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NOW that the spring exams. are once
more looming into sight, it is natural
that we should interest ourselves in the meth-
ods which are adopted by the university in
placing her mark on the faithful. And once
more the JOURNAL sees the necessity of plead-
ing for a more fair and equitable distribution of
medals.

A great advance was certainly made last
year when a university medal was offered for
competition in *every* department of Honor
work—even if it had to be done at the cost of
substituting bronze for gold. This overcame
the long-felt injustice of granting some men
medals who were not so deserving as others
who were given no medals, simply because the
former were fortunate enough to choose a
course in which a medal happened to be offer-
ed on that particular year. A year later he
might have found that the medal had been
transferred to some other department.

But since the use of bronze medals has over-
come the financial difficulty, which was the
cause of these former anomalies, and in the
confidence that it is the wish of the senate to
eliminate as far as possible the element of
chance in the distribution of her coveted
marks of distinction, we would suggest that
one more step be taken to remove anomalies
which still exist. Our suggestion is that a

university medal be given to every Honor man
who makes a certain high percentage in his
special course. Under the present system of
giving a medal to the first man only in each
department, a man's change of ranking as
medallist depends to a great extent on who
happens to be his rival in his final year. This
was demonstrated in a very marked way a few
years ago, in the case of an Honor graduate
in Classics, whose percentage, his professor
said, would have taken the gold medal on any
one of a number of preceding years, but who
lost it on his graduating year by having to
compete with an Honor graduate of the pre-
ceding year. Under the present system we
have the same possibility of a man being much
better up in his work than another graduate
of the same institution yet placed at a disad-
vantage as compared with him, by the very
mark by which our Alma Mater attempts to
distinguish her most worthy sons. Nor is this
all. To some extent the same inequality, in a
measure, may exist between two graduates of
the same year. It is an open secret that it
was very difficult to decide which of the two
highest men in Honor Mathematics last spring
should have the medal. In many cases a
mark or two, or a slight difference in the neat-
ness of form in the answers at the final
examination, results in the wide difference—
especially in the eyes of a board of school
trustees—between the man who holds a medal
and the man who does not. Such slight dif-
ferences, too, especially when the test is a
single examination, may be due to the merest
chance, possibly the difference in physical
condition of the candidates during the short
period of the examination. There is one more
element of chance and possibly inequality in
our present system. A man's chance of win-
ning a medal may depend to quite an extent
upon his external circumstances. Should he
happen to have his home in Kingston, or have
sufficient means, he can pretty surely secure
first place and the medal, by taking a year or
two longer at his special course than his less

fortunate fellows. And we in no way intend to imply that it is not praiseworthy for a student to take extra time to master as perfectly as he can his special line of study. It is one of the valuable points in connection with the option we have in Queen's of taking as few classes as we like in a session, that it gives liberty in all stages of our course for this thorough work. But what we do contend is that competition with these more fortunate students, who can afford to take a longer time than usual, should prevent a less fortunate one from winning the distinction of a medal, even though in scholarship he may be quite up to level of medallists in other departments, or of graduates of other years in his own department.

But since it is the privilege of intelligence to minimize chance, we may expect a university, which ought to be an expression of the highest intelligence, to come as near as possible to bestowing her distinctions in all cases according to real merit. The step we suggest is a very simple and inexpensive one, and we believe will receive favorable consideration, especially as we understand it has already been recommended by the University Council.

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In No. 13 of *'Varsity* there appears a most remarkable editorial on the proposed Inter-Collegiate Debate.

"The debate with Queen's University has fallen through. The Queen's men did not ask the earth and the fulness thereof, but if we except Hawaii and the pine-apple crop we should have a fair relative idea of the extent of the conditions they wished to impose."

