial Bishops cannot go.
 " You may express surprise
 " At finding bishops deal in pride
 " But if that trick I ever tried
 " I should appear undignified
 " In Rum-ti-foozle's eyes.

His tribute to the " Heavy Dragoons " is another of his best poems, in which he satirizes the great stress laid on literary knowledge by the British Army.

The dash of a D'Orsay, divested of quackery—
 Narrative powers of Dicken's and Thackeray—
 Victor Emmanuel—peak-haunting Peveril—
 Thomas Aquinas and Doctor Sacheverell—
 Tupper and Tennyson—Daniel Defoe—
 Anthony Trollope and Mister Guizot !
 Take of these elements all that is fusible,
 Melt 'em all down in pipkin or crucible,
 Set 'em to simmer and take off the scum,
 And a heavy Dragoon is the residuum !

The Navy suffers in the opera " Pinafore ", and in " A Sailor Boy to His Lass ", and others, while the Bar is caricatured in " Damon and Pythias " as well as in " Trial by Jury ".

Seldom if ever does he satirize one particular man and in songs like that of the First Lord's from " Pinafore " he does not satirize

Lord George Hamilton so much as the type for which he stands,—the Lord of the Admiralty, who knows nothing of naval affairs but only the parliamentary and legal end of his position.

“Of legal knowledge I acquired such a grip
“That they took me into the partnership,
“That junior partnership I ween
“Was the only ‘ship’ that I had ever seen,
“But that kind of ship so suited me
“That now I am the ruler of the Queens navee.”

Gilbert is still writing and writing well, as “The Merry Peasant” written only last year shows. Sullivan, alas, is no longer here to write the music. May it be long before Gilbert goes to join his great colleague!

C. E. B.



Life in a Country Parsonage.

IMAGINE if you will a remarkable individual of the species divine, who has not been married more than a month and has had a call to some rural district on the shores of Nova Scotia. The young parson is highly pleased with his reception. A good old deacon meets them at the station and they are borne along over a rough road with what may be considered the greatest speed in the locality to which they are going, but anxious to behold his new abode, the minister impatiently wishes the good elder would not be quite so kind to his nag.

At length the parsonage looms up and as the minister contrasts the dwelling with others in sight, it stands the comparison very favorably. This habitation is located on a conspicuous hill surrounded by cherry trees and alder bushes. It is later learned that the folks in the district have hitherto regulated clocks and lights by the regular movements of their former pastor. Turning to drive in the lane he gasps, as an immense big barn, which verita-

bly puts the house in the shade, meets his gaze. What need has the parson for such a structure? Surely the people do not expect him to indirectly benefit their souls while he follows some agricultural pursuit? The land adjoining the parsonage is an occasion for wonder. Why did the church ever obtain such a ranch for the use of a pastor. It does not take long to learn that the property was the gift of an impulsive business man who wanted to do something big for the church and community.

But the young woman at the minister's side does not let his mind rove over fields for long. She wants to know whether the kitchen stove is in order, whether water has been brought into the house by a pump, or whether the cellar is accessible from within. Though just married she has been a minister's daughter and knows the awful need of being practical. Of course she had always declared she wouldn't for anything or anybody *marry a minister*—but she has done that very thing!!

The young people hurry through the house to find it needs renovating from garret to cellar. The plan or rather the lack of plan does not strike them so forcibly as they go through it the first time but when their furniture has come and they begin to "get settled," they look at one another in utter amazement! Why the house is indeed a marvel of convenience! To get guests from the front room to the dining room they will have to be conducted through the kitchen. The minister's wife is optimistic and she says "O well if anyone is too aristocratic to be taken to the kitchen we can blindfold them and tell them we're leading them through fairy land. But there are worse obstacles. The pantry, that part of the house, which is the pride and joy of a good house-keeper, is small and has no windows in it. The kitchen is large but it has an immense chimney running up through the center of the room. There seems to be no occasion for having anything of that nature constructed there but all things come to those who wait and in the course of time they find that the house was built by some farmer who is doing well in the States. He had the chimney placed thus, in order that his fifteen children might all get around

the stove in the winter evenings. The only closet suitable for china is in the further end of the house, so that going to and from it occasions a trip of over a hundred feet beside the inconvenience of passing through the sitting-room.

The paper on the wall is a dark red or hideous brown---perhaps heavily gilded and expensive but it makes the rooms dark and gloomy. None of the numerous doors have knobs---all have some sort of hen-roost latches on them. The parlor looks as if it were still recovering from the effects of the "Deluge". Mould that would delight the heart of the botanist grow everywhere in profusion.

Upstairs again the genius of the builder is in evidence. Seven good-sized rooms, more or less---with no hall-way connecting them. Each room opens into the next. The minister's wife will have to do some manipulating to get her guests safely in bed for the night in the proper order.

The barn needs repairing badly before a horse can be decently stabled. The minister turns to the well that has "never been known to go dry" and he detects a most unpleasant taste in the water. The cause of it is made known by a loquacious deacon who says that the reverend gentleman who previously occupied the house kept cows and used the well to save the expense of a cream separator. Unfortunately while lost in absent-minded meditation the good man had emptied two or three creamers of milk into the well.

The minister and his wife have no need to seek for a grocery store for days to come. People rush into the parsonage with bread, pies, fruit cake, cookies and much else in the same line. The minister learns to know that when he hears a pig uttering his last vociferations anywhere in the neighborhood, a piece of the said animal, be it spare rib, head, tail or liver, will surely find its way to the parsons.

