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GLIMPSES OF A GREAT WESTERN UNIVERSITY.

II.

AS in my former article I devoted myself altogether to the more general matters of interest pertaining to the University of California, I propose in this second chapter to assume the main outlines of the picture as understood, and to attempt to fill in some of the details in so far as they are supplied by student life at Berkeley.

There are three main heads under which this part of the subject may readily be considered. Every student who is anything whatever of a university man has three great interests in life, his studies, his games and athletics, and his social enjoyment, and this is a very convenient system into which one may pigeon-hole thoughts when writing about student affairs.

It is not my intention to investigate at great length the question of studies in the Western student's life, but it will be well to give some hints of what the undergraduates are expected to do during their college course. The basis of reckoning to ascertain a student's standing is the *unit*, which consists of a single hour's work weekly throughout one semester or half year. To secure the degree the undergraduate must have secured 125 such units, and whenever this total has been reached he is ready to get his diploma and be set loose upon society. Of these units 65 are compulsory, while the remaining 60 are free electives; in making up these latter a person selects a definite group of studies and makes his own choice among the different courses presented under that group. The University of California presents, therefore, in its system a compromise between the rigidly prescribed course such as we have at Toronto and the plan of absolutely free elective studies such as prevails in some American universities. The idea seems extremely reasonable, and we manage to approximate to it pretty largely at Toronto by the liberal addition of "pass subjects" to the regulation honor courses. These units, it should be added, are determined on the basis not only of written examinations at the end of the term, but of daily recitation as well, so that it is practically impossible to "cut" very much here without endangering your academic standing.

The courses given are much the same as our own and so need no description. As to the quality of the work done, while comparisons are proverbially invidious, it may be safely asserted that our work at Toronto is on rather a higher level, both in quantity and finish as far as I can observe, largely owing, I think, to the superior nature of Ontario's high schools and collegiate institutes.

There are many at Toronto who will be more interested in hearing of athletic affairs on the Pacific coast. The great branches of this form of activity in which Stanford and California indulge are first and foremost football, and then too, track and field athletics. Baseball also is a somewhat prominent feature in the spring term.

The devotion with which the collegians at Berkeley give themselves to football either as players or "rooters"—an enthusiasm duplicated at Stanford by the way—is to the newcomer both amusing and amazing, but it finally becomes engrossing and engaging. The process is after

this fashion: When the University has opened for the fall term, not many days elapse before the knights of the grid-iron make their appearance in coats of mail and leather helmets such as the American Rugby demands; and simultaneously with their *début*, the rooters make their bow to the public. For it must be remembered that the giving of yells and cheers has been here reduced to a science, and that the college slogans are delivered with the precision of a carefully prepared oratorio. Day after day from the first of September till the end of November hundreds of students occupy the bleachers and give noisy encouragement to the towsy-headed youths who writhe below them. The number of youths who are willing to writhe is generally large, reaching this year, I think, to about seventy. Three teams are formed out of this number, the Varsity team, the College or "scrub" eleven, and the Freshman team, only first year men being eligible, of course, for the last named. A good many are weeded out of the bunch that first presents itself for trial, until a fairly small residue is obtained, who then go into training quarters under the management of two coaches drawn from eastern colleges, this year Cochran and Kelly of Princeton. These men, who live in the training house, are under rigid discipline: their diet is limited, their smoking eliminated, and their retiring hour fixed at ten o'clock.

The season has not long been opened when the manager announces as far as possible the games that have been arranged as a preliminary to the two great struggles of the year, the Freshman game and the Thanksgiving game. These practice matches are eagerly watched by followers of the game as being straws which show the way the wind will blow on Thanksgiving Day and the day when the Freshmen meet. Meanwhile the rooters go on perfecting their organization and composing new yells and songs for the great games.

This year the Freshman game went to Stanford 6—0; the Thanksgiving game still remains to be played, and as we are now within ten days of the event the excitement is getting intense. The University of California has, however, a veteran team who have made a fine record in their preliminary matches this season, and have already won "on form."

Of the track athletics and the baseball I do not know very much; they are comparatively out of sight this term, being quite overshadowed by the colossus of football. But I am told, and can well believe, that a good deal of the same enthusiasm is displayed in connection with them as with the pigskin game.

I should like to emphasize for the benefit of VARSITY readers the fine spirit which the men and women here display in supporting college athletics. We have every bit as much college spirit at Toronto, but we fail somehow or other to bring it into visible form. The rooters here sit in one place in the grand stand and do not distribute their energies; the result is some very inspiring vocal exhibitions which Varsity boys might imitate without injuring their dignity at all.

When one turns to the social side of student life at Berkeley, he is at a distinct loss for a beginning. What first to tell of? Ay, there's the rub. The most prominent feature of all, however, is undoubtedly fraternities and

fraternity life. There are fourteen fraternities and three sororities in the U.C.; the sororities will be a comparatively novel idea to the Toronto reader. All these fraternities and sororities maintain very handsome chapter houses which are centres of a very jolly social life, manifesting itself every now and then in dances and card-parties which are always much enjoyed by all participating. Toronto men will be particularly interested in the following notes: Zeta Psi is the oldest frat. at the U.C., dating from 1870; it possesses a commodious, but rather antiquated house, though I am told that it was very expensive to construct in those early days of Berkeley's existence. Delta Kappa Epsilon was founded here in 1876; they have a fine chapter house in the colonial style of architecture, built, I believe, by the subscription of graduates mainly. Delta Upsilon, founded in 1895, has a handsome house also; while comparatively young here they are a strong factor in university life and thought.

