

**Pages Missing**

# THE VARSITY

*A Weekly Journal of Literature, University Thought and Events.*

Vol. X.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, OCTOBER 14, 1890.

No. 2.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.



WE call the attention of the students to Sir Daniel Wilson's announcement of morning prayers. These are now held every morning at ten o'clock in the large lecture room upstairs in the main building, and we urge all who possibly can to attend. At that hour there are always several hundred students in the building, and it is only a matter of two or three minutes to drop in to prayers. It is unnecessary for us to refer to the advantages of attending prayers, though the response to the President's announcement has not been so unanimous as it should be. We hope this reminder may have the effect of increasing the attendance.

The reception given the first number of THE VARSITY was indeed flattering to the management. During the past week we have received numerous letters of congratulation on the neat appearance and the contents of our paper. The city papers were especially cordial towards us, as were also several of the provincial press. We heartily thank those journals and our well-wishers for their kind words, and trust that our future issues may not belie the hopes entertained in this regard.

Considerable dissatisfaction is being expressed at the imperfect system of mail delivery at the College. Mr. Durance, the official in charge, does his work efficiently, but the system needs improvement. At present we have no suggestion to make but in the near future may have. The authorities might do well to look into the matter.

The Senate met last Friday evening and transacted some business that will be important to numerous undergraduates. It is a well-known fact that if the regulations were rigidly adhered to a large number of students would have to lose their year owing to having failed to pass the supplemental examinations. These will hail with pleasure the following motion of Sir Daniel Wilson and Professor Loudon: "Resolved, That in view of the special circumstances arising out of the changes in the curriculum of arts and law, a special supplemental examination be held, commencing on January 2, 1891, at which all candidates in arts and law who may have failed at the regular or supplemental examinations, may present themselves." This will give those who failed in September another chance to clear off all unpassed subjects, and enable them to enter on their course with a clean sheet. In the meantime they may proceed as if they had passed; but in case of failure again they will be compelled to discontinue their course in that particular year, and be obliged to fulfil all regulations. This action on the part of the Senate we deem a most wise and satisfactory measure.

We are glad to observe that quite a number of the men are adhering steadfastly to the custom of wearing cap and gown around the college halls and in the lecture-rooms; and we would urge all others who believe in the principle to follow their example. The opinion of the undergraduates on this subject is practically unanimous, so that there is little need of our adducing any arguments in support of the movement. Everyone readily admits that the outward aspect of our University life would be immensely improved, and that its distinctive character would be greatly emphasized by the general adoption of the costume. The only obstacles in the way seem to be dread of peculiarity, indifference, and the innate laziness of man. As to the first, it is obvious that it would be removed if all the men resolved simultaneously to remove it. As to the second, we hope that every undergraduate will consider the matter seriously, and reflect that his example has its influence on those around him. If he believes in the custom in theory, he is certainly faithless to his principles if, through indifference, he fails to observe it in action. As to the third, all we have to say is that the apparent inconvenience will certainly disappear after wearing the cap and gown for a week or two. We hope that the men of '91 will conclude their college career by one year at least in academic costume, and that the men of the other years will resolve to see the good old custom firmly re-established before they leave the college halls.

There were many noticeable features in our latest Convocation, but that which most impressed us was the ever-recurring "not awarded" on the medal list. Surely we have become degenerate when we cannot produce even one man able to comply with the required conditions! Still, in some cases the conditions seem unreasonably hard. It is a strange thing that while in classics or mathematics a man is simply required to take his seventy-five per cent. on the subject, in moderns he must not only do so in the whole course, but on each separate portion of it. To be sure it may be held that the rigid and scrupulous enforcement of such conditions makes the medal a prize more honourable and more eagerly to be striven for; but we are strongly reminded of Voltaire's Englishmen, who used to "have an admiral shot now and then, in order to encourage the others."

THE VARSITY warmly congratulates the Rev. R. Y. Thomson on his appointment to the faculty of Knox College. The reverend gentleman is one of our alumni, having graduated with honours in metaphysics in the year '80. We feel confident that the staff of Knox College has received in him a valuable addition.

## MEDALS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

Our remarks in last issue on this subject have excited considerable interest in a matter until now partially forgotten. Inquiry has elicited the following explanation of the principles on which awards are made:—

1. Under the new arrangement by which, in the final examinations of the University, the candidates are ranked in three classes, all those in any one of the classes are assumed to be equal, and are accordingly placed in alphabetical order. Access to the percentages obtained by each student is refused for any specialization for prizes, etc

2. The Calendar discriminates between University and College prizes. Where a benefactor gives a medal or scholarship specially to the College Council, it is assumed to be for the students in attendance on lectures and not for all-comers. Affiliated colleges will retain their own prizes or scholarships, though certain University scholarships may be thrown open to all competitors.

3. It is a special object in the establishment of scholarships and college prizes to encourage attendance on lectures. Reading up from text-books at home is only regarded as an unavoidable substitute in the case of those exempted from attendance on lectures on account of disability of some satisfactory nature.

4. The system of examinations on text-books by examiners, and not by the teachers, is one that has been repeatedly denounced. Great modifications (including the transference of the whole examinations in the second and third years to the Faculties of the various colleges with co-examiners) have been introduced with a view to diminish this objectionable feature. But in the final examinations the retention of the old system has been found unavoidable.