Queen's can well allow the facts to speak for themselves. They are as follows:—In November *Varsity* challenged Queen's to a debate to be held in Toronto in Feb'y, '93. As our last debate was held in Toronto we were entitled to have this one in Kingston, but willing, as ever, to oblige our friends we agreed—our letter Dec. 16th—to debate in Toronto. As we were challenged to an Inter-Collegiate Debate we of course concluded we might select our debaters from among regular registered students in the Arts department. On January 28th, however, their Secretary writes: "We would respectfully *urge* upon your Society

the necessity of electing as your representatives two under-graduates, as there is no post-graduate course in connection with University College, Toronto." On Feb. 2nd, we assured them that both of our debaters would be under-graduates. With regard to how the debate was to be decided we mutually agreed on "a committee of three, a chairman and two colleagues, one to be nominated by each University." The points of difference were over the time limit and the subject of debate. One of the conditions of our acceptance of their challenge was—our letter Dec. 16th—"Each debater to be allowed 25 minutes." This has been the customary time limit. On the 23rd of January they wrote that on the 20th inst. they arranged for the debate a musical program of one hour's length, and therefore they would like the time limit to be 15 minutes. On Feb. 2nd we replied that on account of the extent of the subjects of debate such a limit would be unsatisfactory.

With regard to the subjects of debate, as has been customary, we allowed them, the "home" University, the affirmative, and we submitted for their choice the three following subjects: (1) Resolved, that the future prosperity of Canada can be better attained by Independence than by Annexation. (2) Resolved, that the future prosperity of Canada can be better attained by Imperial Federation than by Annexation. (3) Resolved, that the future prosperity of Canada can be best attained by Annexation with the United States.

If one will but notice he will see *Varsity* could take either the affirmative or the negative of any aspect of this question. We were willing to accept any side that they refused. On Jan. 28th they write, "This committee cannot accept any of the subjects submitted, but will be *pleased* to take the *affirmative* in the following: (1) Resolved, that the future prosperity of Canada can be secured by working towards the attainment of Independence rather than by Annexation. (2) Resolved, that it is inexpedient for Canada to take any steps towards severing the political ties which bind her to the mother country (or Great Britain). (3) Resolved, that it is inexpedient for Canada at the present time to sever the political bonds which unite her to Great Britain (or the mother country).

If one will examine *these* subjects he will easily see why they would be "pleased," also why they did not offer us, as we did them, either the affirmative or the negative. But, the letter continues, "In the above you will notice that the first is practically the same as the first proposed by you." Our answer was that as they worded the resolution to win they would only have to prove but half a case, but if it really was the same they already had our consent to debate the subject, as we had definitely worded the same. In the light of these facts much might be said as to our friends being very much mixed as to who it was that desired "the earth and the fulness thereof."

Bur, the editorial continues, "It is not surprising that they wished to hedge the granting of that decision about with as many conditions as there are special constables on their football field." This, even if it contained any truth, was ungentlemanly, was beneath the dignity of so great a University as Toronto, but the very merit it supremely lacks is that of truthfulness.

But, not to particularize further, the whole tone of their editorial is so unfair, is so very remarkable, that we would like to be assured that it is not so much the expression of the Varsity Literary and Scientific Society as the vapourings of some obscure individual whose head has been turned by a too sudden and premature elevation to position.

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THE WORLD'S PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS.

This unique Parliament is to meet for seventeen days in the Hall of Columbus in the Art Palace of the Chicago Exhibition. It is based on the sentiment that "Comparison, not Controversy will best serve the most wholesome and therefore the most divine truth," and the religion that is most certain of possessing truth should give such a Parliament the heartiest welcome. Scholarly representatives of Buddhism, (Northern and Southern), of Confucianism, Shintoism, of various forms of Hinduism, of Parsiism, of Mohammedanism, of Judaism and of the Great Historic Churches of Christendom, will participate in the proceedings. The Chairman of the Committee for making the arrangement is the Rev. I. H. Barrows, D.D., a Presbyterian, and the

Vice-Chairmen are Bishop McTaven, of the Episcopal Church, and Professor Swing. The Committee includes Archbishop Feehan, of the Roman Catholic Church, and representative men of other Churches and Rabbi Hirsch.

The first day of the Parliament—Monday, September 11th, is to be devoted to Welcome and Fraternal Fellowship.

Addresses of Welcome by representatives of the World's Congress Auxiliary, of the World's Columbian Exposition, the National Government of the United States, American Christianity and American Womanhood will be given. Then will come responses by representatives from Great Britain, Continental Europe, India, China, Japan, Australia, Canada, Africa and South America.

The Principal has been asked to respond for Canada on the memorable occasion and to participate in the deliberations that are to follow.

COLLEGE NEWS.

A. M. S.

THE meeting last Saturday night was very well attended. In the absence of the President, Vice-President Mowat occupied the chair. J. S. Rowlands moved that \$10 be granted by the A.M.S. towards a Scholarship in Elocution. The motion was negatived. After weighty reasons had been urged by Mr. Connery, however, the vote was rescinded, and the motion allowed to pass.