"Wherewithal shall I be fed" causes the rural pastor no anxiety. Should he accept all the hearty invitations he gets from his parishoners to come dine, he would not often sit at his own

table. Indeed it seems to give any member of his flock peculiar joy to literally stuff him and his spiritual influence is at stake if he does not smack his lips appreciatively and do justice to everything set before him.

But to revert to the home life of the minister. At last everything is unpacked: suggestions for improvement have been well met, for is there not at the present moment working at the barn a superannuated carpenter industriously laying on a row of shingles a day, who seems to be related to everyone far and near, judging from the familiar way he hails anyone passing and talks and talks and talks. Worse yet, his wife appears on the scene lugging a couple of hooked mats. She is a different type but quite as deliberate a talker as her old man. So curious is she that she is not contented until she has learned the entire pedigree of both sides of the house. An insurance agent could not be more exacting in his quest for knowledge. She warns the minister's wife against extravagance, offers her the recipe for a hair dye she uses on her husband and promises to bring on her next visit, a bottle of cherry wine (home made so of course harmless) which she says affects her in the legs, but which she thinks will be beneficial to the parsonage folk.

But behold the minister's wife prepares for formal calls and she finds it to be no afternoon affair. The house is besieged early and late. Teams keep coming and going and a fair exhibition of the fancy trotters and pacers of the community is given. It is surprising to note the variety of implements used to stimulate locomotion—anything from an ox-goad to a pitch fork may be found in carriages. Some of the horses hobble along in a three-legged toad fashion, while others would even strive to race the minister's horse. All sorts and conditions come, the mean old man who professes to be pleased as his wife hands the minister's wife a dollar saved from "butter money", the maiden lady who is delighted to find a piano in the parsonage and on the strength of it declares she will "call often", and matronly callers who come and stay all day until their cows call them home at night.

The parsonage is the only house around with a door-bell. School children used to ring it to hear the sound peal through the empty house. Even now they molest the otherwise quiet. On an evening when the minister and one of his deacons are conferring together over ways and means for the propogating of work in a section fifteen miles away, the reverend gentleman is called to the door three times to be fooled on each occasion. His ire is aroused and on the next ring he decides he will catch the mischief maker. Exit by the back door; he goes one way, the deacon the other: both dash onto the front door-step to find another deacon of the church patiently waiting to be admitted.

Finally the stir and the novelty of the arrival of the pastor and his wife subsides. The minister and his wife begin to make their presence felt in the community. The latter takes charge of the music, has a class in Sunday School and is President of the Ladies Aid even though she is but a young woman. Prayer-meetings during the week and three services on Sunday suffice to keep both busy. Everything runs smoothly to the extent that there is even danger of it being monotonous.

Marriages and funerals with an occasional pie-social furnish about the only excitement of the community. The blushing swain who knows not his right hand from his left, leads the faltering lass, who has become the be-all and end-all of his existence to the parsonage where the knot is tied that binds her to him and his farm. The responses of the groom vary with the feeling he has for his bride, probably occasioned by the difficulty he has experienced in attaining her or by the dimes he has had to squander on peppermints for her. "*I will*" rings out clear and strong on occasions; at other times the crude but sincere gallant is contented with a "*Yep*" while some emphatic youth lays his vows at the feet of the bride with a hearty "*you bet*".

One ardent groom anxious for all the world to know he has left the ranks of the Benedicts toots a tin horn along the way as he drives his horse and clasps his bride in the ecstasy of supreme happiness. Tin horns being used only in the country side by fish-

sellers or meat men to attract the good dames to their teams---imagine the surprise of the aforesaid, when, plate and loose change in hand, they rush to gain some choice bit for the morrows meal to be greeted by the vision of a couple to whom all the rest of humanity is superfluous.

How soon will the dream be *but* a dream! the bride goes to her new home and little by little she finds that life after all is doing what "John" wants and doing what John himself ought to do. She labors in doors and out,---she becomes old and worn. Then one day she realizes that the monotony of life is too much for her and she dies. Again the minister is summoned and he meets "John" who is sincerely sorry that Jane happened to die just then. In fact he shifts his "quid to the tother jaw" and looks feelingly at the minister as he says in broken tones; "She was a useful critter to have around".

But enough of such a vein! Go to the rural minister and ask him if life among such people is worth while. Surely he might be using his talents and education somewhere to better advantage. These people have no æsthetic taste---they will believe anything a man in a swallow-tail may tell them. Why should the educated minister go where salary is poor, live in poverty, deny himself in everyway of the blessings of culture, and oblige a woman perchance as well educated to share his hardships?

Ah! that is the outside---the exterior view! the minister in the village is the one man to the people about him. To him they go in every emergency, in every event. A baby has a tooth; the minister must know, Johnny Jones has made roo in spelling. Go tell the minister! Tom Brown feels sure that he loves Kate Grey but is afraid of being turned down. The minister has had his day in such matters, his advice will be sound. The mother is afraid her son is not what he should be---she breathes out her soul to her spiritual adviser.

And does the minister become small and petty in his outlook because his life is full of trivial things. Ah no! He may but he need not. Living close to the people, with his finger on the pulse

of the neighborhood, "he rejoices with those that do rejoice and weeps with those who weep". They know nothing of the shallowness and forms of what is often embraced by the word culture. There may be pettiness in their natures but they are blissfully unconscious of it. The minister wins their whole souled love and his life is the richer for it. He is only glad that he can live where he has the splendid opportunity of being in truth "a friend to man".

'11.



Ad Chloen.

(HORACE I, 23).

(*Second prize translation*).

