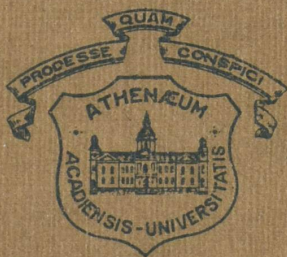


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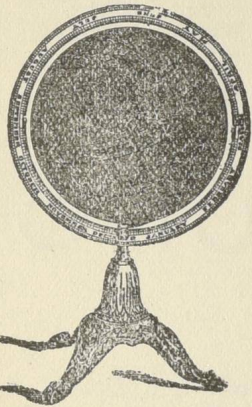
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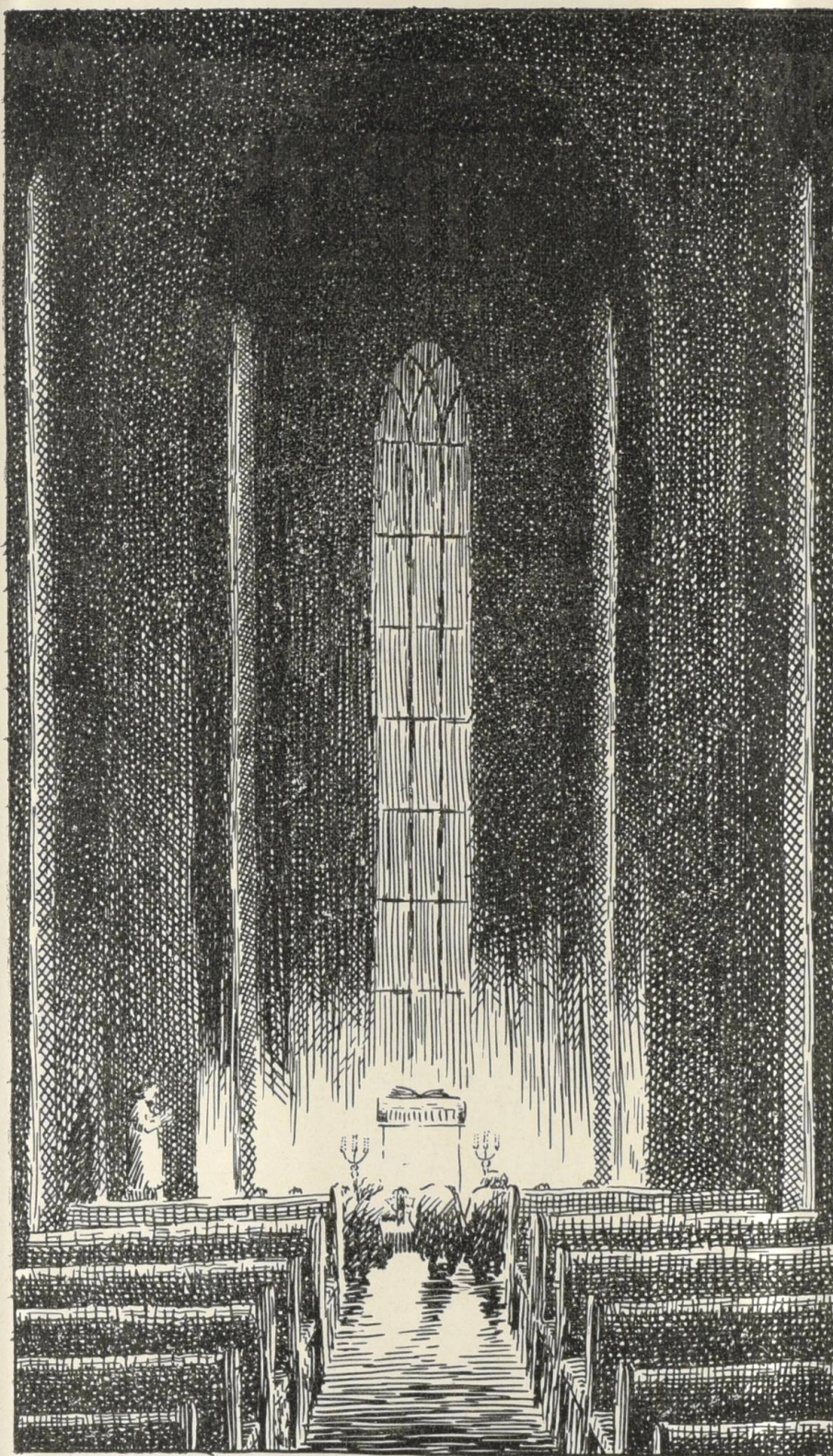
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An Oxford College.

OF the colleges which contribute to the beauty and magnificence of that architectural marvel, High Street, Oxford, there may be several which popular favor would declare of greater beauty, none which has a more distinct individuality than Queen's. Situated at a point where it dominates the long curve of High Street, it is at once distinguished from its sister colleges by its architecture. Its long, low front, pierced by not a solitary window, with its central gateway, and its airy cupola, stands in sharp contrast to the heavy and massive structures of the neighboring colleges. For the front of Queens is but a facade; those of the others are intimate parts of the colleges, the outer walls of dwelling places, whose numerous windows overlook the street, and whose rooms are eagerly sought after by those philosophers who prefer to study life in the swarms of the streets rather than in the musty tomes of equally musty writers.

The buildings, in fact, of Queen's, are unique, because they are comparatively modern. The founding of the college dates back to the Middle Ages, to the time of The Hundred Year's War, and the days of Edward the Third, but of the original buildings nothing remains—and yet, if one saunters down the little lane leading off the High, which forms their irregular boundary between Queen's and New College, one will see the outer walls scarred and chipped and defaced, as if they had survived from prehistoric times. The hoary appearance is a delusion. The walls which seem to breathe the spirit of the Conquest are no older than the Restoration. They are of the days of Charles the Second. Their ancient look is due to the extraordinary softness of the stone, of which so many Oxford colleges are built, and which necessitates so frequently the hand of the restorer. Of even more modern times is the facade on High Street, and the quadrangle entered by the gateway under the cupola. For this was not finished till 1710. It is curious also that the west wing of this quadrangle has

twice suffered from serious conflagrations, once in 1778, and again in 1886, and that on the former occasion the then Provost nearly lost his life in his regard for academic decency. Waking with the fire raging about him, he refused to appear to the light of heaven, and before the eyes of the assembled (and profane) multitude until he had donned his wig and his gown, and whatever else may then have been the appurtenances of office. For the Heads of Oxford colleges are nothing if not tenacious of ceremonial.

Despite these unfortunate occurrences the first quadrangle of Queen's is beautiful. With its low arcade traversing three sides, and with the classic buildings which constitute the Hall and the Chapel on the other, it forms the finest piece of architecture of the Italian style in Oxford. And particularly at evening when the mellow lights are streaming through the colored windows of Hall and Chapel, when the hollow shadows of the arcades are lit with the glare of occasional lamps, and when from the Chapel itself is heard the deep notes of the organ at even-song; at this time, I say, there is a mysterious beauty in the place, an enchantment almost of Italy, whence sprang its architecture, a suggestion of the peace and repose of the Middle Ages when Queens was still a secluded and cloistered religious community.

The Chapel and Hall in themselves are not unworthy. The interior of the Chapel is ornate, magnificent; the Hall was designed by the great Christopher Wren himself, who thought it one of his finest works.

But it is not so much for its architecture that Queen's stands out from its sister colleges. Its quadrangles have a beauty of their own, but in interest there are others which surpass them. It possesses a classic little garden, in the style of gardens so well known in Oxford, mostly green lawn and open spaces, but it is small, little known, and not to be compared with the famous gardens of Wadham, or Worcester, of New College or St. John's. It is the life rather than the buildings or grounds of Queen's which constitutes its greatest interest. From the time of its foundation Queen's has displayed peculiarities quite unique, and at the present day practises customs dating from the Middle Ages.

Queens was founded in 1340 by a pious north-country priest, Robert of Eglesfield, chaplain to Queen Philippa, wife of Edward III., and was consecrated by the worthy man "to the honour of God, the profit and furtherance of the Church, and the salvation of souls." It may be said that all the Oxford colleges when founded had this religious bias, but Queen's was peculiarly and essentially religious. It was to

be governed (according to the rules drawn up by Eglesfield) by a Provost and twelve fellows (or teachers) corresponding in number to Christ and his twelve apostles, and to correspond to the "seventy disciples" there were to be seventy students admitted for education. The Provost and his Fellows, moreover, were to sit at dinner in Hall in the manner and arrangement of the Last Supper, clad in robes of red, signifying the blood of the Lord. Such was the quaint and somewhat ghastly symbolism popular in the Middle Ages.