But, of course there is a general social life as well, beginning like our Varsity life with the annual Y.M.C.A. reception to freshmen of both sexes. This is the function at which the fraternities and the sororities "rush" the new men and women just entering upon their college career. The term has not advanced far before the Freshman class gives its Glee, as the freshman dance is called; it is speedily followed by the Sophomore Hop, and the Junior Promenade is now impending. Next term will come the august event of the year, the Senior Ball. These four events are the great college dances of the year.

Of quite a different sort are the rallies held from time to time to get up enthusiasm for the football games. The first of these this year was held around a huge fire built on the oval, the second was in the nature of an informal dance given by the Associated Women Students, and a third is in sight, which is to be a large "Smoker," at which speeches, songs and pipes will be the order of the evening. These affairs are very entertaining if properly managed and no doubt serve in large measure to achieve the end they aim at.

One interesting point bearing on the social life of the Berkeley collegian is the large co-educational element in the University, the girls constituting about one-half the attendance. The University authorities wisely avoid trying to treat the young men and young women as though they were kindergartners, and to an outsider the result is that all parties act as rational beings, which it was presumed they were when they entered upon university work. The men speak to the women freely and unconcernedly, in the library for instance, in a way that would turn the hair of some of our Torontonians gray in an hour. Yet nothing happens of a remarkable nature; the conversation is concluded and it appears that the great round earth has moved along in just the same old way, seemingly nothing astonished or alarmed. We have much to learn from our western brothers and sisters as to the sensible method of facing the methods of co-education.

There is, of course, a host of local jests and of local traditions accumulated at Berkeley, but I could hardly begin to tell a tithe of these, even supposing Mr. Editor would yield me the space to do so. I must not close, however, without a word upon college journalism at the U.C. There exist here no less than three college papers. One, *The Californian*, is a daily, appearing every morning, with the current news and current announcements in its pages. It is a nice, bright sheet, and is considered one of the best college dailies in America. Then there is *The Occident*, which corresponds very much to our VARSITY; while more neatly printed, it hardly comes up to our Toronto paper in general style. Lastly, there is published here the very ambitious *University of California Magazine*, a very hand-

some monthly, which always contains much that is bright and clever from the best wits of the University.

While one is speaking of journalism, it is in place to mention the U.C. annual, known as the *Blue and Gold*, these being the college colors. This is an extremely lively publication which hits everybody hard, with the freedom of old Attic comedy; those who thought our Torontonensis, '98, was personal, would take a fit if they could see the cutting "joshes" which fill up *Blue and Gold*. Of course such a book has the danger of becoming too free, and the climax was reached last year, when the editor and the manager of the publication were suspended from college. This warning will probably have its intended effect.

The conclusion of the whole matter is that the genus academicum is much the same the world over; the Californian student is animated by much the same athletic, scholastic, and social ambitions as his Canadian brother, and the love for Alma Mater is equally intense wherever and in whatever hearts it burns. University thought and university life belt the great round globe, and nowhere more than in academic circles has a due appreciation been reached of that wonderful sentiment, pregnant with highest and profoundest truth, that comes to us from the distant past with clearest intonation:

"Homo sum : nihil humani a me alienum puto."

WILLIAM HARDY ALEXANDER.

THE LIBRARY.

Editor of THE VARSITY.

SIR,—It was with great interest and pleasure that I read the editorial on "Our Library" in your issue of Nov. 22nd. As far as my share in the management of the Library is concerned, suggestions for increasing its usefulness to students and tending to promote their convenience will always be welcome, and it is especially gratifying to find them, as in your editorial, coupled with kind appreciation of what has hitherto been attempted.

Taking up one by one the ideas that you bring forward, let us first consider the question of making known to readers the accessions to the library from time to time. Two or three years ago I made an effort to do this through the medium of THE VARSITY. I asked the Editor of that date if he would allow selected lists of new books to be published in THE VARSITY, and he assented. The first list was duly inserted, but the next two did not appear. I concluded that this was a polite way of saying "crowded out," and discontinued sending them. If the space required can now be spared I should be very glad to send monthly lists of new books for publication in THE VARSITY. If not, the method of affixing type-written lists to the notice-board in the hall will be adopted, but the greatly superior convenience of a printed list that can be taken away and read at leisure is obvious.

Your next suggestion, the admission of students to the stack-room, is by no means a simple question. Experienced librarians differ widely on this subject, and some years ago when information was procured as to the practice in some of the larger College libraries of this continent the opinions expressed were on the whole against such a step. To prevent misunderstanding I would point out that it is not the possible loss of a few volumes annually that forms the great objection to open access. The library contains few books of such value that they cannot be freely used, and the character of the readers for whom a University library has to provide precludes any danger of misuse or wanton defacement. I cannot take up your space with a full discussion of this important subject, but the following considerations will indicate the principles that have led to the retention of our present system. The first duty of the

library authorities to the students is to forward their studies and save their time as much as possible. The large majority of students read nothing but the texts and works of reference mentioned in the Calendar or recommended by the Professors. To make this limited number of books serve a large number of readers without loss of time or delay to any, the system of desk delivery is undoubtedly well fitted. It is so, because it puts trained service at the disposition of the readers, besides operating as a check upon monopolizing books in great demand. In addition to the great majority of students whose reading is limited by the requirements of the Calendar, there are the honor students of the higher years who are more or less engaged in special research, and there are the readers whose intellectual curiosity prompts them to range outside their work. The first class is already provided for by the arrangement admitting them to the shelves on recommendation of the professor in whose department they are conducting their special researches. The second class is not recognized at all; it is difficult to suggest any general measure of relief in their case, although they have my entire sympathy. I can only say that I am always ready to be of service to such students if they will apply to me individually.