W. W. Richardson was present and presented receipts in connection with the ex-decoration committee.

Notice of motion was given to rescind the motion changing the name of the JOURNAL to QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY JOURNAL.

The Society then resolved itself into a Mock Parliament, Deputy-Speaker Connery in the chair. The bill to subsidize a fast Atlantic steamship line was read a third time and passed. The Minister of Finance delivered the budget speech, which showed the finance and trade of the country to be in a sound condition. An interesting debate followed. The bill re Government patronage of theatres was declared *ultra vires*. Much solicitation was from

time to time expressed by members of the opposition regarding the health of the Premier. All doubts were dispelled by the arrival of the hon. gentleman himself. This was undoubtedly the best session yet held both in point of attendance and interest in the proceedings.

SCIENCE HALL.

Prof. Nicol was absent, the latter part of last week, attending the session of the American Institute of Mines at Montreal. He is a member of the Canadian Committee.

Mr. R. H. Cowley, B.A., of Ottawa, who last session won the Gowan prize for the best collection of botanical specimens, is at the Science Hall. It is his intention to qualify as a specialist in science this session.

Prof. Waddell, of the R.M.C., has begun a short series of lectures on General Chemistry to the honor students.

Our musical spirit has of late been greatly revived. A quartette has been formed which, under the able leadership of Mr. C. B. Fox, the well-known bass of '94, assures itself of a very successful season. The quartette practices regularly every afternoon when the professors are absent. They are open for invitations to exhibit their excellence. Mr. MacVicar's rendition of those glorious old melodies, "Old King Cole," and "My Love is the Man in the Moon," is really pathetic and delivered in his own inimitable style. Only hear him.

Having noticed that Mr. North had not been with us in our practical work since the holidays, we became anxious as to his health and appointed a commission of inquiry. He stated that his health was not in an alarming state but that his work was heavy. Among other things he mentioned his having attended the medical dinner, which, he considered, was very successful, but the effects of which were everlasting.

While our thoughts were engaged in the subject of athletics a few days ago, our attention was attracted by two of ours who have always shown strong pugilistic tendencies. We have frequently noticed them engaged in pugilistic encounters, although in stature one is a giant, the other, a Lilliputian. It struck us

that we might have within the four walls of the Science Hall both the heavy and light-weight champion boxers of the university. We held a caucus, the result being that we have decided to issue challenges for the above championships. We agree to back John MacVicar and H. A. Guess for the heavy and light-weight championships respectively of Queen's University. In the latter championship W. L. Grant, H. Bryan or W. W. King are preferred. Preliminaries will be arranged as soon as our deposit of \$2.50, in the hands of the sporting editor of the JOURNAL, is covered. Mr. Guess hopes that his small size will not deter any intending competitor.

Y. M. C. A.

Our last Friday afternoon prayer meeting was led by T. L. Walker, M.A. The striking significance of the subject, "The Kingdom of God," as might be expected provoked a discussion on "current misconceptions" of that Kingdom. The popular views of "these latter day" saints were well aired, and the meeting throughout was interesting and perhaps profitable.

GRADUATING MEDICALS.

F. S. Ruttan comes from Sylvan Sydenham, where he spent his early days and graduated from the High School there. Although Frank appeared in our midst a smooth faced youth, to-day he may be seen fondling a set of whiskers, over which a Stackhouse might feel justly proud. He is a general favorite among the boys and has filled several offices in the societies of the college. During his stay with us he has been exceedingly retiring, never once did he come under the jurisdiction of the venerable Concurus. He has taken a creditable course and happy will be the community in whose midst he may settle.

Good-bye, Frank. We wish you prosperity! "Hold fast to that which is good" and success is yours.

N. P. Joyner was elected Chief Justice of the Concurus, and so ably and impartially did he fill his position that we have no occasion to regret our choice. Some of the Profs. say that it was on his suggestion that Sir John formed the N.P.

Palm. spent his earlier days teaching in the city, and instructing "C" Company of the 14th Batt. If we may be allowed to judge, Palm. is the typical doctor of '93, wearing gold rimmed glasses and a military air. He always keeps his moustache clipped to correspond with the rest of his face. We hear it is his intention to take a Post Graduate in London, and before locating to take a partner with him, for he is loud in his acclaims against any man's practicing medicine single handed.