The worthy Eglesfield, whose mind had been the mother of these curious arrangements, had not with this exhausted the fertility of his genius. The students themselves were strictly supervised. On the one hand they were quizzed each night by the Fellows before they were allowed to dine, and on the other, lest they should be tempted to overwork they were apprised by the whistle of the college night-watchman when "it was better to sleep, and when to work." Musical instruments, bows and arrows, and dogs were strictly prohibited, lest the student should falter in the path of duty. (With this might be coupled the general University regulations of somewhat later date, when the students were becoming rather gay young dogs, enjoining them under pain of the displeasure of the authorities, not to roll hoops on the High Street, nor indulge in marbles on the steps of the colleges). The excellent chaplain even went so far as to prescribe certain paternal (not to say grandmotherly) regulations as to the washing of heads, a duty which fell to the college barber.

However, despite the tenacity with which Oxford clings to ancient rules, these valuable arrangements have long since perished. No student nowadays runs any risk of losing his dinner through the neglect of his daily labours. The college barber and the whistle of the night watchman are as extinct as the Dodo. The students are left to their own discretion in the matter of washing of heads and musical instruments of every description disturb the placidity of the college quadrangles; though it might be noted that after nine o'clock p. m., unless the Dean (as he generally is) is particularly absent-minded, the passionate lover of music who insists on thrumming his piano, may be gently reminded by the porter that the hour for music is past, or if he is an old offender, may find his weekly bill increased to the extent of ten shillings. No—such old customs have disappeared. I fear that even the peculiarly religious atmosphere of the college is a thing of the past. some might say of the remote past. Even the Fellows are not all religious enthusiasts.

Yet there are customs which have survived, and they are curious enough. Every evening as from the time when the college was founded, the students are summoned to dinner by the sound of the trumpet, lustily blown by the college steward, while other colleges have nothing but the common prosaic bell. Every New Year's Day, the College holds a grand banquet, officially known as the Gaudy, when the treasures of college plate are heaped upon the tables, and when the Bursar presents to each guest, a needle and thread with the ancient formula "Take this and be thrifty." But one would need more than a knowledge of French to grasp the fact that this curious custom arises from an ancient play on words, which tries to make of needle and thread (*aiguille et fil*) a double pun on "Eglesfield, the name of the founder.

An even quainter custom is celebrated on Christmas Day, the custom of the "Boar's Head" dinner, when before a crowd of invited guests (for this is an event in Oxford) the Boar's Head, upon a tremendous platter, is solemnly ushered in, to the singing of the old carol.

"The boar's head in hand bear I,
Bedecked with bays and rosemary."

This curious survival is ascribed by tradition to the adventures of a certain student of Queen's in the early days of its history. This particular student, of an evidently abnormal devotion to his studies, was in the habit, quite uncommon I believe, nowadays, if not indeed in his own time, of rambling through the charming country which surrounds Oxford, diligently engaged, not in studying the habits of the birds of the air and the beasts of the field, but in perusing Aristotle, his favorite and doubtless (considering the times) his only philosopher. And on one occasion, walking thus meditatively through the forest of Shotover, which overlooks Oxford from the east, he was suddenly attacked by a wild boar. Whereupon, the student, no fool, apparently though so extraordinarily studious, with rare presence of mind rammed his philosopher into the throat of the hungry boar, choking the brute, and escaping thereby the danger which beset him. Thus arose the annual celebration at Queen's, not so much in thanksgiving for the life of this solitary book-worm, as in memory of the victory of Aristotle, of the triumph, one might say, of mind over matter. Such is the tradition. Prosaic people, and those of little minds, who envy Queen's are accustomed to explain that the ushering in of the Boar's Head

is a common custom in the north of England and that, considering that Queen's has from the time of its foundation, been intimately connected with the north country it needs no fantastic tale to discover the origin of the Christmas celebration. But such an explanation is absolutely too dull. Personally, I prefer Aristotle.

Now, Queen's from the earliest times, has always enjoyed a considerable measure of royal patronage. It was Queen Philippa, wife of Edward III., under whose auspices the college was founded and to this day there is preserved in the buttery a drinking horn, which she presented to the college. In the dining-hall hangs a picture of Queen Henrietta Marie, wife of Charles I., and under the cupola which surmounts the entrance gates of the college stands the figure of Caroline, the shrewd and talented wife of George the Second. For both these queens were great benefactors of the college. Still greater was the only *real* queen on the list, Elizabeth, a queen regnant, who gave the college its present name. In return for all this Queen's has always been an enthusiastic supporter of the claims of kings and particularly during the Civil War displayed its gratitude by melting down 193 pounds of college plate for the use of Charles the First. Moreover, it is probably as a result of this royal connection established at Queen's that tradition numbers among its students Edward the Black Prince, and King Henry V. In the college hall to-day hangs the picture of a fiery, black-bearded stalwart, pointed out as the Black Prince, and an early resident of the College. It is whispered, however, in the circles of the informed that Black-beard was really a rather handsome butcher of Oxford town whom the Fellows or the Provost of the day had hired to sit for the portrait of the Black Prince in the absence of the original. For the Prince himself, at the time when the picture was painted, had probably long since mingled with the departed. As a memorial of Henry V. it is interesting to note an early portrait of his, on glass, preserved in the library, under which are inscribed the words "*Hostium victor et sui*," "*Victorious over his enemies and over himself*," words which commemorate at once the victor of Agincourt, and the reckless young blade who disappointed the gay companions of his youth by becoming a sedate and serious king.

Of less regal, but no less distinguished worthies, Queen's has been the home of many. John Wyclif, "*the Morning Star of the Reformation*," and the first translator of the Bible into English, was for some time a resident of Queen's, after opposition had compelled him to re-

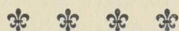
sign the mastership of Balliol. For Queen's was a home of Lollardry, its Provost and three of its Fellows had been expelled in 1376 as Wycliffites, it was a congenial abode whence Wyclif could thunder at the worldliness of the Church and of its priests. In more modern times Queen's enjoyed for an all too brief period the presence of Joseph Addison—"already as learned as a Master of Arts"—who unfortunately was induced by the offer of a scholarship to migrate to Magdalen College, where he had become famous as the author of certain choice Latin verse. However, despite his somewhat meteoric career at Queen's, his protrait still adorns the dining-hall, in company with that of his intimate friend, Thomas Tickell, who it would seem, not being offered a scholarship in similar fashion, had, perforce, to remain where he was. Queen's was also responsible for the education of William Wycherly, the most licentious dramatist of the days of the Stuart Restoration. It was at Queen's evidently, that that conversion took place which is recorded by Macaulay as having turned, for a short period, a good-for-nothing Papist into a good-for-nothing Protestant. Still another worthy was Jeremy Bentham, the utilitarian, who spent his college days at Queen's in the middle of the eighteenth century, taking his degree, as might be expected, at the precocious age of sixteen. Bentham, however, seems to have cherished hard feelings for his alma mater; nothing did he learn there, he bitterly declared, but mendacity and insincerity. Surely a shocking case, considering the age of the youth.

The majority of the students of this college have come from the north country. Its founder was a north country parson, and tradition has connected the college with his part of England, a connection still further strengthened in the eighteenth century by the benefactions of Lady Elizabeth Hastings, who bestowed her estates in Yorkshire for the founding of certain scholarships open to the students of certain north country schools. There is a curious touch of quaintness in the terms of her bequest. Urged by feelings of piety the Lady Hastings set it down that the candidates were not to be chosen entirely as the result of an examination, but that the names of the eight best candidates should be deposited in an urn or vase, and that the first five drawn out should be declared elected. This combination of lot with examination was devised by the saintly lady in order that something "should be left to Providence." The admirable custom, however, has disappeared. A more prosaic and hard-headed age has decided that it was a poor way at best to elect scholars. And so in 1859 took place the

last performance of lot-drawing, and even then the terms of the will were grossly disregarded. Instead of the names being duly deposited in an "urn or vase" as the will directed, they were dumped into what was surely an unworthy and ignominious receptacle—the hat of the Provost's servant.