5. The statement in the College Calendar is explicit as to the specified scholarships, prizes and medals, that they "are open for competition among the students in actual attendance in the College." The other federated colleges have similar limitations, and would not award one of their prizes to a University student not ranking among their own alumni.

6. As the professors and lecturers are now absolutely excluded from using the marks assigned by University examiners in the award of medals and prizes in the fourth year, it is a mistake to claim superiority for any candidate on such grounds. A student may read up and answer all questions based by an outside examiner on text-books, and yet fall far behind another in other tests based on the actual teaching in the lecture-rooms and laboratories.

In this connection we are pleased to insert the following communication from one who has the highest right to be heard:—

EDITOR THE VARSITY :

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly insert in your next issue the following statement of the facts regarding the award of the medal in Philosophy for last year:—

Mr. McCrimmon and Mr. Kerswell were both first-class honor men on the aggregate returns of the examinations in the three lists of Mental and Moral Philosophy, Logic, and Civil Polity. As this is the basis of the award, they were consequently equal in view of the recent regulation of the Senate forbidding us to go behind the divisions into class honors.

The question was then simply this: Mr. Kerswell has done his work in the College faithfully, observing the conditions under which the medals are awarded, including this from the College Calendar: "*The following medals (Classics, Modern Languages, Philosophy, etc.) will be awarded to undergraduates in actual attendance in the College.*" Mr. McCrimmon had absented himself during the fourth year, and had thus failed to comply with the conditions. Under these circumstances I have not the slightest hesitation in expressing the opinion that the

College Council was right in giving the medal to Mr. Kerswell.

I am glad to write you on the subject, for I have been editor of a university paper myself, and have always insisted upon the critical function of the students' organ in all matters of undergraduate interest.

Believe me, yours truly,

Oct. 8, 1890.

J. MARK BALDWIN.

With all due deference to Professor Baldwin we fail to see that the explanation offered is perfectly satisfactory. We do not quite understand what is meant by "going behind divisions into class honors," unless the other statement furnished us that "access to the percentages obtained by each student is refused for any specialization for prizes." From this we conclude that the class in which the student is placed and not the relative position within that class is what decides the question. If such be the case, to whom would the medal be given if half a dozen or more were fortunate enough to take first class honors all around? To be specific, who would have won, Mr. Kerswell or Mr. McCrimmon, with both in first class honors and all other things equal? Nothing but percentages could decide in such a case.

But "all those in any one of the classes are assumed to be equal." Then both the gentlemen in question were equal in two subjects—each taking first class honors in Logic and Civil Polity. Mr. McCrimmon was the *only one* in first class in Mental and Moral Philosophy, and consequently, taking the three together, was ahead of Mr. Kerswell. We are further told that they were "both first-class honor men on the aggregate:" How was that learned without resource to the percentages?

Our attention is drawn to the regulation in the calendar, requiring attendance at lectures. But, in 1888, Mr. Cross did not attend lectures in his fourth year and he was given the same medal denied to Mr. McCrimmon. *The same regulation as to attendance at lectures was in force then as now.* There was a precedent, with even more force than the two or three-line regulation, hidden away in the depths of the calendar and one upon which any reasonable person could rely. What reason was there for a change of action without due notice being given? While on this subject we should like to know what is really implied by "attendance at lectures." Is it registration and payment of fees, or does it include more than that and, if so, what more? In reality, compulsory attendance is not in vogue, as the roll is called in very few of the lectures and no certificates of attendance are given. How then is it known whether a man attends or not?

THE VARSITY does not attack the principle of compulsory attendance at lectures as a condition to winning medals. We agree entirely that it is the only principle that is right and the one from which the best results can be obtained. What we do complain of is the putting into force of such a regulation in one case and not in another. We sincerely hope that the ventilation this subject has received will result in some action tending towards a clear and definite statement on the subject in the calendar and towards uniformity in the enforcement thereof.

Lieut Badgerow requests that all who wish to join the Recruit Class will hand in their names as early as possible. The class meets for drill on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week, at 4 p.m.

TO A. T. G.

She was born in the dreams of my childhood,  
 A creature of fancy, as fair  
 As the flowers that yield in the wild wood  
 Their souls to the spring-laden air ;  
 Her cheeks were the dew-nourished roses,  
 Her voice was the music of dawn,  
 And her eyes were the blue night discloses  
 When the curtains of darkness are drawn.

She left me, as passes a vision,  
 When my heart with its love was aflame,  
 And though nature seemed smiling derision  
 At one who'd a spirit reclaim ;  
 Though reason and sorrow were speaking  
 Their truest and falsest to me,  
 Through the years I came ceaselessly seeking  
 Till I found my ideal in thee.