As to the character of the periodicals taken in the library there appears to be some misunderstanding. Nineteenths of them are devoted to advanced research in their respective subjects, and of the remainder many are merely bibliographical. Few, I fear, would be at all interesting to any student. A full catalogue of periodical publications in the library was printed a year ago, and a copy of it is on the bibliographical shelf in the reading-room beside the annual indexes to periodicals. Its title is "A Joint Catalogue of Periodicals and Transactions of Societies to be Found in the Various Libraries of the City of Toronto." The arrangement is alphabetical, but it contains also an index of subjects to facilitate reference. As the very copiousness of the Joint Catalogue may be embarrassing to some readers, I would suggest that a list of the 250 or 300 periodicals currently received in the University library alone be printed in a future number of THE VARSITY, as a supplement or an extra page perhaps. The list would be too long for convenient reference in type-written form. The library would, I am sure, pay the cost of an edition of, say, 1000 extra copies of the list, to be distributed to students who are not subscribers to THE VARSITY. This would at least facilitate the enjoyment by the students of the library's stock of periodicals.

The only other points mentioned in your editorial are the complaint as to the telephone and the uselessness of the notice requesting silence. I was not previously aware of the disturbing effect of the telephone. Unfortunately the arrangement of the offices will not permit of the instrument being moved to a satisfactory distance from the reading-room, but I will have it enclosed so as to deaden the sound as much as possible. The notice "Silence is Requested" is intended for visitors as much as for readers. To show that no unworthy slur upon the undergraduate readers is intended I may mention that a similar card hangs in the periodical-room, and another in the stack-room. Such notices are commonly posted in public and other libraries, and while they do no harm, they may chance to do some good.

Having devoted considerable space to the suggestions made on behalf of students to the library authorities, I should like to make a suggestion of my own on behalf of the library officials to the students. The plan of signing or filing for books for the night was devised to prevent confusion and delay at the hour when the books are handed out to be taken away. If the file-slips are filled in at intervals during the day, the clerk can arrange them in

anticipation of the time when the books are called for, and the books can be given out promptly at the proper hour to the persons who are entitled to them. If, however, many readers wait until the hour for taking books out for the night before putting in their applications, confusion and delay are unavoidable, and it may sometimes happen that a book is by mistake given out to the student who has filed last instead of to the one who filed first. I hope therefore that the students will assist the clerk in carrying out this piece of work by filing for books early, if possible before three o'clock.

I have only to add my appreciation of the courtesy of THE VARSITY in allowing me to take up so much valuable space.

Yours truly,

H. H. LANGTON.

EDITOR VARSITY.

DEAR SIR: I wish to express to you my congratulations on the stand you are taking re the conduct of our University Library. I was for a long time one of the student clerks in the institution, and learned to know how valuable the library might be made, and of what little value it really is to the majority of college men and women. I had the freedom of the stack-room as a matter of course myself, and can say without hesitation that nothing in my University experience gave me greater pleasure, and, as I am now finding out more and more convincingly, nothing was to be of greater ultimate value to me. But as for those ninety and nine students who had not that privilege, I am compelled to say that beyond the use of the library for books on "the course," or keys, they had almost no benefit from it at all. The range of books taken out is limited to a ridiculously small number—consultation of the "order checks" for a week will abundantly prove this. I know how it was with myself before I gained the freedom of the institution. I hadn't any clear idea of what I did want other than the necessary books, and consequently was content with them. The reference catalogue yielded up additional volumes when I knew exactly the material I was looking for. But does anyone who loves books for themselves go into a library with a reading course in his hand? And how can you make book-lovers of men and women when you ask them to write down a string of volumes off-hand which will satisfy the vague longing for mental and spiritual pabulum at the moment stirring within them? If they do not get what they are seeking at the first asking, how many times will they worry the clerk in charge into seeking something else for them?

Now it is not generally known how small is the number of those who really would take advantage of the opening of the stack-room. We found few enough whose demands seemed to mark them as of that too-rare sort. But why should not the wholesome longing of even these few be encouraged. If an intruding mob is looked for in the event of the granting of the privilege, attach a deposit fee as a condition, and the numbers will be very considerably lessened. The system now governing the use of the seminaries should be easily enough applied to the main body of books.

It would be worth while hearing how these things are managed in other universities. Doubtless our fellows in Columbia, Harvard, Yale, California, etc., would be glad to furnish the information. In conclusion, I would suggest, and this neither as a piteous wail nor as cheap sarcasm, that any of our professors who may doubt the reality of the handicap laid on the genuine book-users and book-lovers of our student body, should for a month, or even a week, deny himself the use of the stack-room, and choose his reading merely through the suggestion of the reference catalogue, and the service of the clerks in charge. Even

with his past knowledge of what is to be had in our library—and not one *student* in a hundred knows what a goldmine it truly is—he will be able to form some idea of what a cramp and a restriction the present system needs must be. No one of us can very well doubt that the governing staff of our University wishes the student body to learn the love and use of books, but if any of our students has ever felt, on leaving College, that he got from the library the profit and pleasure he might have drawn from it under more liberal conditions, I should very much like to hear from him. Such students as I met throughout my course always seemed to regard the library as a sort of joke—if not taken so forbearingly, it was looked upon with a tantalised exasperation.

ARTHUR E. MCFARLANE, '98.

THE BANKERS' SCHOLARSHIP—A REPLY.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY.