So today, as for centuries, Queen's is a north country college, drawing its students from that splendid people of Yorkshire and the other northern countries; a class of students free from the trammels of caste which burden the more southern parts; a vigorous, open-hearted, delightful lot of men; men who do their part in making Queen's one of the most individual and distinctive of the Oxford colleges.

J. A. E., '07.



Memories of Northfield.

THE scent of new-mown hay, the clear atmosphere, and refreshing breeze are gladly welcomed, as weary from our journey, we arrive at East Northfield station. Yes, this is Northfield at last, and there the awaiting hacks that are to take us the remaining mile and one-half to our destination. We are whirled along through nice drives, well-kept streets, under grand old maples, past elegant homes. Prevailing over all is a general air of quietness and refinement. Surely this is an ideal community.

A little out into the open we come to the Northfield encampment. There are tents in every conceivable place, under wide-spreading trees, on grassy knolls, beside quaint little ravines. In that conglomeration of tents where in the world are ours? We receive our numbers at the registration tent and after a strenuous search find our place of abode. Close by us are McGill and Dalhousie, and just a little distance away we find Mt. Allison and U. N. B. Near us Marquand Hall, where three times a day the students meet to dine. Glance in with me and see the delegations seated at their respective tables. Throughout the meal songs, cheers and complimentary yells float from table to table. It surely is a merry place.

In the evening as we sit in our tent we hear the old McGill yell, and what? Have they called up Acadia? To make sure we ask Dalhousie. Yes, it is really so. The "Old Yell," fellows! The "Old

Yell." We gave it with a will. We were only six in number, but we made noise enough to startle those who had forgotten we were there. If you think it does not make you feel good to join with your own fellows and give your yell in a strange place, just try it for yourself next year at Northfield. Other colleges call us up, and we in turn do likewise. This is the way in which college delegations become introduced to each other at Northfield. We meet their fellows. Fine chaps some of them are. The convention is worth while if merely for the meeting and conversing with suchmen bearing the Christian stamp of character.

You say as you enter that place of retirement and restful beauty: "Isn't it a capital place to have a nice easy time and come back rested." Now it just takes one day to drive all such pre-conceived ideas from your mind. At six-thirty is the rising bell, then breakfast. After that classes in association methods, Bible study, mission study, a short intermission for personal interviews. Then we have an address to the whole body of students in the Auditorium. Dinner comes next. From one till six is set apart for athletics. You can indulge in any particular branch. It may be a cross country tramp under the guidance of Sam Higgenbottom—Yale's foremost missionary in India; or you may go down and enjoy a refreshing dip in the Connecticut along with some of the fellows, not to mention base-ball, tennis or other sports. It rests with yourself which will you have? The supper bell rings. Can it be possible that the afternoon has gone.

After supper all go out on Round Top—a grassy knoll by the graves of D. L. and Mrs. Moody. There we listen to inspiring addresses. While we wait a moment for our speaker, let us take in some of that superb scenery. The states of New Hampshire and Vermont are not far away. Mountain peaks in the distance; wooded hills around you; in the valley below, the green fields, the trees and the river tinged by the crimson sunset give you a picture that touches you to long remembrance. You are called from your silent contemplation by the voice of Jno. R. Mott. His searching heart to heart talks will never be forgotten. From Round Top we go to the evening Auditorium meeting. We may there listen to Robt. Speer, Foshdick, Fitch or other able speakers. After this our days' activities are over, and we are ready for the rest that sleep alone can give.

Annual Field Day comes for the track sports. All the larger colleges and some of the smaller ones have teams entered. From Yale's delegation of one hundred and thirty some excellent athletes come for-

ward. The sports committee carry everything out in fine style. There is keen competition in every event. It is intensely interesting. But let us not overlook the mile run, for from our little band of six we have a representation. Brown, '12, is entered in a field of twenty-five contestants. The course is over a three-eighths mile track. Brown allowed most of the men to take the lead. He ran a steady race throughout, passing one after another and ending fifth—the first Canadian to finish. All the Maritime men united and gave him a rousing cheer.

On the first of July in commemoration of the day that Canadians honor, Toronto University delegation gave a banquet to the sixty Canadian delegates present at the conference. Other Canadian guests were present, among them Dr. Griffith-Thomas, of Toronto. After merry toasts, amusing songs and patriotic speeches, one of the pleasantest evenings at Northfield came to a close.

Before the editor grows angry, mention must be made of stunt night at Northfield. The great auditorium is brilliantly lighted. Banners of every conceivable design decorate its walls. Flags of many nations are unfurled. Among them the Stars and Stripes and our dear old Union Jack are conspicuously placed. The different delegations begin to enter. Many of them wear striking costumes to celebrate the occasion. They gradually take the places assigned to them. But look, here come the Canadian delegations marching together, each member bearing a maple leaf. They also carry banners and Union Jacks. On they march, singing as they go, "The Maple Leaf Forever." An attractive programme is carried out and time is given each delegation to give its song and cheer. There with the others the Chinese delegation gives its cheer and sings a song. They are loudly applauded by the other delegations. After the national anthem of Canada and United States are sung in turn, the students throng out to light the great bon-fire which has been in preparation several days. The flames shoot up into the air. Around it hundreds of college men dance and yell to their hearts' content. The last embers die out. Stunt night is over.

The influences of the Northfield student conference sink more deeply into the hearts and minds of men than they realize as they separate to their homes. They go away enthused and ready for their tasks. If you wish to get a correct interpretation of Christian character, if you are in doubt as to what your life-work should be, if you wish to get a broader and clearer vision of Jesus Christ, go to Northfield.

C. A. DAWSON, '12.

Christmas—Legendary and Real.

WHETHER the twenty-fifth of December was the exact date of the birth of Christ or not has long been a question for discussion. It is evident that the knowledge of the exact day, hour and place in which this great event occurred would be of no real value. Such minor facts having to do with the person of Jesus are recognized as less important; the truth that He lived and served mankind is the vital thing. The mystery connected with Him only attracts us the more to His personality. Where knowledge fails the human race must ever fall back on faith.

Thus the Latin fathers showed a rare appreciation of truth values when they overlooked the improbability of our Lord's birth at the time of the winter solstice. The great Sun-festival usually held at this time was supplanted by a celebration of the advent of Christ. For the young Sun-god bursting out of the night of Winter to redeem the world from the power of the demons of cold and darkness was substituted the Christ-child. Corresponding with the light and warmth indicated by the lengthening day was the spiritual light shed into the darkened soul by the teaching of Jesus, "the Light of the World." So into the turbid channel of outgrown polytheism and nature worship was poured the pure stream of Christianity—a stream, small at first, but one that was destined to transform the world.

It must not be thought, however, that pre-Christian poetry and mysticism left no impress on the new faith. With all his heart the early Christian mystic believed that jewels sparkled with an added lustre at midnight before Christmas. A belief that gained a wider vogue was that at twelve o'clock on the night of the twenty-fourth of December cattle knelt in their stalls, giving vent to strange murmurings to be interpreted as worship.

Every land has its legends concerning the Christ-child coming to the cottage of the poor on Christmas night disguised as an old man or woman and asking for food. Scarcity of food and her many hungry children incline the housewife to deny the stranger. On any other night her duty to her children would not allow her to hesitate. Yet this is the night of the Christ-child and under no consideration must she turn Him away. With a tender welcome she invites the beggar to partake of her humble fare in his name. Miraculous multiplication

of food and fuel ensues and the housewife's heart beats with a glad joy as she realizes whom she has entertained.

A legend of North Germany tells how a group of Druids had met under a sacred oak on a certain Christmas Day to offer a human sacrifice to Thor. At the critical moment St. Boniface appeared and preached about the God of love who demanded no such sacrifice. He told of the Christ and pointed to the evergreens to illustrate the everlasting nature of God's love. The Druids were converted; their victim was released. The fir was named "the tree of the Christ-child" and therefore homes are decorated with it at Christmastide.

We have many other plays of fancy concerning this one grand event. Our greatest poet refers to the Christmas season thus:—

"Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes
Whereon our Saviour's birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawning singeth all night long;
And then they say the nights are wholesome
So hallowed and so gracious is the time."

It is because the truth itself is so large that it cannot be compassed by words that these legendary ideas are instructive. What if the little stories do not always square with the facts of history and natural science. Could we know the natural in its complete beauty, its grandeur would be more wonderful, more inspiring than any conception we can get—legendary or otherwise.