A. N. Barker, though he came from Scotland some years ago, still has great love for his native hills and has spent most of the winter trying to grow heather on his lower jaw. During his course he has had special advantages for studying the electrical treatment of nervous diseases and is a firm believer in the efficacy of frequently repeated electrical shocks. He has been a quiet and industrious student, has stood well in his examinations and will, no doubt, be equally successful in practice.

G. C. Giles is a corker, "by jove!" During his first year he ranked as a Senior man and in his three succeeding years has ever been to the freshman a kind guardian and loving friend. He figures as Goal Keeper on the Hockey team and plays a grand stand game for the ladies (Dr. McGhie.) He would have made a good member of the Vashti Club had he desired to join that august society. He has been a clever and industrious student, always came out O.K. on exams. and we speculate he will graduate with honors in the spring.

Not the least among the heroes of '93 is Mr. M. J. Neville, who hails from the Emerald Isle. To enumerate his many noble qualities of head and heart would occupy space enough for one issue of the JOURNAL. He is geniality personified and the glow from his rubicund countenance is quite sufficient to illuminate the whole "den" when Tom neglects to "light up." His thirst for scientific research is unquenchable, so strong, indeed, that it drew him to New York even during the heated term. He can be seen continually in the neighbourhood of the professor's chair at the close of the lecture giving "pointers" on certain "positions," "sutures," "outfit," &c.

A brilliant career awaits our friend Mike, who, we are told, will seek an opening for his genius in the domains of Uncle Sam.

W. Walkinshaw, B.A., alias "Shorty," first saw the light of day in the quaint old town of Campbellford. It was there he received his earlier religious training which has so characterized his conduct during his stay with us, and his addresses to the members of the final year have been indeed inspiring, elevating and instructive. This year he filled the position of puny judge, and his paternal expression and masterly charges have pacified many a poor, trembling freshman who had strayed from the straight and narrow way.

The *Whig* says that a very pleasant event took place in St. James' Church the other evening, when Billy took unto himself a better half to brave the battle of life. Congratulations. He has been jovial and good natured at all times and will be greatly missed by the boys.

G. H. Austin, commonly known as Newboro's Shakespeare, received his early training at Athens. He holds the record of changing his place of abode oftener than any other man in the institution, having changed his address eight times in seven days. Griffis' popularity was shown by their sending him as their representative to Trinity, where he did justice to his Alma Mater and to himself. We will be sorry to lose him, as he has frequently with his wit and humor kept the den in an uproar until the bell rang. We have not yet ascertained where he will hang out his shingle, but we know that where he goes he will meet success.

COLLEGE NOTES.

An interesting match is likely to be played soon between teams representing two well known student boarding houses. The game to be played is commonly known as "marbles," and Alf Pierce will likely be referee.

Rev. S. S. Burns, of Queen's University, has accepted a unanimous call from the Presbyterian congregation of Westport and Newboro.—*Almonte Gazette*.

The window in the Philosophy class-room has been mended at last.

W. D. Wilkie has been in Montreal for some time having an operation performed on his eyes, which have troubled him very much.

The case of books from Germany, after lying at the K. & P. station for several weeks, were at last allowed to pass through free of duty. The books are all beautifully bound, and are a splendid addition to the library.

The members of the senior year in Arts had their photo taken last Saturday. Forty-five were present. The comment was made that this photo brought out the fact that '93 and the senior year were by no means the same thing.

The JOURNAL staff likewise had its picture taken on Saturday. We hope that none of those present will consider their work to have ceased—though indeed some appear to have thought so since the beginning of the session.

"Some say that it was only for fun
I went to the carnival as a "Nun,"
But that's a total delusion;
I went as such, because, you see,
The Nun is always supposed to be
The type of modesty and seclusion."

BEAT—N.

Those of the class of '92 who remain about the city and college enjoyed their annual drive on Saturday last. After various and unaccountable mistakes in starting, they spent the afternoon in driving, then returned to the home of Miss Nicol, '92, and enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Nicol in the evening. Having a pleasant day, a select company, and kind friends to receive them, of course they returned home happy, and resolved to go again if possible. Mrs. Dyde kindly consented to act as chaperone, and the class enjoyed her company.