P. M'ARTHUR.

## POINTS OF INTEREST.

The Welburn Road runs where it listeth, and in the gay springtime you get stuck in the mud thereof ; but no one, unless he has the typographical instincts of a German army officer, can tell either whence it comes or whither it goes. You may sometimes, to be sure, find it necessary, as you journey along from one town to another, to drive a small way on this strange, old road ; but somehow or other you have always to turn off again to reach your destination. It may pass by the outskirts of a village or two, but it shyly avoids direct entrance into them. Its bridges are all of them old—in appearance, at least,—and the occasional traveller breathes a sigh of relief when he finds himself safely over. Like the gentle winds of summer, that affectionately waft their heated dust into the wayfarer's eyes, it goes wilfully hither and thither, and silently laughs at the scientific accuracy of the old government surveyor ; for before he came, it was. And now when his name is known only to the dusty volumes of the registrar's office, it still runs on and is indeed all the world to many a little boy and girl that tread its green sod on their way to school. Much as I love the old Welburn Road, I am afraid its actions are not always commendable. For instance, who but the road itself can be held responsible for that weary farmer's oath, when the plough-handles poke him in the ribs in turning the corner of that triangular field ? Mark, too, how audacious it is when it dares to pass boldly right between his house and barn ; though it is but just to remark that it makes some compensation for its serious misdeeds by preventing the waste of two good acres of land for the farmer's lane.

Here it rises proudly to some high hilltop, and seems to say "Thank me for showing you so fair a scene" ; there it drops meekly down, and creeps along between overhanging woods where the evening shades gather earliest and the chipmunk rustles the fallen leaves that cluster by the rotten rails. Here, hurriedly, as if it had forgotten its boldness and shrank from so public a place, it crosses a concession line where the white frame school house stands. What stories the old road here could tell ! Stories of little schoolboy plans, of little loves and little hates, of little fears from tasks unlearned, of little triumphs over prizes won ; stories, too, alas ! of little lives that pass up to the world's great battle clad in the glittering tinsel armor of

"dates" and meanings of "capes and bays," of "fractions" and "recurring decimals," while the same innocent hearts, through many an idle fence-corner tale, have already received the deadly enemy within. But the Welburn Road, like all else, preserves a decorous silence, and passes on.

It passes on, over sandy hills and swampy bottoms, till, there, in the distance, you descry a bright light gleaming, seemingly poised in mid air. It is only afterwards that you notice the small brick church beside it. On drawing nearer, along the road (the Welburn Road, remember), you perceive that it is the reflection of the sun upon a granite monument. To the farmer folk in the neighboring fields what a tale of haughtiness and pride of sin and succeeding shame that sparkling light recalls ! Let us leave the road (the Welburn Road), that runs we know not whither, and approach the grave. 'Tis the only one we see at first ; but, no, there, at a distance, is a little mound with a wooden slab above it. Two graves, no more. Yet the stories of their lives are unconnected. The costly monument recalls the devotion of a U. E. Loyalist family (the Welburns they were named), the reward of that devotion by great grants of land, then the pride that wealth and social position give, the death of the grandson who settled here, the shame and disgrace of his own wayward boys, and the deepening sorrow of the widow, who still lives in the gloomy old homestead down there a mile away. And the wooden slab ? That takes us to the slums of London, where kind hands snatched a young girl from the dangers around her and brought her to the quiet life of a Canadian farm. In a month or so she died of a fever, and now lies buried behind the Welburn Memorial Church, hard by the monument to the proud but honest old militia captain, James Wolfe Welburn, of Welburn Road.

However, I have no doubt stout hearts can pass on without a great many tears and see what more the road has to tell us. Well, it passes bye and bye between two Indian reserves, where there is a store and a blacksmith shop ; for the aborigines, chiefly. There, in the dusty dingy store the two tribes mingle and jabber in English to each other. Over there on the hill, they say, in the early days, a battle was fought, and now the plough turns up anon heads and tomahawks to decorate the centre-tables of whitemen's parlors.

Now these are points of interest on Welburn Road. Perhaps you don't think them very interesting, but, believe me, I always found them so, and so let this be my excuse for directing your attention to them. '94.

"Papa," asked Johnny Withers of his father, who was a graduate of Boomtown University in '58, "what is the meaning of 'Semper fidelis?'" "Always fiddling, my son. It was a term applied to the Emperor Nero, who swam the Hellespont while Rome was burning," replied the old man.

"Mr. —," cried an irate professor in Jurisprudence, exasperated at the seeming stolidity of a member of the class, "are you following my remarks?"

"I am, sir," laconically answered the student, and added in a wearied undertone to the man beside him, "following, but a long way off."

# The Varsity

PUBLISHED EVERY TUESDAY MORNING DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR, IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

BY

## THE LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The Annual Subscription is \$2.00 a year, payable strictly in advance. Single copies, 10 cents.

All literary contributions and items of College news should be addressed to THE EDITOR, University College, Toronto.

All communications of a business nature should be addressed to THE BUSINESS MANAGER. Advertising rates can be had on application.

The office of THE VARSITY is at the corner of Spadina avenue and College street, rooms 3 and 5, Bank of Commerce Building.

Anonymous contributions will be published if approved by the Editor.

### The Editorial Staff.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF	- - -	WALTER S. McLAY, '91.
BUSINESS MANAGER	- - -	G. HOWARD FERGUSON, '91.
TREASURER	- - -	WILLIAM H. BUNTING, '92.

### ASSOCIATE EDITORS.

C. A. STUART, '91.	J. S. SCOTT, '91.
S. B. LEACOCK, '91.	A. P. NORTHWOOD, '91.
A. M. STEWART, '91.	H. W. BROWN, '92.
S. J. ROBERTSON, '92.	

Medical representatives on the staff have not yet been appointed.