"The Bethlehem story," says Hamilton Mabie, "detached from locality and apart from limitations of time is the most beautiful story ever told. On the lowest planes, in the hardest conditions, it makes life bearable; on the highest plane, in the happiest conditions, it makes life a veritable prophecy." In spite of dogma and ecclesiastical organization that have been piled upon it, this story still makes its appeal to all sorts and conditions of men; to the men of science so represented by the Magi; to the laborer, in the wondering men of the field; to holy parenthood in Mary and Joseph; to the children through the Babe—the Child—Jesus.

"There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
And a baby's low cry!

And the star rains its fire while the Beautiful sing
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King."

As we read this Bethlehem story we are made to feel with Tennyson that

“The highest Human Nature is Divine”

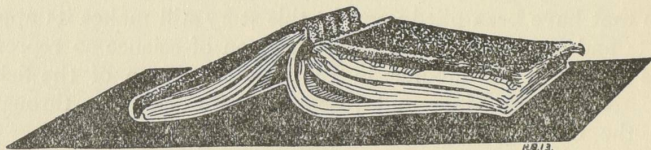
and that this old earth cannot reach her heavenly-best apart from God. It is easy to assent to such a question as

“The sun, the moon, the stars, the seas, the hills and the plains—
Are not these, O soul, the vision of Him who reigns?”

But is not this a dim vision compared with one of God in human form—
“the Word made flesh?” Does not the latter make the Godhead a more sublime reality?

“If it were but a dream the Christmas story would make our sleep beautiful beyond our waking thoughts. The long nurture of the race would have been worth while if this single flower of faith had bloomed on the thorny stem.” But would Christmas hold the place it does, were this story only a poetic rendering of the facts of life? No anniversary appeals to the world to such an extent! It *cannot* be a mere dream—a vision! Beautiful though it would be even in such a light, “it is an event set deep not only in the history of men, but in their faith, their worship and their way of life. Christmas has enormously increased the value of life; it is increasingly enriching the spiritual content of the thought of life in the minds of men; it is giving it a sweeter savor, a softer grace, a warme atmosphere as men more and more interpret life in the light which streams from far-away Bethlehem.”

H. B., '11.



The New York Acadia Alumni Association

IN October, 1910, three Acadia graduates residing in New York conceived the idea of a New York Alumni Association. They accordingly constituted themselves a committee, arranged for President Cutten to come to New York, and issued a call for a meeting on November 21st. The prompt responses elicited by this call showed that the Acadia men and women in New York and its vicinity had not forgotten the old days in Wolfville, and that they welcomed the opportunity to meet one another again. Despite the fact that the list of names and addresses in the hands of the committee had necessarily been incomplete, about fifty persons attended the meeting. They greeted President Cutten warmly, and listened with pleasure and with creasing pride in Acadia and in its president, as he told of the progress during his administration. The meeting was enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoyable; and before its close a committee of five was appointed to draw up a constitution for an alumni association and to provide for a meeting the following year.

In accordance with instructions, this committee arranged for a meeting on October 24 of this year. Over sixty persons were present, and a number of others, although unable to attend, wrote to the committee, expressing their hearty sympathy with the movement and their intention of becoming members of the new association. Of those present, forty were graduates or former students of the schools at Wolfville. The constitution prepared by the committee of five was adopted, officers for the ensuing year were elected, and the New York Alumni Association formally entered upon an existence which promises to be long and useful.

The constitution provides for three classes of members. All graduates of Acadia College, Acadia Seminary, and Horton Collegiate Academy and all persons that have studied at any of these institutions for at least one year may become active members. All persons proposed by at least two active members and elected by the association may become associate members. Finally, those persons whom the association may desire to honor because of interest in, or services to, Acadia University may become honorary members.

At the meeting of October 24 President Cutten was again present. After stating his conception of the purpose and functions of an alumni association, he spoke of the pride that he, in common with all Acadia men and women, felt in the remarkable showing made by Acadia graduates at Yale, a showing which, by its very uniformity, proclaimed the high standard of scholarship maintained at Acadia, and won for her a high relative position among educational institutions of better sort. President Cutten added that the recent growth in numbers at Acadia called into being problems in regard to equipment and teaching staff which would have to be met, if the present high standard of efficiency were to be maintained.

Acadia University is no longer a provincial institution. Its field of influence is much broader than the Maritime Provinces. Just as its sphere of usefulness at home extends far beyond the limits of the denomination that established it, so does its beneficial influence far overreach the boundaries of the Maritime Provinces. Acadia men are prominent in the religious, educational, professional and commercial activities of the United States to an extent more than commensurate with the size or seeming importance of the university that graduated them with the training and character necessary to put them where they are. The formation of the New York Alumni Association by some of these men is the latest manifestation of the far-reaching influence of Acadia.

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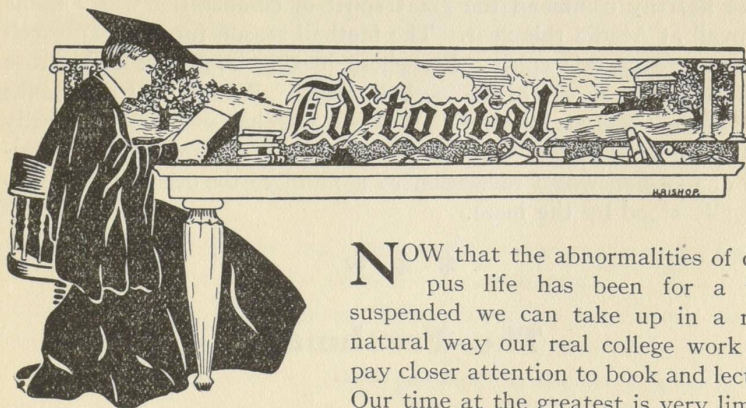
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NOW that the abnormalities of campus life has been for a time suspended we can take up in a more natural way our real college work and pay closer attention to book and lecture. Our time at the greatest is very limited and we have much to do. Let us

attack our academic problems with a vigor that should be ours. Soon we shall separate for our Yule-tide holidays and the first period of the year 1911-12 will be history. It lies within ourselves to determine the kind of history it shall be. This is student responsibility. We show our individual worth in our manner of meeting these responsibilities and incidentally mould the ideals which will aid us to grapple with the world's problem when later we meet them face to face. Let us remember then, that character to a great extent is a product of habit.

Soon after the appearance of this issue we will separate for our holidays. The ATHENÆUM extends a hearty wish for a pleasant Christmas to all its readers. For a few short days we lay aside pen and gown and give voice in joyous anticipation to our feelings. This is a time of rejoicing, of good-fellowship. This is the time when the hoary hills re-echo the tidings of good cheer. Let us all take up the call and lend ourselves to the occasion. Doubtless, dear reader, you will repeat the proverbial custom of taking with you books in abundance. Vain delusion! You only cause the otherwise exultation of returning to be marred with numerous regrets. Go home to become a part of the Yule-tide functions. You will soon return to take up the serious problems of a second term. This is our advice. Again, a Merry Christmas to you.

We heartily commend the great spirit of co-operation which seems to prevail at Acadia this year. The football season furnishes an excellent example of this spirit. Elsewhere in this issue you will peruse with interest the review of the football season. We feel that the thanks of the student body is due to Coach Howe, who has so characteristically given us his services this year; to Mr. Chipman, whose scientific knowledge of foot-ball was a revelation to us; and to the other friends who so loyally stood by the team.



The Freshman.

He may not be of your broadcloth cut,
Nor swagger as brilliant beau,
He may not shelter a heart of iron
Nor all your learning know.

He may not hide 'neath his happy smile
A hate that promises harm,
For he's only a half-fledged Freshman
Fresh from the fields of the farm.—*Ex.*

The Athenaeum Prize Competition.

WE disclose to our readers the plan and conditions of the prize contest this year. Remember that your response last year was not at all gratifying. We have faith in the student body that this year you will realize the advantages and importance of a contest such as this. It is open to the students of the University, Seminary and Academy. Get your material together early and for once make this competition a live one. We are especially desirous, too, that the students of the Seminary and Academy should avail themselves of this opportunity, as hitherto they have not to any extent.

I. For the best original story, a first prize of five dollars; for the second best, a \$2.50 L. E. Waterman Co. Ideal Fountain Pen.