I'm sorry I missed the drive, but I had to be at home for my birthday party.—Easton, '92.

We are sorry to hear that N. R. Carmichael, M.A., is ill, and will be unable to attend college for some time. F. R. Anglin is also ill. We hope to see both around soon.

The college is slowly settling down to that usual calm which precedes examination. It is true that there are more in the halls, but they all seem bent on some purpose, to get their mail and go home or to go to some class. Faces which seemed to indicate a carelessness are now beginning to show a realization of the

earnestness of college life. After four o'clock the only sound which breaks the stillness is the quivering voice of some Divinity who endeavors to make himself heard by his criticizing fellow-divinities in the back seats of Convocation Hall.

HOCKEY.

OTTAWA VS. QUEEN'S.

The Executive of the O. H. A. reconsidered its rather hasty decision and ordered this match to be played in Kingston. The game was played on Wednesday night, and attracted the largest crowd of the season. Queen's received notice that Ottawa were coming only eight hours before the match, and were rather handicapped by the fact that Rayside and Curtis were unwell. Notwithstanding this, however, both put up a sterling game. The teams were as follows:—

OTTAWA.		QUEEN'S.	
Morel.....	Goal.....	Giles.....	
Grant.....	Point.....	Curtis.....	
Young.....	Cover.....	Taylor.....	
Russell, } Spittal, } Kirby, } Bradley, }	Forwards.....	Rayside, } McLennan, } Waldron, } Weatherhead. }	
Referee—Cadet Leckie.			

Ottawa set a fast pace and scored two goals; then after some neat passing Weatherhead scored for Queen's. After some beautiful combinations Ottawa increased their score to four. The battle was fought on even terms till half time was called.

The home team opened out well in the second half, scoring twice in rapid succession, McLennan and Weatherhead doing the trick. The superb condition of the Ottawa team now began to tell in their favor, while Queen's appeared to be winded. They scored two goals, aided by the fine dodging of Weldy Young. Queen's again were pressing hard, and Waldron scored shortly before the call of time. Time was called and Ottawa declared winners by a score of 6 to 4.

NOTES OF THE GAME.

The teams were about equal in combination, but Ottawa were the better stick handlers and dodgers. Ottawa were slightly the faster skaters, and Queen's had the stronger defense.

McLennan, though he played selfishly at times, was without doubt the best man on the ice.

Rayside played a great game, although opposed to the strongest man on the Ottawa team. Illness and lack of condition, however, told on him in the second half.

Weatherhead played a hard, steady game all through, and kept Russell exceedingly busy.

Waldron played his usual clever, brilliant and scientific game. Captain Curtis did great defense work, but was slightly off color for reason mentioned previously, and has played a better game. Giles made a number of very hard stops, and Taylor played the game of his life.

All the Ottawa forwards are stars, but Bradley was the best. Young, at cover, is a fast skater, an excellent dodger and appeared to be everywhere.

ZION CHURCH.

At the annual meeting of Zion Church, Pine St., held recently, interesting and encouraging reports were presented from every department of the work. The following items will give some idea of what has been accomplished during the past year:

S. S. Collections.....	\$129 20
Sabbath Plate Collections.....	323 68
Ladies' Guild.....	245 63
Building Fund Collections.....	361 81
Benevolent Purposes.....	25 00

Total Collections for year...\$1,085 32

About 30 families and 45 communicants were added to the Church during the year.

We all rejoice with the pastor, Mr. Boyd, over such evident marks of progress.

FOOTBALL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Rugby Football Club was held on the 17th Feb., President T. H. Farrell in the chair. The resignation of Mr. H. R. Grant was accepted. The office of coach was abolished, and it was decided to return to the old way, *i. e.*, a captain with full power. Mr. Guy Curtis was the hearty and unanimous choice of the meeting. It was felt that the one man in Queen's to place the team in the front rank was Mr. Curtis. His success with the hockey team has been most phenomenal. Overcoming difficulties almost insuperable, he has placed the team in the front rank of Canadian hockey. The team is by far the best Queen's ever had.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON ADDRESS.

Last Sunday Rev. Dr. Campbell, of McGill, delivered the afternoon address on The Perfect Book or The Perfect Father. He pointed out the imperfection in the Bible where the Old Testament represents God as imperfect, violating His own laws and precepts of the New Testament. All people have an idea of the infallible as existing somewhere. The votaries of the Veda, Zend-avesta and Koran consider them infallible guides, and many Protestant Christians add the same grace to the Bible.