### The Directorate.

C. A. STUART, '91, Chairman.	W. H. KNOX, '93.
J. McNICOL, '91.	W. C. CLARK, '93.
A. T. KIRKPATRICK, '91.	F. H. MOSS, School of Medicine.
J. A. McLEAN, '92.	J. B. LOCKHART, '92.
J. W. ODELL, '92, Secretary.	

OCTOBER 14, 1890.

### THE OPENING DEBATE.

THE Literary Society held a meeting on Friday, the 10th, in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, with the First Vice-President, Mr. C. A. Stuart, in the chair. As it was the first meeting of the year, there were no motions for discussion on the order-list, and the Society might almost have been taken for a "literary society" in the sense in which the term is used in the dialect of more ordinary and commonplace humanity. The attendance was remarkably large, and the proceedings aroused strong interest throughout.

After the yells of triumph had died away, with which the minutes of the last meeting (held in St. Andrew's Hall) were greeted, the Society proceeded with little delay to the literary programme. Music was called for, and after an anxious interval the blushing Glee Club was induced to quit its respective seats in the back row and favour the meeting with "The Poachers of Lincolnshire" and "Kingdom Coming." They retired amidst applause and left the way open for the debate. The subject discussed was, "Resolved that efforts should be directed towards the realization of nationlization as depicted in Edward Bellamy's 'Looking Backward.'" Messrs. A. J. Hunter and J. M. Godfrey opened the question for the affirmative and

negative respectively, in speeches of more than ordinary excellence, and the debate was then thrown open to the meeting. A warm and lively discussion ensued, in which Messrs. Naylor, Odell, Knox, Clarke, Swanson, Reeves, and the shade of Daniel Webster participated freely.

The debate was still hot and exciting when the lateness of the hour compelled the chairman to bring it to a close. Messrs. Houston and King, former presidents of the Society, who had taken seats on the platform at the request of the chairman, then addressed a few words to the meeting—words eagerly listened to and lovingly remembered; after which Mr. Stuart briefly summed up the debate and put it to a vote, the negative being victorious by a majority of one: thirty-nine to thirty-eight.

After the debate a number of minor motions and matters of business came up, giving occasion for much amusing and ingenious oratory. On the recommendation of the General Committee it was resolved almost unanimously to devote three meetings of the term to a Mock Parliament. Appointments to THE VARSITY Directorate were confirmed. The resignation of Mr. Duff, the President elect, was received, and accepted with regret, and other smaller matters were attended to.

In accordance with Mr. A. M. Stewart's motion, also passed at this meeting, all notices of motion will be found given in full each week in THE VARSITY, to which announcement the attention of our readers is most earnestly recommended if they desire to be informed of the question of student interest to come up at each meeting.

Among the visitors to the Society were Messrs W. F. MacLean, of the *World*, and L. E. Embree, of the Parkdale Collegiate Institute, both members of the Senate. We appreciated their visit even if we were unable to hear any remarks from them.

### EXCHANGES.

The *Harvard Daily Crimson* was the first arrival at our sanctum. It is as newsy as of yore.

We repeat our invitation of last week to our *confères* to favour us with copies of their journals, and we will at once reciprocate.

The *Illini* represents the University of Illinois. It is bright and newsy, thoroughly American in its tone, and contains some very fair literary work.

*Hermes*, a monthly magazine, comes from the University of Sydney, New South Wales. It presents some interesting features—illustrated jokes (no doubt intended for freshmen), and beneath the heading of each department of the paper Johnson's definition of the heading. Sports are in a flourishing condition, and a dramatic club, boasting vice-regal patronage, is a prominent feature of University life there. Sydney is evidently a go-ahead University, but the literary side of *Hermes* is not quite up to the Canadian standard.

Two new prizes in English have been recently established at Princeton by the class of '70. The income of \$1,000 will be given to that member of the Sophomore class, who at the close of the Sophomore year, shall pass the best examination in the English studies of the year. Of the income of \$1,500, one half will be given to the best Anglo-Saxon scholar and one half to the best English Literature scholar of the Junior class.

## WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.

Nearly all the students have returned, the latest arrival being C. S. Smith, '90, who is going to turn his attention from the study of bugs and beetles to the study of Butler and Van Oosterzee.

The Alumni of the College held their annual meetings last week (October 7th to 10th), and graduates from far and near might have been seen marching with reverend and stately head through the corridors which to them were once so familiar. The Rev. Prof. Wrong, M.A., presided over all the meetings with becoming decorum, while the Rev. H. J. Armitage performed the duties of Secretary. Very interesting papers were read on different topics, upon which spirited discussions took place. One noticeable feature of the Alumni meetings this year was the presence of so many of the graduates' wives. Many of our younger undergraduates have been gazing lovingly at them while their thoughts ran far away into the future. About seventy graduates and undergraduates sat down to the annual banquet, which was held on Wednesday evening. The usual large number of toasts were proposed and responded to. It being quite late when the speeches were ended, the annual initiation was postponed.

Many of the students are becoming interested in Rugby football. Even the ever-sanguine "freshmen" show their anxiety for the development of their genius by following their mutual friend, Captain McClean, into the field.

"Kome Inn" is the curious sign which a recent graduate of University residence has hung out in front of his room. A certain freshman, as yet unskilled in the classics, does not believe that such a ruinous place should be tolerated in Wycliffe.