As the principle upon which the Bankers' Scholarship is now awarded was taken exception to in last week's VARSITY, and as I fear it belongs to me "to have established the precedent" which has called forth the criticism, may I be allowed to say a few words on the subject?

The writer has correctly stated at the beginning of his article that the Bankers' Scholarship is open for competition among the successful students of the first year. Farther on, however, he remarks that he would make it obligatory upon all such competitors to take all the work for first year Political Science students. He evidently forgot for the moment that the Honor work of this course does not begin until the second year. All that he can possibly mean, therefore, is that Honor students of the first year should be debarred from competition for the benefit of the General Course.

It seems to me that the present plan is far from defeating the writer's alleged object of the scholarship. I can assure him that to the extent to which the work prescribed offers itself, it does encourage a desire "to investigate and study the principles of Economics." Surely the writer cannot possibly mean to imply that only those who intend to pursue the Political Science Course in the University have the sole monopoly of knowing anything about "The History and Theory of Banking." I think it may be safely said that if one is sufficiently interested to read two or three books on the subject, the object in awarding the scholarship has not been defeated. It might be suggested, if any change is made, that those be debarred who intend in any case to take up the subject of Economics.

Had the primary object been to compel those who might compete for the scholarship to enter upon the Honor Course in Political Science, the very simple solution might have offered itself of making it a competition for the third or fourth year.

Again, the writer says that "very often the writers for and winners of the scholarship are students who only study up the subject for the sake of writing for the scholarship." I may dare venture to say that no more laudable motive is to be found in the inmost recesses of the hearts of those who intend pursuing Political Science; and so far as the mysteries of Economics are concerned, the students who have taken Moderns or Mathematics in their first year are quite as capable of mastering the rudiments required for examination as those who have taken the General Course.

To me it is quite as reasonable to say that a student who is taking up the Honor Course of Mathematics should be debarred from any advantages which may be derived from that one branch of the Modern Languages, namely, English, because such a subject is not compulsory in this

department. It would be rather ridiculous, it seems to me, that before one would be able to compete for the Frederick Wyld Prize in English, he should have to make an affidavit that he intended to aspire to the Chair of Modern Languages in the University of Toronto. It might perhaps be wise to give a prize to encourage mathematical reasoning among the students of Political Science.

I may say, too, that although the competition is open for all students of the first year, there is only one reason why those who intend pursuing the subject of Economics should be debarred, namely, that of inferior knowledge of the subject for examination. The path to reform is easy. Let those who are so deeply interested in the subject that they intend to make an exhaustive study, see to it that they learn the rudiments sufficiently to be able to reach the required standard. It cannot, at least, be said that the present method is lowering the requirements of the Scholarship.

The fact that the winners of the Bankers' Scholarship for the past two years have been women has appeared to stir up a sort of righteous indignation in certain directions. I do not think that the writer of last week's article meant to express this; but one doesn't need to hunt with a lantern as long as Diogenes did, to find a man honest enough to express rather forcible sentiments on the subject. May I say in conclusion that perhaps co-education may be the necessary evil which is intended to stir the men to mightier deeds of valor than of yore.

Sincerely yours,

University College, Nov. 23rd.

A. C. MACDONALD.

THE COLLEGE GIRL

The Women's Literary Society met as usual in the Student's Union on Saturday evening with a fairly large attendance. After the minutes were read and adopted, our Honorary President, Miss Street, B.A., as representative of the Alumnae Association, announced the lecture to be given by Captain John Ross next Saturday, and incidentally pointed out a few of the motives for the existence of this society. Letters were then read from the Women's Literary Society of Victoria and the University Council. The former was in reply to an invitation extended by our Society to the women students of Victoria to hold a joint meeting and debate by the two societies. The Victoria girls regretted that they were unable to accept this invitation, owing to an Oration Contest which is in progress at their College. However, they expressed the hope that at a later date they would be able to complete arrangements, for a meeting which would certainly be beneficial to both societies. The other letter was in answer to the request of the Society for any old furniture from the late Residence which might be suitable for the reading-room at Varsity. Everyone must see the dreadful straits to which we have been reduced to have to resort to this last appeal, yet this modest request is denied, and once more we have to reconcile ourselves to the dreariness of our surroundings and humbly submit to the powers that be.

Miss Robertson, '01, then favored the audience with a sweet rendering of a favorite old Scotch song, which met with hearty applause. The programme was very interesting and unique and reflects credit on the originality and exertions of the Executive. The first part of the evening was devoted to Rudyard Kipling and his works, and was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. Miss Francis, '01, read an interesting article on Kipling's rise to fame and his

position among the world's writers. This was followed by a reading of some appropriate selections from his works by Miss Wilson, B.A., which called forth appreciative applause, especially the imitative rendering of "The Liner, She's a Lady." Miss Kate Westman sang Kipling's "Recessionai," which was heartily received and encored. This concluded the first part of the programme.

A violin solo by Miss K. Patterson was also much appreciated and was followed by an amusing little play, which ended a very enjoyable evening. The play was a farce of W. D. Howells' entitled "A Letter of Introduction." The dénouement hinges on the fact that the wrong letter is given to the hero, and hence arise many amusing incidents which elicited hearty bursts of laughter from all parts of the room. The girls who took part were Miss E. Preston, Miss M. Marshall, '02, Miss McAlpine, '03, Miss King, '02, Miss Ward, '01 and Miss Archer, '02. Much praise is due to them for the admirable way in which they contributed to the evening's enjoyment. The meeting broke up amid expressions of pleasure and satisfaction on all sides.