The Scriptures are indeed the Word of God, the supreme rule of faith and conduct, yet we do not worship the book but God. It is infinitely more important to believe in an infallible God than in an infallible book. Nevertheless without the Bible we could not know God, for all man's ideas of God fall short of the reality. We cannot put the Bible on a level with reason, or nature, or with any other book in the world.

Only in Christ is God revealed as perfect, for all the former revelations of Him showed Him as imperfect. The many contradictions between the Old and New Testament conceptions of God are accounted for if we observe that the Old Testament writers merged the powers of God and those of the devil into one. The Old Testament pictures God as an oriental monarch, a warrior, a judge, an avenger, and men are prone to adopt this view of God in preference to that presented in Christ, the imperfect instead of the perfect.

But God is perfect, and the infliction of evil is rightly attributed in the New Testament to the evil one.

How then are we to account for this imperfect account of God in the Old Testament? By the freedom of man's will. The will of the inspired writer was as free as that of anyone, and he was as liable to error as we to-day in our interpretation of certain utterances of Christ. "The spirits of the prophets are subject unto the prophets." Neither revelation, reason, nor analogy of faith gives anyone the right to assume that the Scriptures in the original were infallibly void of error.

There was a child-world once, and in it men were continually mistaking the evil one for the Father, and so were troubled. In their

diaries they wrote the accounts of their interviews with these many mistakes. Then the Father sent His Son that they might no longer have confused and imperfect ideas, but know Him. The Father is perfect as we see Him in the Son.

DIVINITY.

We present this week sketches of a few of the men who form the class of '93 in Divinity Hall.

First in order is a gentleman who hails from the west, as a graduate of Toronto University. He was sent there, therefore he is not accountable for the rash act. We overlook it, on condition that he does not repeat it. After graduating he entered on a post-graduate study of bacteriology and total depravity; and a year later came down to Queen's to give an exhibition of the same. We are pleased to state that although the Principal calls him Black William, we have always found him a white man, and a thoroughly good fellow. He is an embryo foreign missionary, built on the same scale as the missionary map of the world, long, wide, and well filled out. William's advent to the foreign field as a B.A., M.D., B.D., will be hailed with delight by the cute heathen. We have no doubt he will give a course of lectures on Sanitary Science before "the Central African Saturday night Club," and will probably institute a Jenness Miller dress reform amongst the ladies. He will be followed by our hearty good wishes.

John A. Black, B.A., is fully as long as William, with a somewhat stronger tendency to a return movement of the lower extremities. He was born under a lucky star, and attributes his phenomenal success in Mathematics and Hebrew to this fact, is of a contemplative cast and somewhat given to day dreams. Since entering Divinity Hall his health has been threatened by occasional spasms of thinking and coughing, and at one time it looked as though the complication might result in chronic *grip*. With careful nursing his friends hope he will outgrow the malady. As treasurer of the Y.M.C.A. and president of the Arts Society John displayed a rare financial genius. The schemes of the church will be well looked after, and no deficit in the stipend is likely to occur. If college opinion is a good indication John will be a persevering and popular pastor.

S. S. Burns, B.A. ? Ad sum !

What are those documents in your hand ?
Why, these are calls from all over the land ;
And what is that garment you wear on your back ?
Which ? this fur coat so curly and black ?
Oh, this is a present from friends out back.

Sam has served just half the time for his testamur, that Jacob served for Rachel ; and they say he's going to take her with him sure. He has been noted for his pertinacity in class work, and he is well loaded for heterodox bear. Out of pure loyalty to Queen's Sam is generously leaving a few ideas behind him, as a legacy for the boys who come after him. His success as a popular preacher is already assured.

James Hodges, B.A. This member of the group of Hodge—s has departed from the family traditions in becoming a warm advocate of advanced theological views. This is due to a desire to *see more* deeply into things, and his determination to advance by geometrical progression. By lawful election James is patriarch of the class, but his sunny nature and perennial smile have made it difficult for him to discharge the sterner duties of his office.

On the stump, or in the pulpit, since the days of Demosthenes, there has not appeared a greater than James Hodges.

The people among whom he labours will find him an efficient and sympathetic worker.

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