One of our students, lately evolved out of a freshman into a sophomore, dreading the fearful loneliness of summer mission work, has taken unto himself a wife and is now enjoying the sweets of connubial bliss.

Annual Convocation of the College was held on Thursday evening. There was a goodly attendance. Sir Daniel Wilson, on behalf of the Faculty of Wycliffe College, presented Sir Casimir Gzowski, President of the Faculty, with an address congratulating him on the high honor which Her Majesty has been pleased to confer upon him. Sir Casimir made a feeling reply. The Rev. Dean Hamilton, B.A., gave the Missionary Report for the year, and the Rev. Dr. Sheraton gave an interesting and scholarly lecture on the subject "The Church the Household of Faith."

## McMASTER HALL.

The Hall is filling up rapidly, although it will not be entirely filled. The Varsity students who were in last year are greatly missed, and every one here is sorry that they could not accept our hospitality this year. But the authorities have decided, in view of the opening of the Arts course, to admit none but students of some department of McMaster University. Exceptions have been made in the case of certain undergraduates of Toronto who are to enter the University.

Messrs. Merrill and Norman entertained a number of Woodstock College boys in their room last Friday evening. A very pleasant time was spent in reviving old college memories and singing songs, while the festive board was no mean feature of the evening's pleasure.

Arrangements are being made for a match in Woodstock next Friday between Past and Present students of Woodstock College.

The formal opening of the Arts department of McMaster University took place last Friday evening. There was a very large attendance of alumni and friends of the College in the city. Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, occupied the chair, and delivered the opening address. Speeches were delivered by Dr. Rand, Chairman of the

Faculty; Dr. Goodspeed, Professor of Systematic Theology, Christian Evidences; Rev. T. Trotter, Professor of Homiletics, Pastoral Theology and Church Polity; Prof. Clark, who will have charge of the Modern Language department, and Prof. McKay of the Mathematical department. The outlook in connection with the new Arts course, is very encouraging. There are some fifteen or sixteen, including two ladies, taking the first year of the course.

## Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

The first regular weekly meeting was held on Thursday afternoon, at five o'clock, the President, I. O. Stringer, in the chair. Interesting reports were given by the Northfield delegates. Mr. F. O. Nichol dwelt upon the work and methods of the Bible training-class. Mr. F. R. Lillie spoke of the missionary movement in America, and gave a lively account of the trip to Northfield. And Mr. H. B. Fraser wound up with some personal reminiscences and experiences, and spoke enthusiastically of the benefits of a visit to Mr. Moody's summer school for students.

The new Hand-Book, which will be especially valuable to the class of '94, will likely be in the hands of the students by the time this appears.

Last Sunday afternoon the General Secretary began the Bible training class, which became so popular last year. Every man in college is cordially invited.

Next Thursday afternoon the second general meeting will be held. It will only last forty-five minutes, from 5 to 5.45 p.m. It is to be hoped that many may see that it is their duty and privilege to attend. It is expected that the General Secretary will have something very interesting to say for all who may be present.

## THE FACULTY.

Mr. Dale spent the summer amid the rural shades of his "Sabine farm," near St. Mary's, Ont.

Mr. Keys once more joined the throng that yearly gravitates towards the German universities, and spent his holidays in study at Leipzig.

Prof. Ashley returned at the earliest possible moment to the classic halls of his Alma Mater, where he spent the summer superintending the publication of the second volume of his *Economic History*.

Mr. W. J. Loudon sought the scenery of the Lower St. Lawrence.

Mr. Squair and Mr. Vander Smissen remained in the city all summer.

Prof. Loudon sought coolness and ease on the shore of Lake Simcoe.

## NOTICE OF MOTION.

At the last meeting of the Literary Society, Mr. J. A. Cooper gave notice that he would move the following resolution: *Resolved*,—That this Society is in favor of keeping up the time-honored custom that students in a class-room should rise to their feet on the entrance of the professor or lecturer, and that the members of this Society encourage the continuance of this custom.

## COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

The Literary Society is now without a President, and who is to fill the vacant place? We must have someone on whom all can agree, and I would suggest the name of Mr. Dale as that of one eminently fitted for the position.

I am, Yours truly, 91.

## The Sanctum Philosopher.



THE other day the Joke-Fiend fell gievously sick. He had over-joked himself a little for our last issue, I think, and then sat in a draught. So serious was his malady that the Editor thought he was about to plunge into the great perhaps, and deputed the Sanctum Philosopher, as the most staid and pious person on the staff, to write his obituary. After the article was ready for the press the joke-fiend had the bad taste to recover.

But meanwhile an idea had occurred to me. I reflected to myself—perhaps during the course of the year many of my readers may die. It is extremely probable that large numbers of them *will* die. I may, therefore, be called upon to write numerous obituaries. Why not have one set form to use as an adjustable obituary?