YOU shun me, Chloe, just as a fawn,
 Its timid mother seeking,
 'Mid pathless hills and laughing rills
 Afraid, through thickets peeking.

It trembles both in heart and knees,
 When spring begins its rambles,
 Or lizards green, it chance has seen
 Now stirring brakes and brambles.

And yet I do not follow thee
 As doth a beast. Why tarry?
 Oh cease to cling to an apron string—
 Prepare at once to marry.

AUSTEN A. CHUTE '12

The Characteristics of a Junior,

AN "upper classman" at last! The tedious toils of Freshman and Sophomore days are now all amply repaid. Secure in this thought the jolly Junior takes his place once more in the realm of college activities and settles down for a year of real life. The two years preceding were filled with hopes, doubts, fears, visions and realizations of ever recurring battles, and all such things as Freshmen and Sophomores are heir to. But now all is changed; the sometime Sophomore is a Junior and with this change comes an entire change of feelings and ideas.

The newly fledged Junior no sooner takes his place among his fellows than he begins to exhibit most emphatically certain characteristics; one of the first of which is modesty. The Junior is certainly a modest fellow. Free from the Freshman idea of Freshman first, and Seniors, etc., afterward and the equally ridiculous idea, which he entertained the year before, of Sophs. first and anybody afterward, he sees that he has a real place to fill and sets about immediately to fill it. In this sense is the Junior modest. Again the Junior is modest by virtue of position. No longer under the lime-light of existence as in Freshman days, or by necessity as "self-assertive" as in Sophomore days, he lives what apparently seems, the natural life. And t'is a well established maxim that the natural life is the ideal life.

Modesty of action is generally accompanied by modesty of opinion. This is toward everyone, in general—even the Faculty. To the eager, aspiring Freshman the Faculty is a sort of utility body. Their duty ranges from assigning long lessons to forming a complete and continuous protection from the Sophs. The Professor is a sort of mechanical encyclopedia, born to study Horace or delve in "Math."; but who never did anything so entirely unconventional as kick a foot-ball or run the quarter mile. To the Sophomores the Faculty is a body of puritanic pedagogues, appointed by the College governors for the purpose of eliminating athletes and athletics from college life, and whose

main duty is to suppress all kinds of "harmless" fun and pluck not less than two-thirds of their number in the final Exams. In fact any Sophomore could run the college better. But it is for the Junior to correct these impressions. He first realizes that the Faculty are instructors in the truest sense of the word: men who are giving their best to those under them and who deserve the best in return.

Again the Junior is a jolly fellow. Not jolly in the sense of making jollity the prime factor of existence; not jolly in the sense of feeling that fun only exists in making the life of a bunch of fellow students, whom chance has placed a year behind him, one grand continuous misery; not thus is the Junior jolly but, free from the grind of the first two years and with a new insight into life bursting in upon him, he cannot help showing his full appreciation of his new position. Why shouldn't he be jolly? Just relieved of the grave responsibility of looking after last year's Freshmen class, he can give his mind to other matters. What cares he if the new arrivals are not properly instructed as to the best method of dodging bags of flour or rising from newly varnished seats? Of course it means fun, but that lies with the Sophomores. What cares he if the immediate oversight of college activities is not satisfactory? Of course he should be interested but that lies with the Seniors. The point is that this year he is a Junior with all the privileges thereof; a fact which he never forgets from October to June.

But do not for a moment think that the Junior is altogether care-free. Is not his Senior year fast approaching? With it come all the responsibilities that student life incurs. And assuredly the Junior year must be one of preparation in order to meet these responsibilities; also a kind Faculty has so willed that he must to a great extent, choose his own subjects of study. This matter of "electives" is one of the privileges, or rather worries of upper classmen in general. One experience in spending sleepless nights deciding whether Differential Calculus or New Testament Greek

will be more beneficial in after life is generally sufficient to convince the Junior that care-free is not exactly his epithet.

As a class the Juniors are an organized body. The first two years have been filled with a "sifting" process. The man of literary talent has found that Math. also is prescribed; while all have found that in order to become Juniors and Seniors the grind of the first two years must be gone through. For these and other reasons the stragglers have generally disappeared by the end of the Sophomore year, and the man who was once the idle, prattling Freshman, or the unsophisticated, assuming Sophomore finds himself an entirely new being; transformed as if by magic and in a class of men and women equally as wonderful as himself. These are the Juniors, and for these reasons I say they are an organized body; united by a common band of friendship; held together by a sense of loyalty to one another and to their Alma Mater.

If loyalty to class is so characteristic of Freshman or Sophomore, a broader sense of loyalty characterizes the Junior. Loyalty to class, though dear and evident is somewhat eclipsed by loyalty to college. Let his class team appear against an opponent and he will yell himself hoarse in an endeavor to aid them, but let his college team appear and he becomes at once the same gesticulating maniac plus a little more. Here's the right kind of spirit and all honor to those who exhibit it. Who better than the Junior?

These are in brief the characteristics of a Junior. Elated over the thoughts of two years successfully passed; cheered by the prospects of the two years before him; animated by a desire to make good in his present sphere, and filled with a true sense of loyalty, truth and manhood, the Junior is certainly a prime factor of college existence. In more than one way he is in a class by himself.

H. T. REID '12.

The Hockey Season.

THIS year's hockey season, at Acadia, has brought greater interest, greater expectations and greater effort than any before.

There have been well attended practices, lively competition and hearty support. The fellows have shown themselves to be back of the team and the few inevitable knockers have received the scant attention they deserve. While the season has brought disappointments it has not been a failure, for the development of new as well as old material and the results of good coaching will have its effect another year.