THE NEWS

CALENDAR.

- Thursday, November 30th, 4 p.m., Room 2.
Political Science Club.
- Friday, December 1st, 4 p.m., Room 4.
Students' Union, Mathematics and Physics Society.
- Friday, December 1st, 8 p.m.
Literary Society.
- Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 4 to 7 p.m., University College.
Sophomore Reception.
- Monday, Dec. 4th, 4.10 p.m., Chemical Amphitheatre.
"Russia" by Prof. Mavor.
- Tuesday, December 5th, 4 p.m., Room 2.
Classical Association.
- Friday, December 8th, 8 p.m., in Students' Union.
Public Mock Parliament.
- Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 8 p.m., Normal School Theatre.
Ladies' Glee Club Concert.

THE LIT.

At 7.30 a short meeting of the Lit. was held in the Students' Union. The general committee recommended that the date of the dinner be changed and that this function be held on Thursday, December 14th. This was approved. Mr. A.N.W. Clare was appointed to represent Varsity at the S. P. S. dinner and J. F. M. Stewart at the Athletic Dance.

OSGOODE—VARSITY DEBATE.

The second debate of the Intercollegiate series was held Friday night at Osgoode Hall. Mr. Theo. A. Hunt, B.A., president of the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society, occupied the chair. The judges were Mr. D. R. Wilkie, Rev. Mr. Warren and Prof. McKay. The attendance was small, although Varsity men turned out in considerable numbers and filled the gallery. The debaters were in reality all Varsity men, as Osgoode was represented by two prominent political science graduates, Mr. McNeece of the class of '97 and Mr. Harold Fisher of the class of '99. The subject debated upon was one which comes directly within the bounds of political science, therefore Varsity's debaters, one a philosopher, the other a naturalist, deserve considerable praise for holding as they did a most creditable second place. The subject was "Resolved that Governmental ownership of railways in Canada is more beneficial than our present system." Mr. McNeece, B.A.,

introduced the debate. He dwelt upon the advantages which had been reaped in Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Cape Colony by the Governmental ownership. He also condemned the discrimination which companies were wont to make use of against localities or persons. He showed that a railway was a monopoly and should be in the hands of the Government that the people at large might reap the benefit. Mr. G. A. Cornish made a strong speech on the negative. He showed that Governmental ownership possessed disadvantages which become null when the Government acted as supervisor. He also pointed out that many of the advantages which might result under a new system were already possessed by the supervisory system, and to a like extent. Mr. Harold Fisher held that Government ownership was not the same as Government management. This was replied to by Mr. A. H. McLeod, who held that the consideration of the one involved that of the other. He cited Belgium and Italy as countries which had favored the system of private companies. Mr. McNeece had five minutes to reply.

While the judges were deciding, Dr. Wickett and Dr. Smale made some very interesting remarks on the debating union and its work before the public.

Mr. D. R. Wilkie, after complimenting all the speakers, announced the decision of the judges in favor of the affirmative. Varsity, the only purely undergraduate college in the Union, won the championship last year and, we trust, may win it again in the near future.

MOCK PARLIAMENT.

The first public Mock Parliament, which is to be held in the Students' Union on December 8th, should prove one of the most interesting of the season's Literary Society's meetings. The speakers on the Government will be: A. N. Mitchell, (Premier); E. H. Cooper, (Finance); A. H. McLeod, (Agriculture); W. G. Wilson, (Marine and Fisheries); E. H. A. Watson, (Justice); R. A. Armstrong, (Railways and Canals); J. Little, (Militia); E. F. Burton, (Interior); R. J. Hamilton, (Public Works); F. E. Brophy, (Postmaster General). The opposition speakers will be: F. E. Brown, (Leader); J. F. M. Stewart, Chas. Garvey, Geo. Kay, E. J. Kylie, A. F. Aylesworth, A. W. Keith, A. I. Fisher, J. W. Cunningham and R. M. Millman. It is understood that the students will occupy members' seats behind the two bodies of speakers, while the students' friends will occupy the end of the hall and the running track.

POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB.

A very interesting lecture was delivered by Mr. J. S. Willison of the *Globe* before the Political Science Club on Thursday. Mr. Willison, possessing as he does, not only brilliant editorial qualities but also exceptional business talent, is eminently fitted to speak upon 'Journalism.' He spoke of peculiarities of Canadian 'journalism,' and of the growing necessity there was of men in editorial chairs who could interpret scientifically and correctly the trend of public thought. He showed the necessity there was of treating public affairs from a sound economic standpoint. The business of the journalist was to develop public opinion and to liberalize and energize the social and industrial forces. A vote of thanks, which was unanimously passed, was moved in a very happy and appropriate manner by Prof. Mavor who prefaced his motion by some interesting remarks on French and English journalism.

RECEPTIONS.

The Junior Reception Friday afternoon was a great success and reflects credit upon the committee. The Sophomore Reception is next Saturday, December 2nd, at 4 o'clock.

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CONCERNING OUR LIBRARY.

THE kind consideration with which our suggestions of last week have been met by our librarian, and the generous offer to co-operate in providing further advantages for the students, will undoubtedly meet with due appreciation from all students interested in our library. If Mr. Langton's letter contained nothing further than an intimation concerning the admittance of honor students to the stack-room and the arrangement by which one may become familiar with the periodicals, it would be valuable and helpful at this time. But besides this and the generous offers to overcome certain difficulties the letter is valuable in suggesting what seems to us to be a primary cause of the general lack of information regarding advantages now open to the students. We refer, of course, to the fact that since the student body is a transient one, there is every necessity for some permanent means of indicating library privileges and regulations. This of course is a simple matter but very important.