I worked at the idea and produced an obituary such as appears below. We have it in the Sanctum written upon stiff card-board, with holes cut where the stars are printed; when an obituary is wanted we lay the cardboard upon a piece of writing paper and copy in the particulars of the case. On receiving this paper, our printers, who have a perforated cardboard similar to ours, are able to write up the obituary notice. Here is the formula:—

It is our painful duty to record the \* \* \* demise of \* \* \* \* graduate of this University of the year \* \* \* \* . For \* \* \* years previous to his death, Mr. \* \* \* \* occupied the position of \* \* \* \* , a post which he filled with the greatest ability. His probity, his unflinching honesty and indefatigable zeal, endeared him to all whose privilege it was to know him. As a public man and in the daily avocations of life Mr. \* \* \* \* was ever ready to fight the battle of \* \* \* \* \* . He was frequently heard to declare that \* \* \* \* \* . As a kind father, a tender husband, and a loving son, his name will long be cherished in the sorrowing memories of those from whom he has been taken.

Most of the blanks in the above require no explanation. I may add a word of comment on some of the more abstruse. If the obituary is written for a baby the words "We prophesy that if it had lived, etc," are to be inserted. After "He was frequently heard to declare," the printer is supposed to insert some phrase touchingly reminiscent of the departed, such as, "that he wouldn't go home till morning." If deceased died outside the pale of the Church, or had but few friends, the obituary is followed by a few lines in a jocose strain, mildly bantering his relatives on his loss.

In all cases it is well to dispel the gloomy impression produced by an article of this nature by closing with a pronounced joke, as: "His telephone number there is 3004, but you can't ring him up."

\* \* \*

AMONG the letters which our Editor received on the publication of our first issue, is one from a certain graduate of '80, now residing in New York. This gentleman, whose estimate of his own importance seems in inverse ratio to his cordiality towards his Alma Mater, requests that the Editor will not trouble him with any sample copies of this paper. He further states that he cannot

allow his name to be placed either on the list of subscribers or contributors. Such cool assumption almost elicits from our pen the answer of the pretty milkmaid in the old song. In a case like this, it were invidious to mention names. Judging, however, from the evident deficiencies in his upper cerebral processes, we may safely stigmatize the homunculus in question as a *layer short*.

\* \* \*

THE delivery of an annual Latin Oration is, without doubt, one of the most commendable practices in vogue among us. What a sweet impulse is given to the student of classical literature when he hears the sonorous tongue of Tully touch, with its golden fire, the topics of his everyday life! It has been objected that in devoting a portion of our annual exercises to this oration we are guilty in a measure of selfishness; outside the student body, it is urged, not more than sixty or seventy per cent. of the auditors are able to follow spoken Latin. We are fain to plead guilty to the accusation; but let those who raise such an objection, consider how sweet a boon this annual address is to the pale student, hanging fascinated on every syllable of the orator. They will then be ready, I think, to sympathize with us in the intellectual pleasure which they cannot feel, rather than ask us to forego it.

\* \* \*

I HAD purposed to give Mr. Colling's recent address in its entirety. It is with the sincerest apology that I proffer the meagre portions of it that appear below. Serious acoustic difficulties, however, prevented my grasping in full the drift of the orator. I have ventured, in a humble way, to correct this deficiency by drawing on my invention and former knowledge of the classics to supply the missing parts. The complexity and force of the Latin idiom defies reproduction. I leave the original untranslated.

After referring at some length to various university matters, the orator touchingly drops a tear over our late disaster in the following words:—

Focus recens et incendium Universitatis Torontonensis too bad altogether . . . Profundâ mente regretto medalia Mackimis . . . me judice, (my Judas!) prae te hard luck . . .

Falling into a lighter vein, the speaker playfully admonishes the students of the first year by this pithy apothegm:—

Quâ quum ita sint, tirones, non est dubium quin consul suffragiis populi Romani factus sum. Dulce et decorum est pro patriâ mori.

After the applause at this sally had in some measure subsided, the orator turned his attention to the new College buildings. He spoke hopefully of them, and went so far as to prophesy their ultimate completion. He banteringly hinted that:—

Arbores seret diligens agricola, quorum adspiciet baccam ipse nunquam.

After some general remarks, humorously descriptive of past escapades in his student life, the speaker closed with the following neat hexameter, which was immediately carried to the dissecting room and scanned:—

Barbara celarent, darii ferioque prioris.

Do we not seem to hear in this the genuine roll of the old Latin?

## TWO SPLENDID VICTORIES.

## RUGBY NOTES.

The Association football season opened Saturday, and victory flapped her big broad wings and settled serenely down on the Varsity footballers. Away down on Stark's athletic grounds the first team repeated the dose of last year by defeating the Champion Scots again by a score of four goals to one, while on the lawn the second had little difficulty in playing around the Scottish Strollers to the tune of six goals to one. Neither of our teams were in proper shape as they had had only three practices, but they proved equal to the occasion and won two games.

Things looked blue for Varsity at half-past three as two of the defence hadn't shown up and the Scots were dressed and on the field ready for play. At last the tardy men turned up safely, and at 3:55, Dr. McCallum lined the teams up. The Varsity contingent was small but enthusiastic, while lusty-lunged Scotsmen were numerous. Two fair Scotch lassies braved the chilly weather to witness the well-meant but unsuccessful efforts of their brave laddies. The grounds are not so bad as we had been led to believe, though they are not at all favourable to good team play. This, of course, is the Varsity's forte and they were thus at a disadvantage. The Scots were considerably heavier than the Varsity, as the light but nimble forwards found out to their sorrow, but this advantage was made up for by their superior speed. As a Scot remarked after the game, "Our men are fast but Varsity is faster." That was true. Our forwards could give the Scots' defence a start after the ball and then beat them out. This is the secret of our success. The Scots were a hundred per cent better than they were last year when Varsity defeated them, but Varsity was, correspondingly, so they defeated them by the same score this year in a half-an-hour's less time than last year.