II. For the best original poem a first prize of three dollars and a half; for the second best a prize of two dollars.

III. For the best etching, a \$3.50 L. E. Waterman Co. Ideal Fountain Pen.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONTEST.

1. Contributions must be in the Editor's hands not later than January 11, 1912.

2. Only students in the three institutions who are subscribers to the ATHENÆUM shall be eligible for competitors.

3. Stories must not exceed 2,500 words in length, nor contain less than 1,000 words. Poems and etchings must be brief.

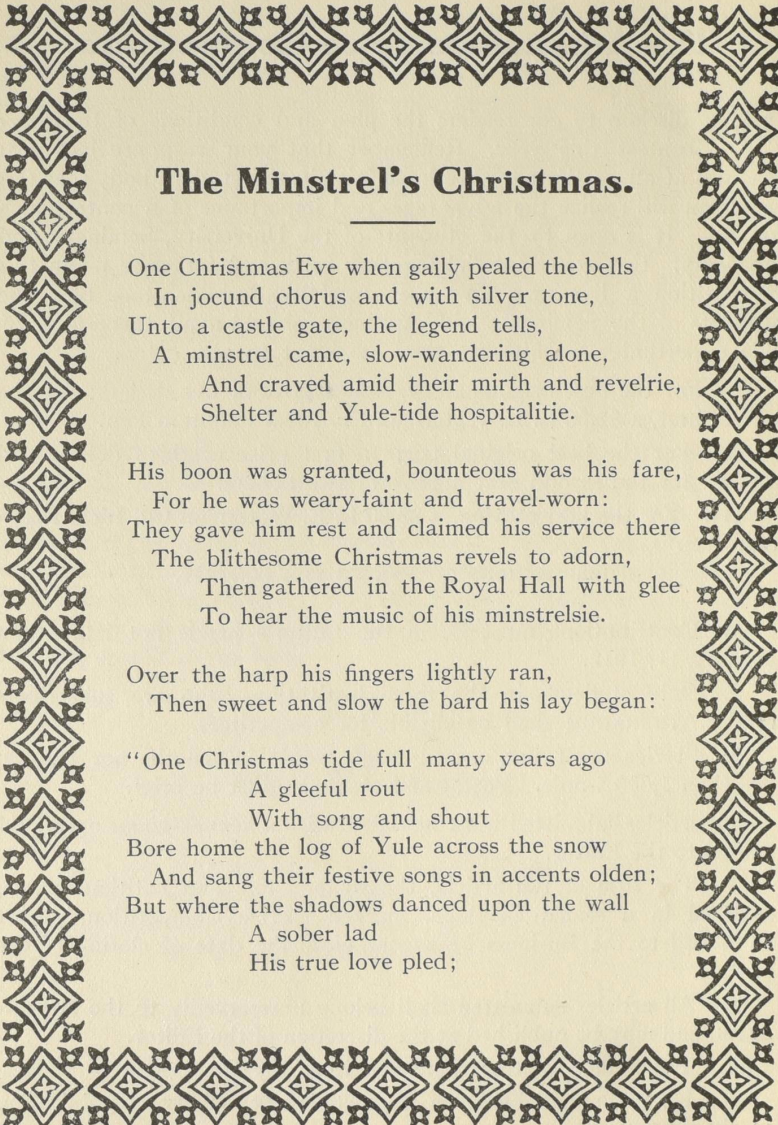
All articles submitted must be signed with a *nom-de-plume* only, and mailed to the Editor.

5. The title of the article, the writer's real and fictitious name, enclosed in a sealed envelope, marked "Prize Competition," must be *mailed* to the Business Manager before the date of closing of the contest.

6. All articles submitted shall belong unreservedly to the ATHENÆUM, and may be published at the discretion of the Editor.

7. The Senior Editors shall constitute the Committee of Judges.

8. No prize shall be given any article not worthy of publication in the ATHENÆUM.



The Minstrel's Christmas.

One Christmas Eve when gaily pealed the bells
In jocund chorus and with silver tone,
Unto a castle gate, the legend tells,
A minstrel came, slow-wandering alone,
And craved amid their mirth and revelrie,
Shelter and Yule-tide hospitalitie.

His boon was granted, bounteous was his fare,
For he was weary-faint and travel-worn:
They gave him rest and claimed his service there
The blithesome Christmas revels to adorn,
Then gathered in the Royal Hall with glee
To hear the music of his minstrelsie.

Over the harp his fingers lightly ran,
Then sweet and slow the bard his lay began:

“One Christmas tide full many years ago
A gleeful rout
With song and shout
Bore home the log of Yule across the snow
And sang their festive songs in accents olden;
But where the shadows danced upon the wall
A sober lad
His true love pled;

A maiden's heart was won all unbeholden,
While hopes were golden
And hearts were glad.

"But ere another Yule-tide cheered the land
A Prince rode by
With roving eye;
In fealty he claimed the maiden's hand—
The plighted hand that wore a true-love token.
A father's word, and straight the Prince prevailed,
The maid was led
Her lord to wed:
The lover's sad farewell was never spoken,
His heart was broken,
And hope lay dead"

Then as the music faltered in a sigh,
And while the lords and ladies wondered all,
Above the murmur ran a sudden cry,
And echoed down the golden-gleaming hall:

Forth from her breast the ancient true-love token
Their Princess drew, and bowed her statley head
Down at her feet the silent harp fell broken,
And by it lay the lowly minstrel—dead.

R. E. B. '04.

How We Won the Football Cup.

Rah! Rah! Rah!
Yah! Yah! Yah!
Hurrah! Hurrah! 'Cadia.

ANOTHER football season has passed and "the cup" has returned to Acadia. The year has been a memorable one in many ways. The work done was noted for the steady sustained effort rather than brilliance or dash. The intercollegiate games were won only by the hardest kind of play and by narrow margins. And never, I think, has an Acadia squad worked under greater initial disadvantages and yet overcome her opponents.

An effort had been made to get the football men back soon after the twenty-first of September. This was but partially successful. Atkins came early and a few others dropped in one by one so that with the aid of the Academy boys several practices were held before October fourth. That date saw most of the men on the campus. Captain Pineo had one forward besides himself from the preceding team. Richmond and Phil Andrews remained from the previous half-line and Black was the sole remaining quarter and Reid back in his old position at full-back. The Class of 1911 had thoughtlessly taken out much of the football material. And the West had claimed Acadia's fastest half, McDonald. Mt. Allison had been in session a week already and U. N. B. over two weeks. With these handicaps in mind work was resolutely begun to land the trophy.

The early parctices were more disappointing than usual. Neither scrim nor backs worked well. The First College found it hard to hold the light Academy team. Charlie Chipman was called in. He re-organized the forwards and introduced some new wrinkles into the so-called New Zealand formation. Under his direction order began to appear from chaos and all felt that it was now time to "try out" the aggregation on some Halifax team.

On October 18 the Wanderers-Acadia game, our first practice match, was played in Halifax. Mt. Allison and Dalhousie had arranged a game for the same place and date. The chief interest for both Mt. Allison and Acadia lay in watching each other's style of play and

probably both drew incorrect conclusions. After watching Dalhousie do things to the visiting team, Acadia took her turn. For the first ten minutes of each half the latter though within the ropes were spectators rather than players. Composed of new men and not yet welded firmly into a team, they were swept off their feet by the rush of the town team. In each half the Wanderers put in two scores in quick succession. But in each half the College boys "found themselves" as the game went on and at the end had their opponents on the defensive. The play was fast and open and the halves put up the most showy

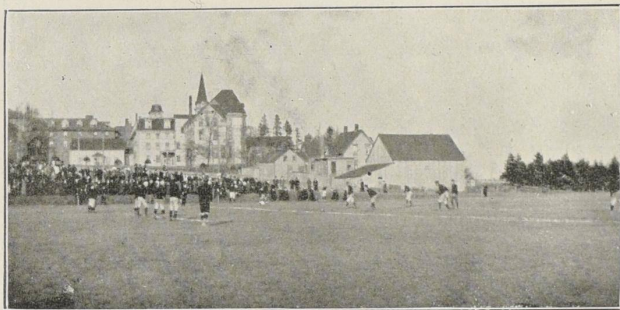


work of the whole season. They scored once in each half, the game ending 16 to 6 in favor of the Halifax team. The papers spoke very highly of us, but we had learned to distrust them during the previous electoral campaign, so escaped with little or no harm.