After vacations had passed hard practice and enough of it was the order of the day. Negotiations for games with a number of clubs were started which resulted in bringing the Truro, W. E. H. C., one of the best in Truro, to Wolfville on Jan. 14th. This game proved neither fast nor exciting. Acadia had easily the advantage in play and made persistent though ineffectual bombardments upon the Truro goal.

The game ended Acadia 4, Truro 2 and showed a weakness, which though vigourously combated through out the entire season was never absent; that is, lack of scoring ability.

Realizing that we had good material which needed to be developed and directed to bring desired results' efforts were at once made to obtain a coach. We were fortunate in securing the services of the best to be had, Frank Brown of Moncton who took the team in hand on Jan. 23rd. Too much credit cannot be given to the efforts Frank made to turn out a winning team and we cannot but feel that had he had an earlier start upon our team the league would have ended differently.

On Jan. 25th, we crossed sticks with Dalhousie when we had to accept the small end of the score as they had a very strong aggregation and as our team was not in good shape, Black being out of the game from injuries received in the Truro game.

The game proved a good one, the play being fast and sensational though much individual work was indulged in. Acadia

had rather the best of the play and did a great deal of ineffective shooting, the stonewall work of McKay in Dalhousie's goal saving many scores.

The Stars were McGrath and McKay for Dalhousie and Richmond and Pattillo for Acadia.

Final score Dalhousie 5, Acadia 3.

Not satisfied with our work against Dalhousie work was redoubled. Coach Brown set the team going hard and improvement was daily noticeable. Difficulty was experienced in getting practice games but an occasional practice with the town team served the purpose well.

On Feb. 10th, we met the U. N. B. in the first game of the league. From their line up we saw they had a very strong team and having confidence in ours we looked for a good game. We were not disappointed as the game that ensued was with one exception the most protracted and the most stubbornly contested in Maritime Province hockey history.

The line up was as follows :

Robinson	Binney
Barss	Stirling
Black	Babbitt
Richmond	Barry
Curry	Feeney
Corey	Machum
Potter	Jennings

The first half was closely fought the score being U. N. B. 2, Acadia 1. Owing to the condition of the ice the game was slow and this was aggravated by the referee H. Young of Dartmouth, who seemed to fear that some one might get tired.

In the second half Murray replaced Curry who had been disabled through the attentions of the U. N. B. goal tender. Starting with the score 2-1 the play was fast and furious till about five minutes before time, Corey evened the score on a pass from Richmond, the puck escaping the net and being found behind

it. U. N. B. protested the goal judge's decision. We have not been pleased, neither have we been flattered by U. N. B's. subsequent actions concerning this protest. After play had finished with the score 2-2 and after a long and heated discussion overtime play commenced and was continued in ten minute periods for seventy minutes when the ice being very heavy, players exhausted, and prospects of scoring slight the game was left unfinished.

In overtime play Acadia scored four and U. N. B. one goal only to be recalled by the referee's whistle for some slight offside. Little starrng and not much combination were permitted by the condition of the ice but good hard consistent work was done by all. The play off should be interesting.

The game with Mt. Allison in Sackville on Feb. 16th was nearly as protracted fully as hard and much faster. After 30 minutes overtime play in one of the best games ever played in our league Mt. Allison scored the winning goal having the score 3-2 in their favour.

The line up was as follows :

Robinson	Smith
Barss	Milton
Black	Murray
Murray	MacDougall
Pattillo	Godfrey
Richmond	Milford
Potter	Thompson

The play started with a rush and for the first ten minutes Mt. Allison had the best of the play, Godfrey scoring on a difficult wing shot after 15 minutes play. The play was more even during the remainder of the half and just before half time Pattillo evened the score on a nice piece of combination.

The second half continued as fast as the first, the Mt. Allison forwards repeating their display of speed. Their superiority in this respect over the Acadia forwards was however equalized by the splendid work of the Acadia defence of whom Robinson, Barss and

Black starred consistently. Strong combination rushes from end to end were made repeatedly by both teams only to be broken by the heavy checking of Acadia's defence or the persistent back checking of the Mt. A. forwards. After 15 minutes of this Godfrey scored on a combination play in front of the nets and 10 minutes later Murray evened the score by carrying the puck into Mt. Allison's net. Play having finished with the score 2-2, overtime play was immediately started both teams playing closely and carefully but not in the least reducing the pace. In the second ten minute period Patillo scored on a fair play from Richmond but was recalled by the whistle for offside. This seemed hard luck but not so hard as when ten minutes later Godfrey scored the winning goal on an apparent offside play.

"Shorty" Trites of Moncton refereed the game in a most impartial and efficient manner.

The Mt. A. boys entertained the defeated guests in a most generous and courteous way showing themselves the Sports they are.

U. N. B. having defeated Mount A. on Feb. 23rd, the league is finished except the Acadia U. N. B. play off. The result of this is uncertain as league teams this year are unusually well matched.

The trophy must go to U. N. B. or remain unawarded at Acadia another year. If our hope of again winning it has not been realized we can still comfort ourselves with the knowledge that no effort was spared or opportunity lost to turn out a winning team, and that we did our best. If there is any disappointment it is because of the strength of the opposing teams for all must admit that our team was a good one and that a fine brand of hockey has been put up. Our boys have played the game as it should be played and deserve more credit for the game fight they have put up against heavy odds than if they had beaten many weaker teams. In our zest for winning we must not and I think we do not, forget to appreciate the earnest though unsuccessful effort.