Now VARSITY has every desire to co-operate in the plans suggested concerning the publication of monthly lists of books received, but we should scarcely like to enter upon any definite arrangements which it might not be the will of a later Editor to carry out. The present Editor can, of course, only speak for his own term of office, and while he will gladly publish any lists up to the very limit of space, it would seem to be very desirable to have some permanent arrangement, such as is suggested, carried out. The Editor, too, has every sympathy with the generous offer concerning the publication of a list of the periodicals currently received, and with the consent of the management will gladly carry out the proposed scheme.

Concerning the question of the stack-room we would say that we recognized it as one of considerable difficulty, and there undoubtedly is, as our librarian says, considerable variety of opinion as to the judiciousness of having the stack-room open to students. There will, of course be many facts in this connection of which we have no knowledge, but on general principle it seems to us that a university library should, like other parts of a university, exert a *positive* influence. As a matter of fact a regrettably small number have strong desires to know books which cannot be seen to serve an immediate practical end. Our library provides advantages of which we were not hitherto aware, but if these can be arranged so as to exert a strong *educative* influence, its scope as a university factor, it seems to us, would be wonderfully increased. Evidence is given in another column of the great value

the handling of books has been to one open to the influence, and we could fill this paper with testimonials from men of impressive personality, who attribute their *awakening* to the realities of literature of all kinds in no small degree to some such influence. It might prove futile, but we should greatly like to see it *suggested* that honor students in the upper years spend, say, half an hour each month just in looking over the library shelves. Books, when once looked upon, leave an impression from which it is neither easy nor, as a rule, desirable to escape.

It only remains for us to draw the attention of the students to our librarian's timely suggestion concerning the filing for books and to express our thanks and appreciation of the trouble taken by the authorities to meet our difficulties. The Editor wishes also to thank those undergraduates who have interested themselves in this matter and written letters, but as our desires are so largely met and space so unusually taxed this week it was not thought necessary to publish more correspondence.

The Dining Hall Students will please take notice that the committee are unable as yet to take definite action in the matter of the Dining Hall.

The lists are not yet sufficiently signed, and as these are the only indications by which the committee can be guided, it would be well for every man who will do so to enter his name. The lists are open to medical and S.P.S. students.

NEWS ITEMS.

LECTURE BY CAPTAIN ROSS.

There will be a lecture on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 2nd, at 3 o'clock, in the chemical building, by Captain John Ross, retired officer of Her Majesty's Border Regiment. Captain Ross is especially capable of treating his theme, "The Boers and the War in South Africa," as he served in the Zulu War under Sir Evelyn Wood and General (then Colonel) Redvers Buller. He also served in the Transvaal for two years.

The lecture is given under the auspices of the Alumnae Association of University College. Tickets may be obtained from the Registrar or Tyrell's Book Store, as well as from Miss Salter and members of the Alumnae Executive Committee.

THIRD ANNUAL DINNER.

The faculty and undergraduate committees are already at work trying to make this function perhaps the most important of the year. Treats are in store for mind as well as for body, as invitations have been sent to men prominent in educational and political life. Music will be provided. The price of tickets has been fixed at \$1.75 for faculty and \$1.50 for undergraduates. Reunions do not come often in College life, and this one, in which both faculty and undergraduates participate, deserves the hearty support of *every* member of the student body. Dress suits are not necessary. The gallery has been reserved for ladies. The committee in charge consists of:—Chairman, J. J. Gibson; treasurer, Prof. Baker; secretary, E. H. Cooper.

LADIES' GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

The Ladies' Glee Club will hold their annual concert on Wednesday, December 13th, in the theatre of the Normal School. Tickets have been issued and may be had from any member of the club, Mrs. Agnes Knox Black, who is always a favorite with students, will give several recitations. The following ladies have kindly consented to act as patronesses: Miss Mowat, Mrs. G. W. Ross, Mrs. R. Harcourt, Mrs. Mulock, Mrs. Baker and Miss Salter.

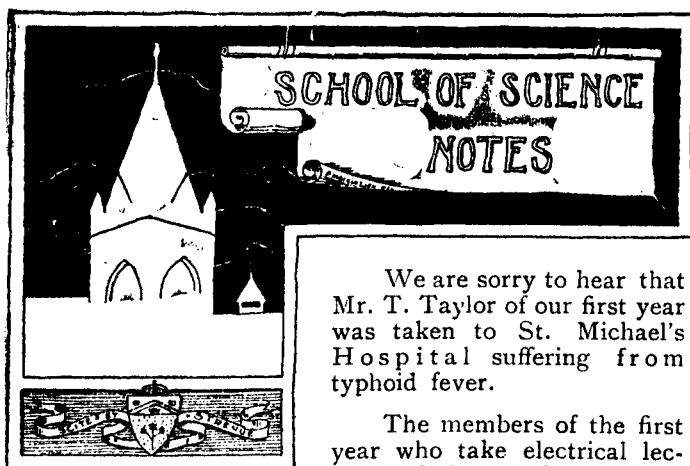
THE SPORTS

CALEDONIA CUP MATCH.