In the next practice misfortune visited us and "Brigham" Young went down and out for the season with a broken ankle. Young had developed a heady style of game and could ill be spared. Various men were tried and Morrison and Stultz were finally chosen as quarters for the next game with the Wanderers on October 26.

In this game the prayers of the Acadia strategists were answered by a refusal. They had hoped for open work for the halves, but got a scrim game with lots of defence work. Some pretty passing in the first half sent Loring Andrews over for the only try of the game. For fully twenty minutes of each half the play was close to the College goal line. In vain the Wanderers halves and quarters tried every link in the Acadia defense. Here Acadia got the practice which probably saved scores during the main games later on. The final score was 3-0 in the College team's favor.

Acadia's first Intercollegiate match was called November 2, on the campus at Wolfville. Snow and rain fell both before and during the game. U. N. B. at first used eight men in her scrim and controlled



the ball. During much of the first half the game was perilously near Acadia's goal line. Had U. N. B.'s backs been in the same class with their forwards, they would undoubtedly have scored. As the game progressed the home team forwards began to command the situation. After U. N. B. had dropped a man from the scrim to strengthen the scoring power of the team honors were rather with Acadia. The latter as usual, showed to better advantage as the game progressed, keeping the ball in their opponents during much of the second half. Phil Andrews scored the only try of the game by a fifteen yard dash through the opposing backs, placing the ball between the goal posts. Reid converted. Though the game was a strenuous one from start to finish yet good feeling prevailed throughout.

Near the end of the game Richmond was injured and was replaced by Loring Andrews. The line-up was as follows:

ACADIA		U. N. B.
REID.....	Full back	LOCKLAND
RICHMOND.....	Halves	MURPHY
GRANT.....		MURRAY
PHIL ANDREWS.....		WILLIS
PERCY ANDREWS.....		MAIMAN
MORRISON.....		
BLACK.....	Quarters	McGIBBON
ROBINSON.....		LOGGIE
FREDA.....	Forwards	MELROSE
PINEO (CAPT.).....		(CAPT.) DIXON
ATKINS.....		O'HELLORAN
SPENCER.....		DUGUAY
McKINNON.....		LYNCH
LOGAN.....		JEWETT
VAN AMBURG.....		DUKE
		PATTERSON

A few days after Kings sent their team to Wolfville for a practice match. Their men went directly on the campus after a long cold drive and without two of their best men, of whom their captain was one. As a result their play was rather loose for a time. In the second half the visitors settled down and put up a good game. The final score stood 18-0 for Acadia.

On November 9 in Sackville Acadia faced Mt. Allison. Much confidence in the result was shown by the supporters of the latter, and not without some reason. About 125 Acadians went from Wolfville to support their team. The teams lined up as follows:

ACADIA		MOUNT ALLISON
REID.....	Full-back	GRANT
LORING ANDREWS.....	Halves	GODFREY
PHIL. ANDREWS.....		MILFORD
GRANT.....		SEARS
MORRISON.....		SMITH
PERCY ANDREWS.....	Quarters	THOMPSON
STULTZ.....		DICKENSON
BLACK.....		(CAPT.) BUCKLEY.
PINEO (CAPT.).....	Forwards	TOOMBS

ACADIA	MOUNT ALLISON
ATKINS.....	PARKER
FREDA.....	FREESTONE
SPENCER.....	DURANT
LYONS.....	WOODMAN
McKEEN.....	LEWIS
LOGAN.....	MERCER

Acadia took the play into Mt. Allison's territory at the start. Her scrim had decidedly the better of their opponents. In punting also Acadia had the advantage. The Mt. Allison backs proved dangerous on the few occasions in which they got away. They were more speedy and handled the ball better than the visitors. At half time neither side had scored. In the second half the advantage was still with Acadia. On several occasions, it is true, Acadia's line was in danger, but Reid soon released the pressure with his timely runs and punts. Good scrim work and well-judged punting time and again took the ball deep into Mt Allison territory. Twice the latter booted the ball over their own dead ball line to prevent safety touches. The game ended with no score. Early in the first half McKeen was retired with a sprained ankle, McKinnon taking his place. Near the close of the game Smith, of Mt. Allison, a speedy and effective half, broke his ankle and was elaced by McAllister.

On the following morning arrangements were made to play off in Truro on the following Thursday. In the interim rain, snow and cold prevented much work being done. However, several valuable practices were obtained. McKeen and Richmond, who had been out of business with sprained ankles, got back into the game. Probably no Maritime contest of this kind ever aroused such widespread and intense interest. The afternoon of November 12 saw about 1,200 football enthusiasts on the side lines. Of these about 300 had travelled in a special from Wolfville and fully as many from Sackville. The cheering and singing was loud and continuous.

Injuries sustained in the Sackville game compelled Mt. Allison to make several changes in her line up. Smith's place in the half-line was taken by Pickard. West appeared as quarter instead of Thompson, and Peters replaces Woodman in the scrim. For Acadia Richmond began the game instead of Morrison. Mt. Allison had the advantage of sun and wind in the first half. Her scrim worked better than in the preceding game and she soon worked the ball close to Acadia's

line and Godfrey scored a neat try about two minutes after the game opened. The angle was a difficult one and the kick for goal failed. As the game progressed Acadia improved and near the close of the first half Percy Andrews cut the opposing half line, hurdled the full back and scored for his college. This try was not converted.

The second half was Acadia's. Again and again Mt. Allison's line was assailed. Twice safeties were averted by Mt. Allison kicking over her own dead-ball line. A dribble started from the scrim almost scored for the Garnet and Blue, but Buckley falling on the ball just in time, made it a safety. Acadia failed to cross the line again and the score at the end stood 4 to 3, this giving the latter the game and the much coveted trophy.

Owing to injuries received in the course of play Richmond was replaced by Morrison and Stultz by Robinson.



It is noteworthy that on the two recent occasions that Acadia has been represented by comparatively new teams, 1908 and 1911, the seasons have been brought to a successful issue. This year, of the nineteen men who played in the intercollegiate series, but five were on the team of the preceding year. This fact is mentioned but to encourage future squads and to show the possibilities of steady, patient effort. Never, I believe, has a season passed with such all-round harmony and co-operation. To Dr. Cutten, Dr. DeWolfe and Professor Coit, the friends of Acadia owe a debt of gratitude for their interest and assistance. Acadia this year has been behind her team even to a greater degree than in previous years. While this continues she can be depended on to put a good team in the field to uphold her honor.

JOE E. HOWE, '06,

Exchanges.

THE opening issues of a number of college magazines have been received and reviewed with pleasure. Several contain sketches of the members of last year's graduating class, which would have been of greater interest perchance, had they appeared in the closing issue of the college paper for that year.

The suggestions to Freshmen would, if observed, result in benefit not only to Freshmen, but to more advanced students as well. "To the Freshmen" in *The University Monthly* of Fredericton, N. B., is a serious and fitting outline of college opportunities and responsibilities.

The tri-weekly *Toronto Varsity* contains, along with its local news, spicy comments on college life in general. It commends "the ordinary sort of a chap" who intends to develop his individuality, but doesn't make the mistake of thinking that such development consists in airing eccentricities of dress, manner or habits.

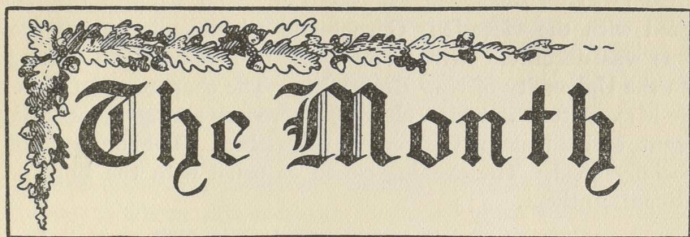
"The Laurels of Labor" in *The Dalhousie Gazette* is a needed expression of the value and reward of wise and persistent labor. "Find thy work and do it." "Count time by heart-throbs."

In *Kings College Record* appears an article on "Canadian Literature." Canadian College and University Magazines will do well to emphasize various phases of Canadian activity and attainments.

The publication of High School Magazines is to be encouraged. More practice in literary work by High School students would lessen the deplorable deficiency in such work so often seen in College men. In this connection we wish to congratulate the editors of *The Rocket*, of the Aberdeen High School, Moncton, N. B., on their attractive and interesting number.