We must now look to ourselves in other branches of sport but I know that all look with confidence and determination to next years hockey season when with the good material shown this year and with good coaching, now a necessity, we may win again the silver Hockey Trophy.

H. B. F.



College Bowlers

"**E**PICURE" is probably derived from the same word as "epic," which means a story of heroes told in a heroic way ; so "epicure" means one who exaggerates.

Slang is very bad to use unless the writer wishes to cheer up his reader.

Without taking time to draw breath, our eyes hastily took in the scene before us.

Scott's novels have lived to see the hairs of evil prophets turn gray and return to dust.

The president of the First National Bank sat in his office, nervously pacing the floor.

Bending forward, the Winged Victory rests on the right foot, which is missing.

The sheep is all unwrathful, a quiet animal and a gentle one. It maketh little noise if man wishes to bind it. And not even when man slays it, is it quickly angered.

The snow was falling in a thick blanket on the ground.

As he looked, a rebellious feeling rose in his heart, crept up and formed a lump in his throat, and then flashed out in his eyes.

As the ages roll on and each succeeding generation takes its turn at the wheels of government, may it still write its name higher and higher in the temple of fame.

The old man was dreaming again of the lexicon days of his youth.

Sorrow sets its cold grey foot in a home.

Why should we study Analytics? With elementary mathematics a man can perform all the duties of life.

He expressed himself in very few words. Nor did these words stop with the conclusion of his speech.

He had a long, dark, sallow complexion.



Editorial

“**T**HE announcement that Professor Macvane is to retire from the active service of the university at the close of the current year has called forth many expressions of sincere regret.” The above from the Harvard Alumni Bulletin refers to Dr. Silas M. Macvane, who was graduated from Acadia in 1865, and has since received the honorary degree of P. H. D. We quote further from the Bulletin as follows: “Professor Macvane has given to Harvard thirty-six continuous years of energy, loyalty and devotion. He has been a guide and counsellor to twelve generations of undergraduates; in all that time there has been scarcely a year when he has not cheerfully shouldered extra task of instruction or administration, and his service as a teacher has ranged through the whole broad field of economics, government and history. In later years he has taught the science of government and political history of which field his wide range of exact information, and his shrewd judgment of men and measures have given him a rare mastery. In tendering to one who has given the best years of a long active life to this University cordial good wishes for many years of vigorous health and pleasant surroundings in Italy where Professor Macvane expects to make his home, the Bulletin does no more than voice the feeling of the whole university circle.”

It gives the Athenæum great pleasure to note the very successful career of Dr. Macvane and to join in the good wishes which the Bulletin extends to him.

It is difficult to get a true perspective of life. Those things which are near at hand are apt to obscure our view of those at a distance, and the things which are material seem so much more real and important than those which are unseen. That "the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal" is profoundly true is not always clearly perceived. If we are honest "seekers after truth" we must take account of the spiritual realities. We cannot hope for a correct solution of the problem of life if we reject any factor which should enter into the problem.

The clear presentation of man's relation to his Creator, which it has recently been our privilege to hear, should mean a change in the current of many a life, and a continuance of the ideals of the college, which in the past have done so much to give Acadia her unique and enviable position among the institutions of learning on this continent.

Dr. Francis, both in the class-room and elsewhere has won the high regard of the students, and placed us under a deep obligation to him for his illuminating presentation of the truth.



Exchanges.

WE note with pleasure the sportsmanlike spirit in which many of our contemporaries write of their victories and losses in their sport competitions. However there are a few exchanges that reveal a lack of the spirit of friendly rivalry. They delight in gloating over their beaten foe with undue elation, as a hunter over a vicious brute which he has conquered and slain; or they make far-fetched excuses for their own inefficiency and refuse to acknowledge the merits of their opponents; either of which attitudes is decidedly unsportsmanlike. The true sportsman can shake hands at the close of a contest without exhibiting intoxication over a victory or chagrin over a loss.

We welcome the initial number of "*The Quill*" published by the undergraduates of Brandon College. The volume is not a large one, but is well arranged, tasty and has some good material. We congratulate the editorial staff on their effort and wish them well.

A man's character is like a fence—it cannot be strengthened by whitewash.—*Exch.*

I was bending one day o'er my plugging,
I was weary and wild in looks,
And my conscience pricked me dully
At the sight of the unknown books.

I was lost in a mighty dreaming,
Of what it means to cram,
When a mighty shock awoke me,
'Twas the sound of the word

"Exam".

Then I plugged till I plugged insanely
After that mythical first
Which comes from the pen of the brilliant
In knowledge's lore well-versed.

But, alas, again into April
I shall drift with careless calm,
For how quickly in one's memories
Dies the chill of that dread

"Exam".—*Exch.*

Argosy has two good articles in last month's issue. "The Student and Politics" and "Teaching as a Life-work". Both are well written and should be helpful to the majority of college men. The latter is from the pen of Dr. Inch, and is the result of years of study of his subject.

Lung power is not eloquence. Behold the donkey.—*Exch.*

Acta Victoriana has a well-discussed article on "The Value of a College Education" by J. R. Heyworth. The writer claims that a college course has value if pursued with proper motives and in a zealous manner. His first point is that the value of a college education will be in proportion to the master passion of the student". The dominating motive of a student may lead him to pursue a course merely to make a place for himself in life, to possess more information than others, simply to shine in society, to beat other people in competition, or to earn a better income than the average man. None of these is the best motive but it is to love truth and to pursue it for itself alone. No mercenary motive nor materialistic spirit must be allowed to creep in and crowd out the highest ideals. He lives the best life who finds truth and leads others into its light. His second point is that "the value of a college education will be in proportion to our conception of what education is" (a) "Education is not merely the imparting of so much information. A college does not exist to turn out parrots". (b) "Neither is education qualifying for a degree as a means of introduction to society". (c) "Possibly a fair definition would be the development of mind or heart, or the development of all the powers and capabilities we possess". His third point is that the value of an education will depend upon its continuation". The equipment received is only really possessed and retained by proceeding in the explorations begun.