A large number of lovers of the "Great Game" assembled at the Athletic Field on Saturday to witness the battle royal between the College stars and the Western players among whom Association Football has been reduced to a science. Hard though he had striven, Jupiter Pluvius had been vanquished, and the incense of gratitude to Sol in his chariot of fire, went up from the expectant crowd for his victory. The Athletic grounds were in faultless shape, and there was nothing to prevent a fair and square fight to a finish between the opposing elevens. No team ever lined up representing the College League in better condition physically than that of Saturday, and their superiority in this respect was soon manifest over their opponents, who almost ere half time was called were fatigued by the hot pace set by the Collegians. Both sides of course were, theoretically at least, handicapped by never having played together before, but it seemed to make no material difference in the excellence of the play. The appearance of the student aggregation was rendered very pleasing by the fancy sweaters they wore, a feature due to the kindness of the champion S.P.S. eleven. It is useless to try to particularise as to the individual playing of the game; it was the team work that was so fair to look upon, and no man could be singled out more than his fellow for fine execution in the game.

Carswell was invincible at half, and he made probably less inaccurate plays than any man on the field. Blanchard at centre-half played not only a good game, but a very fancy one, and he certainly cut a very dashing figure at times. He delighted the spectators by getting in his usual "slice," to the great surprise of the Berlin forward, who was the victim of the stalwart medico. "Stoney" Jackson was the remaining half. He held down the great left wing from the West very effectively, his long experience helping him through many a difficulty.

The play of the forwards was entirely too much for the opposition defence, especially in the last half. "Doc." Jackson scored two goals, and made a name for himself thereby, while Zavitz, the other outside wing man, was loudly cheered for his fast combination and rushes. Cook played a careful and accurate game at full-back. Of the Westerners, Gibson at centre-half showed up in his old time form, and showed himself an adept in the brute force element of the game by laying out "Stoney" Jackson temporarily. The only other accident of the day was the injury Brown received in a scrimmage in front of goal. The unfortunate Berlinite had his nose broken, and was forced to quit the game. "Ab." Rudell at full-back did not play his usual star game. Rumor said his conscience was paining him too much. Staebler was probably the best man on the defence, and he played a desperate game against Sam Dickson and Zavitz. Bosenbury proved himself very speedy, as well as his partner Scheuer. The result was doubtful until half-time, when the Collegians assumed the aggressive to such an extent that the end was plainly visible to all the spectators. The game ended 3-1 in their favor, the Western Association men were inferior in condition, and were not in practice, as were the students, who stepped into the game fresh from two months' steady practice. Thus the Caledonian Cup comes once more to Toronto, and from the appearance of things in the College



We are sorry to hear that Mr. T. Taylor of our first year was taken to St. Michael's Hospital suffering from typhoid fever.

The members of the first year who take electrical lectures, feel grateful to Mr.

Chant of the university for his entertaining lecture on wireless telegraphy, on Friday of last week.

How about that "yeller dog," Albert?

Messrs. Guy, '99, and Foreman, '99, are engaged in the draughting rooms of the General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

Geo. H. Power is acting as Assistant County Engineer in Lanark County. He is losing no time in becoming acquainted with the belles of Smith's Falls.

Prof. Graham says he intends plucking all the first year students who do not go to the dinner. What he says goes.

S.P.S. DEFEAT PRIMARY MEDS.

On Monday afternoon the Primary Meds. met the School of Science in the first round of the Mulock Cup Series. The teams were very evenly matched, but S.P.S. had more men who knew the game than the Meds., and this was apparent at critical points in the play. Shortly after play began the School secured a try which was not converted. Then Snell, by some good running, brought the ball down into S.P.S. territory, but despite the efforts of the featherweight quarter, "Billy" Ross, the Meds. were unable to get the ball across the School line, and the half-time score was 4-0 for S.P.S.

In the second half the Meds. rushed matters from the start, and the ball hovered for some time about the School's quarter-way. By steady bucking, the Science men forced the play back to the half-line, and a couple of good runs by MacArthur and Macdonald brought the play within ten yards of the Meds.' goal. On a penalty, the ball was kicked over the Meds.' line, and the full-back, by attempting to return, allowed the School another try. This ended the scoring, for the goal was not kicked, and although Grey and Wright did yeoman service on the half-line, and "Shiner" Ansley was always through on the wing, their efforts were of no avail, and they retired with the score 8-0 against them.

Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

Dr. Ottley's address to the Students on Sunday last was listened to by a good contingent from 'Varsity and proved instructive and helpful.

Here is what we will discuss on Thursday evening at 5 p. m. The College man out of College in relation to himself, to his associates, and to the nation. Drop round and hear us.

Have you seen that new membership card? Get one of them. All members who have paid their fees have one.

The Mission Study Class and Volunteer band meets this week on Friday evening. Note the change.

League, and from the way Association Football is booming, bids fair to remain there for a year or two at least. The teams were:—COLLEGES,—goal, McGillivray; backs, Campbell, Cook; halves, Carswell, Blanchard, Jackson, [Capt.]; left wing, Zavitz, Dickson; centre, Gibson; right wing, McIntosh, Jackson.

WEST,—goal, Brown; backs, Rudell, Gerry; halves, Staebler, Gibson, Bowman; forwards, Kramer, Wilson, Boehmer, Scheuer, Bosenbury. Referee, Crawford.

THE CHAMPIONS BEAT THE FRESHMEN.

The second game of the Mulock Cup series took place last Friday between '02 and the Freshmen. Last year's champions, although they were without Darling and the redoubtable Hills, proved themselves to be still very strong and more than a match for '03. Mackenzie's long kicks were terrific ground-gainers and one of these followed by a little line-bucking by Percy Biggs usually resulted in a score. In this way the Sophomores secured four tries in the first half, two of which were converted, and one rouge, making a total of twenty-one points, while the freshmen failed to score.