Other exchanges:—*The Bates Student*, *Brandon College Quill*, *Argosy*, *Queen's University Journal*, *Harvard Monthly*, *McMaster University Monthly*, *The Xaverian*, *McGill Daily*.

You can't teach the freshmen anything, for they're bound to "do the same thing over."



Again at Christmas did we weave
The holly round the Christmas hearth,
The silent snow possessed the earth
And calmly fell our Christmas Eve.

A MERRY Christmas, readers of the ATHENÆUM! Now that we are about to go home for a brief recess, we can look back with satisfaction upon a splendid term. Football has been pushed through to a satisfactory conclusion and the King-Richardson trophy has once more gone to the supporters of the Garnet and Blue. If teams of succeeding years work as steadily and harmoniously as Captain Pineo and his faithful supporters have done this year, we need have little fear of Acadia's failure in the future. Nor has the regular work been neglected. Tests have followed tests in overwhelming profusion and with disconcerting irregularity, but have generally found their victims prepared. The debates have been promising, and wide interest has been taken in training of suitable men to fight for Acadia on the forum next spring.

Y. M. C. A.—First in importance among college societies is the Y. M. C. A. The work of the association this year is flourishing.

On Sunday evening, November 12th, Messrs Bleakney, Dawson and Balcolm who attended the Northfield Student Conference last summer, gave their reports. Mr. Bleakney sketched the history, purpose and actual accomplishments of the conference, Mr. Dawson emphasized the need for men to carry on the work begun there, and Mr. Balcolm showed why the Conference exercises such a power for good over those who attend its sessions.

SOCIAL.—On Thursday evening, November 2, the A. A. A. A. was At Home to its friends in College Hall. The walls of the hall were decked with the victorious Garnet and Blue, while one of the other rooms was decorated in red and black in honor of the visiting team from the University of New Brunswick. The chaperones of the evening were Mrs. Cutten and Mrs. Howe. There was a large number of guests present and all seemed to enjoy themselves. The topic cards were especially good. The evening closed as usual with the singing of the National Anthem.

A very pleasant social event took place in College Hall on Friday evening, November 24, when the Propylæum Society was At Home to its friends. The chaperones, Mrs. Coit and Mrs. Wortman, with the president of the society, Miss Gilroy, and the vice-president, Miss Shand, received the guests at the door. The rooms looked very cosy and an enjoyable evening was spent by all.

ATHLETICS.—The football team representing King's College, Windsor, drove to Wolfville on the afternoon of November 6, and played Acadia. The King's players were far lighter than the Acadia men and considering this fact put up a plucky fight. Despite their persistency, however, they were unable to score, and the game ended in favor of Acadia, 18-0.

The co-eds played an open game of basket ball November 3. The sides were Science vs. Arts. The teams were evenly matched and the game close. The score was 9-8 in favor of Arts.

At Sackville, November 9, the Acadia co-eds played the Mount Allison College girls in basket ball. There was a large number of Acadia supporters present and excitement ran high. The game ended with a score of 5-4 in favor of Mt. Allison. It was the first outside game of basket ball for our girls, but they put up a good game and we are all anxious to see them play when Mt. Allison comes for a return game in the winter.

The line-up was as follows:

ACADIA.		MT. ALLISON.
M. MARSTERS.....	Forwards	E. McCORMICK
F. GILROY.....		M. CASH
L. NOWLAN.....	Centres	A. CLARK
M. BATES.....		F. HOOPER
J. CLARK.....	Guards	H. HUGHES
C. FREEMAN.....		J. CAMPBELL

LECTURE.—During the last two weeks in October we were favored by a series of addresses by the Rev. Dr. H. C. Mabie, Lecturer on Missions to Colleges and Seminaries of North America. Dr. Mabie spoke every afternoon through the week, from 4.30 to 5.30 o'clock, and every evening from 7 to 8 o'clock. His addresses were marked by breadth of scholarship and originality of treatment.

On November 16 Rev. Alfred Hall of South Africa, spoke in College Hall in connection with the Nelson Shields which he was distributing. The College, Academy and Seminary were each presented with a shield, the object of whose distribution is to promote imperial sentiment and to develop pride in the splendid history of the British Empire. In wit, eloquence and general magnetism, Mr. Hall ranked high. His address to the Ministerial Society in the evening was thoroughly helpful and enjoyable.

ORGANIZATIONS.—Besides the Freshman class two new organizations have appeared this term, the College Glee Club and the Ministerial Society.

The Glee Club is in its formative period. Mr. W. DeWitt Barss, the chairman of the Glee Club Committee, informs us that Prof. Fletcher, the Musical Director in the Seminary, is to be the leader of the Club, the membership will probably be limited to the twenty best voices in the College and Academy, and the Club will practice all winter with a view to giving concerts in Wolfville and elsewhere during the spring.

The Ministerial Society is, as its name implies, a gathering of the Ministerials of the University. At the meetings, which are held every two weeks, matters of common interest are discussed and theological questions are debated.

ATHENÆUM SOCIETY.—This society is having a prosperous year. Synopses of current events, original papers, vocal and instrumental solos provide the ordinary entertainment, while inter-class debates are frequently held.

On Saturday evening, November 4, the Juniors supported the affirmative and the Seniors the negative of this question: "Resolved, that Home Rule should be granted to Ireland in accordance with the Home Rule Bill of 1893." The Juniors were represented by Messrs. Ilsley,

Allaby and Bleakney, the Seniors by Messrs Balcolm, DeWolfe and Barss. The judges, Professors Pattison, Thompson and Spidle awarded the debate to the Juniors in both delivery and argument.

The Sophomores met the Freshmen on the following Saturday evening, November 11, and defeated them on this resolution: "Resolved, that military training in the public schools and colleges of Canada is undesirable." The Sophomores, represented by Messrs. Hovey, Bleakney and Wrighton upheld the affirmative, while the negative was supported by Messrs. Howe, Ryder and Stackhouse. The judges were Dr. DeWolfe, Dr. Chute and Professor Pattison.

The subject for Inter-Collegiate Debate, as submitted by Acadia to Mt. Allison recently, reads as follows: "Resolved, that Canada should contribute financially to the British Navy rather than build and maintain a navy of her own, in accordance with the policy of the late government." The debate will be held in Sackville. Mt. Allison has the choice of sides.



Charles F. Myers, '69, for many years a surgeon in the United States, who amassed a large fortune as a real estate dealer in New York, died on August 22nd. Dr. Myers was the alumnus who last spring gave twenty-five thousand dollars to his Alma Mater.

A. E. Dunlop, who was Lecturer on Contracts at Acadia last fall, has removed from Kentville to the Great West, and is now practising law at Calgary.

Rev. Neil Herman, '95, formerly of Windsor, on the first of December began his pastorate at the Immanuel Church, Truro. E. E. Daley, '91, the former pastor, is now at the Tabernacle Church, Halifax.

F. E. Bishop, '96, lately Secretary of Home Missions in New Brunswick, became this autumn the pastor of the Dartmouth Baptist Church.

Leslie O. Loomer, '03, has published a very interesting and instructive novel, "The Prophet: A Story of the Two Kingdoms of Ancient Israel."

Miss E. Archibald, '95, is editor of the *Vivekavathi*, a weekly magazine for the home published in the Telugu language at Madras, India. Miss Archibald is now serving on her second term as missionary at Chicacole, India.

Vernon F. Masters, '86, was a visitor to the college last month. After leaving Acadia Professor Masters pursued graduate studies at Cornell and then became professor of geology at Indiana State University. He was for some years chief of the geological survey of Peru, and is now consulting engineer of the government in that country.

Laurie D. Cox, '03, is in Los Angeles, California. At present he is designing a park, which when finished, will be the largest in America.

The marriage took place this summer in St. Andrew's Church, London, England, of Josephine M. Heales, '06, and Mr. Norman Brown of British Columbia. Mr. and Mrs. Brown returned to Canada in September and are now residing in Montreal.

John S. Bates and Fred S. Nowlan, of the class of '08, are studying at Columbia. Bates is president of an honorary Chemical Society in that university.

Olin E. Prestwood, '13, is engaged in work connected with the erection of paper mills at Jonquiere, Quebec.

Clyde W. Robbins, '14, is pastor of the Baptist Church, Argyle, Nova Scotia.