They also publish a synopsis of an address on "Essential Christianity" by Prof. Albert H. Abbott. It is a discussion of the question "What is Christianity in its simplest form?" In its consideration he makes the following points.

(1) Christianity cannot be essentially a dogma or creed, that is a system of doctrines.

(2) Christianity cannot be essentially a particular form of worship or of life if it is to be a universal religion.

(3) The essence of Christianity can only be found in the attitude (mental or spiritual attitude) of a man in his daily life.

The purchase of the Studley property gives the *Dalhousie Gazette* good cheer. Because of their expansion the University needs more room, and have found it hard to secure space for extension from the city fathers. Studley is an ideal property and means much to the institution. A prospectus of Dalhousie plans is well presented by Mr. G. S. Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Governors. The plans are elaborate and involve the expenditure of much money. We wish Dalhousie success in her forward movement and trust she shall be more fully prepared to take her place as an instrument in helping build our nation. The *Gazette* promises a special June issue. If the proposed plan is carried out it will doubtless be a creditable graduation issue.

Other exchanges received, *University Monthly*, *Xaveriau*, *Allisonia*, *Manitoba College Journal*, *King's College Record*, *The Mitre*, *Queens University Journal*, *The Martlet*, *Vassity*, *Mc-Master University Monthly*.



Acadia Past and Present.

Rev. Irad B. Hardy '99 has resigned the pastorate of the Milton, Mass., Baptist church, and has accepted a call to Chapel St. church, East Gloucester, Mass.

J. Wallace DeB. Farris '99, prosecuting attorney of Vancouver, has recently recovered from a very serious operation. Mr. and Mrs. Farris are both graduates of Acadia. Mrs. Farris was formerly Miss Evelyn Kierstead '98, daughter of Dr. E. M. Keirstead. Mrs. Farris has the honor of being president of the Vancouver University Club which numbers among its members graduates of Wellsley, Harvard, Brown and Yale.

Rev. M. F. McCutcheon '09, student at Newton Theological Seminary has received and accepted a call to the pastorate of Brussels St. Church, St. John. Mr. McCutcheon supplied the pulpit of this church during the past summer.

The engagement is announced of Wallace I. Hutchinson '01 to Miss Lalia Marie Callam, of Denver, Colorado. Mr. Hutchinson has for several years been connected with the Forestry Department of the United States government.

The marriage took place recently of Wylie C. Margeson '96 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Miss Elsie Rutter of New York.

Henry Almon Lovett '86 one of Acadia's men who has been most successful in the legal profession intends leaving in the near future for England where he purposes to reside.

H. H. Wickwire '88 was elected to the House of Assembly on February 7 by acclamation as a representative of King's county for the remainder of the legislative term. Three of Acadia's graduates now represent Nova Scotia in parliament. Mr. E. N. Rhodes '00 represents Cumberland at Ottawa, and W. L. Hall '98 represents Queens at Halifax.

Rev. C. N. McNally '97 is at present engaged in pastoral work at New London, Conn.

Rev. C. H. Martell '76 is in charge of the church at Little River, Digby Co. Mrs. Martell is residing in Highland Avenue, Wolfville.

Miss Annie E. Eaton '09 is teaching in Rewstake, B. C.

W. Bernard Foster '08 is editor of the Daily & Weekly News at Lunenburg, N. S.

J. S. McGregor '08 is studying dentistry at Harvard.

Malcolm R. Elliott '08 is studying Dentistry at Harvard University.

F. F. Foshay '09 and C. F. Rideout '09 are students at Newton Theological seminary.

Personals.

Frank L. Faulkner is in business in Vancouver, B. C.

A. R. Purdy is engaged with a surveying firm in Nelson, B. C.

Charles J. Mills is engaged in work in Halifax.

W. D. Brown is at his home in Pereaux.

C. L. Colburn is in charge of a store at Oxford Junction, N. S.

Lamert S. Whinyard is at his home in Lawrencetown, N. S.

G. H. Louisbury is conducting business on the North Shore of New Brunswick with head-quarters at Chatham.

Miss Marie McLeod is training at the New England Baptist Hospital, Roxbury, Mass.

Mtss Helen M. R. Christie is at her home in Amherst.

Miss Georgie McQuarrie is in Summerside, P. E. I.

I. W. Moland is attending Normal School in Truro, taking work in Manual training. He expects to receive a certificate in this department in the coming spring.

J. W. DeBow is with the C. P. R. in Toronto.

Geoffrey A. Barss is studying medicine at Dalhousie University.

Miss M. J. Sharp is at the New England Baptist Hospital, Roxbury, Mass.

Miss G. I. West is a student at the Provincial Normal School.

Miss H. J. Woodman is a student at Wheaton Seminary, Mass.

Fred. J. Flemming is in business in Moncton.

J. Stuart Foster is studying at Mount Allison and also occupies a position as a member of the staff of Mount Allison Academy.

Charles G. Marsters is taking the Arts course at Dalhousie University.

Leslie T. Allen is a student at the Baltimore Dental College. He will receive his degree with the class of 1912.