The game was a very fast one throughout. In fact several old players averred that it was one of the fastest they had ever witnessed. During the first half Varsity scored two goals to the Scots lonely one, Wood and Buckingham scoring. The second half yielded two more to Varsity, Doc McKay doing the scoring. He scored a fifth goal but was declared off side. Porter, in goal, played a splendid game, though he was slightly nervous. The back division's play was perfect. Eddie Gordon played away up field and was a whole defence. Mr. Wright, of the School of Science Staff, will be remembered by some old students as the big kicker for Varsity in days of yore, and he well sustained his reputation. It is to be hoped that he will be able to play out the season.

All the half-backs played nobly. Warbrick can fill Lockhart's shoes if he always plays as he did Saturday. Edgar had only touched the ball one night since last fall, but his play Saturday was as fine as we ever saw him put up. Forrester was the strong one, and he had to be, as Bowman and McWhirter were fast and played superbly together. Watty Thompson, in centre, played a sacrifice game, feeding his wings continually and giving the other men confidence by his presence. Duncan made several speedy runs on the right and Buckingham aided him well. "Buck" made the brilliant run of the day, passing four men and scoring. On the left Wood and McLay were slightly off colour during the first half, but in the second they did some good combination work. For the Scots McDonald in goal made a score of marvellously fine shots. Edmonds was the best man on defence, but Galt and Anall played a strong game. Bowman and McWhirter made a splendid wing.

## VARSITY vs. SCOTTISH STROLLERS.

This match attracted a large crowd to the lawn, and was one well worth seeing. Our players were decidedly superior to their opponents and defeated them with comparative ease. Govenlock scored twice, Orton once, McCallum once, and Hammill twice. The men on the whole played an excellent game. Players:—Little, Graham, Wales, Merrill, Edwards, Peat, Orton, McCallum, Marr, Hammill and Govenlock.

The second fifteen plays a tie match with the second Torontos on the 18th, and a match with Trinity College School on the 25th, both to take place on the lawn.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Association Football Club Messrs. Doherty and Porter were elected Freshmen Councillors, and Merrill, '92, Treasurer, in place of Lockhart. The new Treasurer is on the war-path for subscriptions.

There is at present a very slim chance of our being able to play the annual matches with McGill and the Royal Military College. All fixtures have to be made subservient to the tie matches; consequently, there may not be a Saturday available until the middle or end of November.

A communication has been received by the Secretary from Ottawa College, inviting the team to play a game in Ottawa on the 18th or 25th. Other fixtures prevent our accepting the invitation, which is much to be regretted, as Ottawa and Varsity have not met since the memorable tie in '87.

The first round of the Ontario ties was played on Saturday, Hamilton defeating Toronto, and Stratford defeating London. Hamilton and Stratford play at Hamilton on the 25th. Varsity on that day plays the winner of the Queen's-Ottawa match which will be played on the 18th.

At a meeting of the members of the Rugby Club, held on Tuesday last, the following additional officers were elected:—Captain, G. B. McClean, '90; Curator, W. Gilmore, '94; Committee, J. Bain, '94, G. Clayes, '94. The election of George McClean to the captaincy was a unanimous acknowledgment of the services which he has rendered the Club during his undergraduate course. Under his coaching the team is already getting into good trim.

The melancholy fate of the Toronto team at Hamilton on Saturday was a somewhat unexpected result of the first round of the Ontario ties. The Torontos were unfortunate, for although they scored five times while Hamilton did so only three, the game went against them. However that is not saying much in their favour. The result is a striking example of the unfairness of the system now in vogue, but as every other scheme seems impracticable, the Torontos will have to chew the rag gracefully.

The football cranks will be well supplied with matches this week. To-morrow afternoon the Association first team play St. Michael's College on the lawn. This will doubtless be a very exciting match, as a large number of the students from St. Michael's will be over to cheer their favourites. On Saturday afternoon Varsity will put four teams in the field. The Rugby first team will play the annual match with Toronto, on the Toronto Cricket Ground. The second team tackle the second team of the Torontos in the junior ties. On the lawn the Association first and Marlboro's face each other in the League series for the championship; and the second team play the Stanley's in the Association. We hope the success of last Saturday may be repeated.

In a match on the lawn on Saturday, our second fifteen played a draw with the Canadians, the score at the conclusion of the game being four all. Considering the little practice our representatives have had, they played a fairly good game. The fact that they were forced to play a defensive game throughout the second half, while during the first they were on the aggressive, showed that they are not yet in playing trim. However the result augurs well for the future, and the strength of the team will not be shown until the 18th, against the Second Torontos. Varsity was represented as follows: Back—Jones; Halves—Gilmore, Parker and Crane; Quarter—Bain; Wings—Laidlaw, Moss, Barker and Clarke; Forwards—Lash, Cronyn, Cross, Rose, Scott, Vickers.