F. L. Lewis, '09 and J. L. Patillo, '12, were in Truro at the "play-off" between Acadia and Mt. Allison.

Acadia Seminary Notes.

The attendance for the Fall Term is gratifyingly large. To date, November 20, there have been registered 103 resident pupils and 79 non-resident pupils, to which is to be added fifty-two pupils from the public schools taking Household Science, total 231.

The following teachers have been appointed to fill the vacancies in last year's staff:

Miss Rosa L. Hartley, B. A., Vice-Principal.

Mr. Edward Fletcher, B. A. (Harv.); Graduate of Leipzig Conservatory, Director of Pianoforte.

Miss I. N. Wilson, Pupil White, Boston, Voice.

Miss Theresa Frantz, Graduate Syracuse University, Voice and Piano.

Miss Mary B. Freeland, Pupil of Joachim and Halir, Violin.

Miss Hilda Tufts, B. A., Wellesley, English.

Miss Loreta Anderson, Pratt Institute, N. Y., Assistant in Household Science.

Miss Florence Snell, Graduate Acadia Seminary, Assistant in Art.

All these have already won a large place in the esteem of their fellow-teachers and pupils, demonstrating by their fine work their ability as artists and teachers.

The staff, curriculum and equipment of the Household Science Department have been so enlarged that the Seminary is authorized to prepare teachers to teach in the Household Science departments of various schools in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Provision is being made for enlarged hospital room and equipment. The work necessarily involved will be completed during the Christmas vacation.

The gymnasium has been thoroughly renovated and now presents a most light and airy appearance. Anderson foils have been added to the equipment.

The large increase in the number of pupils taking the courses in Shorthand and Typewriting has necessitated the purchase of several new standard writing machines.

The large number of pupils expected after Christmas makes the housing problem again acute. All available space is filled at present. Where shall fifteen or twenty more pupils be placed?

Space permits us only to refer to the Academy Reception in October; to the address delivered by Rev. Alfred Hall in the presentation of the

Nelson Shield; to the address delivered by Mrs. (Dr.) Mader, of Halifax; to the Faculty Reception held Friday, November 17; to the new Acadia stationery and the Acadia Seminary "Pierian" Pencil—have you seen it? to the handsome calendars (1912) now ready for distribution, bearing the Seminary imprint, embossed, etc., etc.

The many friends of Mrs. Percy Woodworth, first assistant in piano-forte during recent years, will regret that a critical operation following upon a serious illness has compelled her withdrawal from work this year.

Since writing the above, word of Mrs. Woodworth's death at Paris has been received by cable. The Seminary, teachers and pupils, extend to the members of her greatly bereaved family the profoundest sympathy. We hope to publish in the next issue our appreciation of a teacher greatly beloved.



Lyceum of Horton Academy.

GENERAL.—The attendance at the Academy has been increasing slowly but steadily and it is expected that a number of new students will join us after Christmas. Some changes have taken place during the past month. Mr. Hirtle has resigned his position in the Academy to take up the third year studies in college. During his short stay with us he made many friends and we join in wishing him every success. To fill his position the faculty have appointed Mr. Tanche, Mr. Lockhart and Mr. Dawson, all these being students of Acadia University. Everybody seems to be settling down to good hard study on account of the Christmas examinations. Military drill has been carried on successfully this term, but has been discontinued owing to the cold and disagreeable weather. It is to be resumed in the spring.

Y. M. C. A.—The attendance at the Y. M. C. A. meetings on Wednesday evenings has been small, but it is to be hoped that in the future the students will help along this work by attending the meetings. Different committees have been appointed to look after the devotional, musical and social parts of this organization.

LYCEUM.—The Lyceum meets every Saturday evening in the Lyceum Hall. A committee has been appointed to look after the social side

of affairs. Thus far during the term a number of entertainments have been given by the various classes. First the Seniors entertained the faculty and students, next the Middlers and lastly the Business class with Mr. Morse as its leader. All these were greatly enjoyed by the faculty and students, of whom there was a large number present. During one of the Lyceum meetings, Mr. Howe gave us an address on football, which was both interesting and instructive. Debating is now being taken up by members of the Lyceum with more vim than ever before and it is probable that before the end of the year we will have one or two good debating teams.

ATHLETICS.—When the Academy first opened the chances for a good football team looked slim, but after a lot of hard practice, Coach Howe and Captain Kitchen have developed a fairly good team. This team, although not as heavy, is quite up to the standard of the teams of former years. It seemed rather hard to get games on, but at last a game was arranged with Second Dalhousie. It was on the afternoon of Saturday, November 4, that the teams from Dalhousie and Horton Academy faced each other on the college campus here. The game was fast and furious, Dalhousie winning by a score of 3-0. The Academy team seemed to have the better of the territory, but could not score. McKay of Dalhousie, made the only score of the day on a pretty run from centre field. The following was the line-up of Dalhousie and the Academy teams:

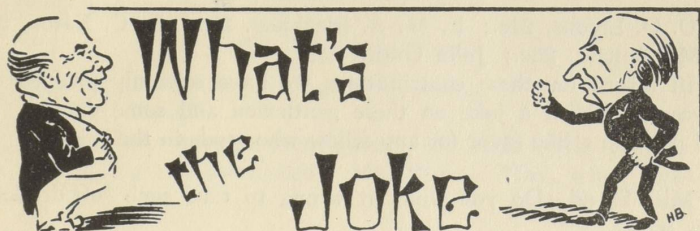
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Football seems to be about over and basket ball is taking its place. W. H. Porter had been appointed Captain of the basket ball team and H. G. McKay, business manager.

SOCIAL.—A number of receptions have been held during the term, all of which were greatly enjoyed by those present.

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Forbes—Do you believe Cook discovered the North Pole?
Kinney, '14—No! but Cook's son (Cookson) discovered the Chip Hall bath tub.

Prof. Perry.—I have this microscope focused and I wish you each to look for this paroemecium.

Miss Eld-kin—I see it.

Ll - - ns—I can't see it, sir.

Prof. Perry—Are you sure you can see it, Miss E?

Miss E.—Why certainly I can.

Prof. Perry— Mr. Ll - - ns, I am afraid you will never be able to convince this young lady's mind.

Prof. Pattison—What was the first English version of the Arthurian Legends?

Payzant.—Geoffrey's Latin version.

Nowlan—I didn't learn much from Mr. Mabie; he talked away over my head.

Logan—He must have stood on a step-ladder.

AT THE RECEPTION.

A sample of Freshman ingenuity: ACDAIA.

Gibson—May I have a topic with you to-night?

Miss Zw - - k-r (Card filled except No. 4)—Yes, you may have four.

Gibson (very serious)—Wouldn't four topics be rather overdoing it?

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Miss Sh-nd—Do you think it wrong to take such soft drinks as port wine?

Miss Z.—Not as a medicine. Why last year, I had my "Porter" nearly every evening.

Brilliant Freshman—Does the part ever equal the whole?

Prof. Coit—Take the conceit from a freshman and there is nothing left.

Miss Ox-n-r has creditably passed the following exam.;

Question—Give principal parts of eat.

Answer—Eat, ate, Eaton.

Q.—By what principle is life maintained?

A.—By Eaton.

Q.—What is the English for mangé?

A.—Eaton.

Q.—What is the principal college of England?

A.—Eaton.

Q.—Who in your opinion is the foremost man of the day.

A.—Mr. R. Eaton.

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IN ATHLETIC MEETING.

Moved by John Grant, seconded by Phil Andrews, that the football executive pick the co-ed basket ball team for the Mt. A. trip.

Prof. Haley—Mr. Brown, can you tell me in this problem what P2 means.

R. R. J. Br-w-n—I don't know what a pie square looks like, 'cause mother always makes hers round.

ON THE TELEPHONE.

Miss Cl-rk (to Central)—Chip Hall, please.

Is this Mr. L-g-n?

Pitt P-tt-r (who has answered 'phone)—No, this is Mr. P-tt-r.

Miss Cl-rk (much astonished)—Mr. P-tt-r! Why, what night is this?



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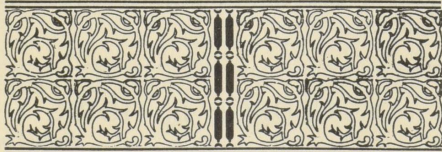
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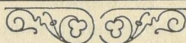
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