Horace G. Ayer, who received his engineering certificate in '09 is at his home in Hopewell Cape, N. B. He hopes soon to take up engineering work at McGill.

J. D. Peters is engaged in commercial work in St. John, N.B.

Miss Marion D. Prestwood is training at the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Nina Hennigar is engaged in the teaching profession. She is in charge of the school at Ingramport, Halifax County.

Miss Jennie Paget is teaching in Carleton County, N. B.

Miss Sadie Lewis is teaching at Avonport, Kings County.

Aaron A. Gates is pastor of the Baptist Church at Murray River, P. E. I.

P. E. Margeson is studying dentistry at Dalhousie.

G. B. Sanford is teaching in the West.

Guilford B. Reed is spending the year in study at Harvard University.

C. G. Perry is in business in St. John.

Shirley S. Cook is studying at McGill.

Bernard Skinner is at his home in Weston where he is engaged in farming.

Clarence Steeves who was called home shortly before the Christmas Holidays is spending the winter at home.

Foster Howe, a member of last year's Freshman class, who figured in the Intercollegiate Track meet in May last is a student at the University of New Brunswick.

R. P. Freeman is at his home in Amherst.

Miss Deborah C. H. Crowell is a student at Dalhousie.

E. Kinley is at his home in Port Hilford, Guysborough County.

N. R. Curry is studying law at McGill.

P. W. Atkins is working in a bank in Amherst.

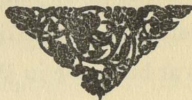
Miss W. I. Steeves is at the Normal School in Fredericton.


L. C. Eaton is engaged in business in Wolfville, in the employ of C. H. Borden, 'Len' has won fame during the present season as Captain of the Wolfville hockey team, the winners of the Herald trophy.

J. C. Steele is working in a store in Amherst.

Miss Mary A. P. Jenkins is attending Normal School at Fredericton, N. B.

Loring H. Putnam a former member of '09 is in a law office in Liverpool.





The Month

DRAWN BY HORACE BLENKIN

Above the frozen floods
Gay feet keep time,
Steel-shod, their measures beat
Insistent rhyme.

No cares oppress the hearts
Glad youth makes light ;
The winter skies and happy eyes
Alike are bright.

—*Leach.*

The last month has been one of recovery from the effects of Mid-year Exams., and the settling down into the long stretch of term work ahead. March promises us the last of the Class festivities, the Junior Banquet as well as the Academy Reception but these are, at the time of writing still in the future.

Y. M. C. A. Under the auspices of the College Y. M. C. A. special services were commenced on Feb. 15th being held each evening in College Hall from seven to eight o'clock. These services were addressed by Dr. J. A. Francis, Pastor of the Clarendon St. Baptist Church, Boston, who was here for two weeks giving a course of lectures in "Homiletics." The addresses have proved most interesting and helpful, and will doubtless prove to have been of great benefit and helpfulness to the students.

On Sunday afternoon Feb. 19th and the 26th mass meetings of students and townspeople were held in College Hall, addressed

by Dr. Francis. The large attendance manifested the interest of all in the able presentation of the gospel by the speaker.

Y. W. C. A. Dr. Francis gave a short talk to the members of the Y. W. C. A. on Sunday morning, Feb. 19th. There was a full attendance, and the address was much appreciated.

ATHLETIC. The Hockey Season is treated of elsewhere in this issue. This year has been notable in that there have been so many games between "classes", and tables. If it is true that the value of College Athletics increases with the percentage of those taking part, then hockey has been of more value than ever before to the college life.

ATHENÆUM. Several changes have recently been made in the constitution of the Athenæum Society the most important of which was the clause providing for the selecting and ordering of the papers for the Reading room at the close of the school year instead of waiting until our return in October. By this means it is hoped to prevent any such inconvenience as occurred this year, through the delay in securing delivery of the papers and magazines. The whole constitution has been revised and printed in convenient form.

SOCIAL. On Tuesday evening, the 7th of February, Acadia's Sophomores took advantage of the fine weather and excellent sleighing to have their class drive. With Dr. and Mrs. Wortman as chaperones, the sleighs started for Kentville about 6.30, and their jolly loads made the air ring with college songs and class yells. Arriving at the "American House" all were soon seated at the banquet board, where material wants were attended to, after which the following toasts were proposed and replied to in an appropriate manner.

The King.....	J. A. McDonald
	National Anthem
The Ladies.....	E. M. A. Bleakney
	R. Kinsman, A. DeW. Foster.
The Faculty.....	R. C. Eaton
	Dr. L. E. Wortman.
Our Alma Mater.....	H. E. DeWolfe
	H. R. Haley.
1913.....	R. A. Spenser, (Pres).
	Class Yell.

College songs were then sung, and a pleasant, social time spent. Then the sleighs were brought round, and all re-embarked for home, voting the Sophomore sleigh drive a grand success.

On the 9th of February, at four in the afternoon, a merry crowd might have been seen assembling near the centre of the town where were horses and sleighs in abundance. Behold! it was the Freshmen, setting out on their class drive. As soon as the chaperones Dr. and Mrs. Wortman, and Dr. and Mrs. Archibald arrived, the start was made, and they were off for Windsor. With good roads and plenty of fun the town was reached about 8 o'clock. The needs of the inner man were satisfied, then all steps turned toward the rink where six delightful bands were skated. A light lunch after rink, then about twelve the teams started on the return trip. Doubtless some were sleepy on the way, but upon reaching Wolfville in the early dawn, none were too tired to say that it had been the best Freshman drive yet.