## THE ANNUAL GAMES.

There was rather a slim attendance at the mass meeting held on Wednesday last in the Y. M. C. A. Hall for the purpose of electing the officers for our annual games. Mr. Cowie, '91, presided. After a few appropriate remarks from the chair, the election was proceeded with and resulted as follows:—

President, W. I. Senkler, '91; Secretary, G. A. Badgerow, '92; Treasurer, G. B. Burson, '91; Committee, H. C. Pope, '91, M. Currie, '91, C. S. Wood, '92, D. C. McColl, '92, J. Edwards, '93, W. Duncan, '93, W. Gilmore, '94, W. M. Lash, '94. School of Science, H. Symmes, '91, W. Dill, '91. Medical representatives not yet appointed.

The games will probably be held on Thursday, the 23rd, or Friday, the 24th, inst. We are pleased to hear that McGill will send a delegation of her prominent athletes to compete, and that Queen's will be represented. Varsity will have to look to her laurels or the pace will be too fast for her.

## VARSITY GLEE CLUB.

This popular society held its first meeting of the season on Friday last at four o'clock. In the place of Mr. Fairclough, who resigned the presidency on account of removal from the city, Mr. Donald was unanimously chosen. Owing to the uncertainty in the matter of a *Conversazione*, discussion arose as to the possibility of the club giving on its own account a concert, to be held sometime before Christmas. It was unanimously decided that the club could claim the indulgence of the public in this matter, as they have in times past supplied entertainment for various churches and organizations throughout the city, and therefore entitled to some return. The freshmen turned out in goodly numbers and they promise to be quite a factor in the club this year. New voices are ever welcome and all wishing to join are requested to turn up at practice on Wednesday at four o'clock and have their places assigned. Practice after this week will be held on Friday at 4 p.m. in the Y. M. C. A. Hall. Mr. Schuch is expected again to take charge of the club, and, as he has been so efficient in the past, it is expected that under his leadership the club will attain a very high degree of proficiency.

## AMONG THE MEDICALS.

THE VARSITY appeared here last Wednesday, and, with any attention to medical news, will undoubtedly be popular.

The dissecting rooms will be opened this week. It is rumoured that down below there is an unusually large supply of subs, whereof the Meds are glad.

The annual "elevation" took place last Friday, though this year it was a "depression" rather than "elevation." The second year men claim to have sent down sixty-two freshmen and are jubilant at their success.

Trinity got in on us at baseball on Friday, but just wait till we get at them at football. We will laugh last then.

The first meeting of the Literary Society will be held in the Biological department next Friday evening and promises to be an interesting one. Addresses will be delivered by Dr. Ferguson, the Honorary President of the Society, and several other medical men. It is hoped that the students of the school will take an active interest in the society this year as they have proved very beneficial to those who have done so in the past.

## LIBRARY NOTICE.

All orders for books through the Library must be in before Thursday.

## MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

The Second Year lady undergrads have received a number of reinforcements, and seem to be emulating the example of their late confederates of '90, in taking two courses.

The ranks of the lady undergraduates have been gradually swelling till at last the roll numbers sixty-seven. In comparison with the immense increase of last year, nearly 100 per cent., this is scarcely as encouraging as it might be. The First Year comprises fifteen zealous devotees, of whom four are taking Mathematics and Moderns, one Classics, and the rest the well-known preference of the lady undergrads, Moderns.

The fair graduates of '90 have been very successful in obtaining positions. Miss Scott, in Ingersoll High School; Miss Mott, in Lucan; Miss Ryckman, in Norwood, and Miss Stork, in Moulton College, are imparting information gleaned within our sacred precincts, and instilling into youthful Canadian minds that Old Varsity should be the aim of every student. Miss Wilson and Miss Lawlor are taking the course at the Strathroy and Guelph Training Institutes.

## LOCALS.

F. A. Magee, '92, spent the summer in Paris, France.

The reception in the Y.M.C.A. Hall last night was a most successful affair. A full report will appear next week.

The subject for debate in the Literary and Scientific Society on Friday night will be: "Resolved that the ends of education can best be secured by specialization in University studies."

Rev. Dr. Sheraton has resumed his Sunday afternoon Bible classes, and extends a cordial invitation to all University men to attend. They are interesting and instructive, and will no doubt attract as many as in the past.

Northwood, '91, Brown, '92, and Bishop, '92, will not be in College until December. They are at training institutes in Hamilton and Strathroy. They will be missed in the Modern Language Club, as all three hold offices.

Theo. Coleman, '90, and Donald Armour, '91, visited the other side of the herring pond during the summer vacation. The former gentleman made a tour of the British Isles, while the latter passed a pleasant month of so on the continent.

C. N. Munro, '91, is travelling in the British Isles, and will not be in College until after Xmas. He is accompanied by his sister. While in Edinburgh, in August, he ran up against Donald McLean, of '90, who was on his way home to Canada. Readers of THE VARSITY may expect some interesting articles from his pen ere long.

Mr. A. H. Young, graduate of '87 and Modern Language Master at U.C. College, spent his vacation in visiting the *habitants* of Lower Canada. *On dit* that during his literary researches in the dialects of the Province, which constituted the *primum mobile* of Mr. Young's presence, the learned *savant* was solaced in his leisure hours by the society of two fair *habitants passagères*, bent on a like errand, and hailing from the same Alma Mater.

## NOTICE OF MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the Freshman year this afternoon, in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. A director to THE VARSITY is to be appointed and other business discussed. Every undergraduate of '94 is earnestly requested to be present.