The Junior Sophomore Debate took place on February 25th, The question was a very interesting one: Resolved, that capital punishment should be abolished. Messrs Balcom Dawson and W. D. Barss supported the resolution while Messrs Bishop, Allaby and Bleakney responded for the Sophmores. After a very interesting debate, with well thoughtout arguments on both sides, the judges,—Doctors Manning, Chute and DeWolfe—gave their decision in favour of the Sophomores. This makes the Sophomores the winners of the Inter-Class league.

The Lyceum of Horton Academy.

Editors—W. S. RYDER, S. W. STACKHOUSE, and L. M. BLAKNEY.

GENERAL. The notes in general will be very brief. Much interest has been shown by the students in the general affairs of the school. The past month has brought to us several visiting friends, some of whom have contributed to the life of the school by addresses either in chapel or at the home.

Mr. G. W. Cox, B. A. Acadia '80 and who is a graduate of H. C. A. and is now interested in educational work in Massachusetts gave us an interesting talk on some of his experiences while a student here. At the beginning of his course Chipman Hall was just completed and was at that time occupied by the Academy students. Mr. Cox told us a little of the humorous side of his experiences at H. C. A.

Y. M. C. A. We are able to report this phase of our school life in a prosperous condition. The short prayer meetings held in different rooms after supper have proved very helpful. The Wednesday evening services have been attended very regularly by those who are especially interested in the advancement of His kingdom. Owing to the services in College Hall our meetings have stopped. It is sincerely hoped that they will be taken up, after the series of meetings are over in College Hall, with more determination to make them a much greater success.

LYCEUM. The Lyceum has been well organized this term. A marked improvement is shown by the students by the interest they have taken to entertain the boys in such a way that they will not feel that their hour has been wasted in attending the meetings. The "middlers" entertained a few nights ago in a way which showed their interest by the careful preparation of their program.

HOCKEY. On Jan. 28th the first and second teams went to Windsor to play the Kings Collegiate School. Two very fast games were played. Our first team was defeated by a score of 3-2. The second team however were victorious the score being 5-4 in our favor.

The return game with the first team was played here on Feb. 11. It was a fast and interesting game which resulted in a tie. During first half the play was pretty well in "Hortons" territory. By a clever run from one end of the ice to the other "Rat" scored Horton's only goal in the first half. The second half started off with King's scoring two goals in succession. No more score was made until two minutes before the game ended, when by a clever trick Baird scored for Horton, leaving the score 2 all.

Saturday morning the second team defeated Acacia Villa by a score of 2-1.



The College Jester.

Readers: This is our debut. Take no offense. If you're soaked, laugh. If not, be prepared to laugh next month. We are not humourists, but neither are we humanitarians. Not entreaty, nor anger, nor much fine gold can cause us to withhold a sting from him that deserveth. From the least even unto the greatest, from the littlest Freshman to the biggest Senior, with Cads, Sems, Librarians and Faculty included,—all are soakable. We enjoy this work. It is a sacred task. Criticise but don't condemn.

—THE JOKE EDITORS.

Who, oh who was the girl with Salter?

Windsor Rink.—Crowd of admiring small boys: O you girl with the whistle!

Baker (after Philosophy): My knees are sore.

If Spenser keeps on in his present course at Acadia, he will have conflicts next year at McGill's.

Mike '14 tells why he changed courses. "I didn't mind the Solid Geometry but that Sophomore 'Systematics' was something fierce."

Miss Corbett (in crowded team): This is a tight squeeze.

Allaby: Why, a hug is energy gone to waist.

It is rumoured that Mr. Morse '14 has decided since mid-year" not to take honors.

Bleakney '13 heaved a deep sigh after English one day and said. Strange, strange; I detest Bacon and I always liked Francis so well.

We have reason to believe that Lyons got absent-minded in the English exam and wrote "Orm's Anita" instead of "Orm's Ormulum." But O² denies it.

IN CLASS MEETING.

"Please, Mr. President, squeaked a timid Freshman, what girl shall I take on the Freshman drive?

"Order!" thundered the president. "The committee for choosing the girls will now report."

Mr. Clarke (in gym): I'll excuse you this time but we will have it next time if there's only one here.

Miss G. Lent: Yes that *would* be nice.

RULES FOR FRESHMAN.

1. Don't spend your money. Every Freshman is supposed to take a girl on the Freshman drive.

2. Don't learn your yell. Perhaps you'll get a new one next year and you'd have all that study for nothing.

3. Don't be backward in expressing your opinion concerning the Freshman drive. Say what you want to pay, say what girl you'd like to take, then look around and see if she's there.

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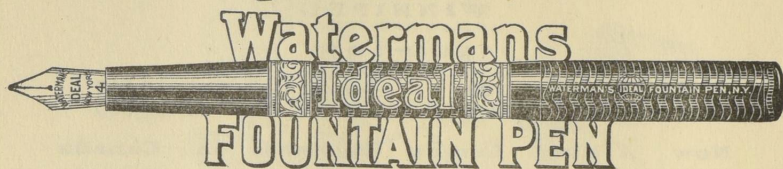
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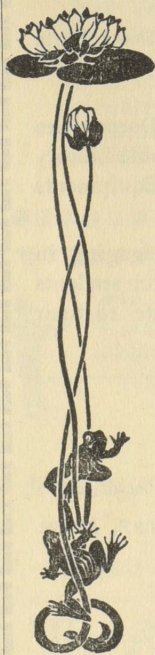
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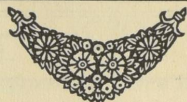
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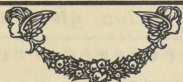
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