In the second half, the freshmen decided to show the sophomores how the game should be played, and they succeeded tolerably well. P. Biggs came on as inside wing, and braced the scrimmage in such a way that Fleck had a chance to get the ball back to his halves. G. Biggs made a couple of brilliant runs, and Fudger, showing no remorse at playing against his old companions, bucked and kicked in beautiful style. When time was almost up, Wilkie got over for a try, and the freshmen supporters, wild with glee, declared they would win out, but Mackenzie, Mullin and Biggs were so much in evidence, that this proved to be the freshmen's only score. '02 (21), '03 (4).

To the Editor of VARSITY:—

The suggestion in the Editorial of last week's issue of VARSITY, with reference to the admission by ticket of students to the stack-room of the University Library, seems to me intensely practical and timely. The aim of our University training should surely be thorough equipment for whatever line of work we desire to follow. Not equipment in the sense that in the four years spent at Varsity we draw from the sources of learning sufficient material to keep us busy distributing during the remainder of our days; but equipment in the sense of placing us in the position of being able effectively to concentrate our energies along a certain chosen course. Our Library should prove itself a potent factor in the realization of this end. In the different honor branches of study, owing to necessary limitations, we have only time to get a smattering knowledge of the literature bearing on our subject, and owing to unnecessary limitations we are not permitted to get any adequate conception of the amount of literature which would prove of real value did we but know of its availability. Studious habits should not end with University life, but should grow and broaden in growth, after leaving our Alma Mater. If while in college we had access to the book-shelves in our Library, although we might do no more than gain a knowledge of the names and authors of many of the books relating to our own and other branches of study, yet, with this much information, which cannot be gained from a cursory glance through a dry catalogue, we would be inestimably facilitated if desirous of prosecuting post-graduate study. The present system is anything but conducive to this end, and the suggestion of last week's VARSITY seems to me a step in the right direction.

Yours sincerely,

R. S. LAIDLAW, '00.

WOMEN'S RESIDENCE.

THE Women's Residence Association is working actively for the Residence which each year seems to be more necessary. The one difficulty is always the lack of funds. At a meeting held the other day a new scheme for raising these was suggested. The money received from the Saturday lectures after Christmas will again go to the Residence Fund. The subjects for the lectures have not yet been definitely decided, we believe, but will be more interesting than those of last year. The lectures should be well patronized both for their own sake and that of the Residence.

The Residence seems more a possibility in another way. At the same meeting of the Association plans for the building were examined. The suggestion is to build a wing to accommodate about fifty women students, another wing could be built later on, and as the need for accommodation increased the last two wings might be joined by a third. A gymnasium is another necessity, I was going to say, but we have struggled on so long now in uncomfortable boarding houses, that nothing seems to be a necessity. One of the plans showed the probable situation of the wings of the Residence and the gymnasium on the piece of land set aside for us by the Board of Trustees in 1892. The Residence would face on Czar Street with the gymnasium and recreation grounds behind.

Another plan was that of each wing. These would be two stories high with a corridor stretching the length of the building on each floor, off this on the ground floor the matron's room and dining room with kitchen adjoining and a few of the bedrooms and studies. The greater number of bedrooms and studies would, of course, be on the next flat. It all seemed very cosy and attractive, and one longs for the day when we shall really be settled in some such happy home.

LATER ITEMS.

THE RUGBY DANCE.

Those who attended the Athletic Dance last evening in the gymnasium certainly enjoyed themselves. The building had been tastefully decorated. The music was much enjoyed and the program though ample was all too short. "Rugby" has been made by the committee a dance second to none.

CHESS.

A meeting of the Toronto Chess League was held at the Athenæum Club Saturday night, when this schedule was drawn up:—December 9th, Varsity at Athenæum; December 28th, Athenæum at Y.M.C.A.; January 13th, Y.M.C.A. at Varsity; January 27th, Athenæum at Varsity; February 13th, Varsity at Y.M.C.A.; February 24th, Y.M.C.A. at Athenæum. Varsity will choose its team at once. Special practice will be arranged.

PROF. MAVOR ON "RUSSIA."

Every student should attend Prof. Mavor's lecture on Russia (with lime-light views) in the chemical amphitheatre on Monday, December 4th, at 4.10 o'clock.

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ABOUT PEOPLE.

The president of '02 took a car to see the elevator blaze. He is said to have had a "hot time."

The name of Miss M. Smith was inadvertently omitted from the list in the O.N.C. Notes, by their correspondent, last week.

An idea of the amount of editorial work involved in the publication of a magazine is gained by the knowledge that the regular staff of editors of *The Ladies' Home Journal* numbers twenty-six men and women. These do not include the scores of special contributors.

The other day the president of the Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., was present at a rehearsal of a student play. He was so much impressed with the gusto with which the osculatory parts were rehearsed, that he left the hall precipitately and subsequently issued a proclamation prohibiting kissing in all plays in which the men and women undergraduates appear together.

To write a personal that is not a personal is well nigh impossible. Items "about people" are generally interpreted to be "at" people (so self-conscious is the age). Your "locals" editor, to avoid giving offence would

prefer to write obituaries, but this would make a "dead" column. Graveyard adulations are after all the most satisfactory. If the editor tells a stern truth about anyone he will likely be challenged to a duel, which is against the law and his own inclination. If he tell other than the truth then he says what is not so, which you and I gentle reader, cannot abide. These are a few of this editor's perplexing difficulties. The reader's sympathy is solicited.

There is a very timely proposal that the first year in Medicine should go out to the Transvaal to doctor the Boers, as it is believed these will cause more death than the British soldiery.

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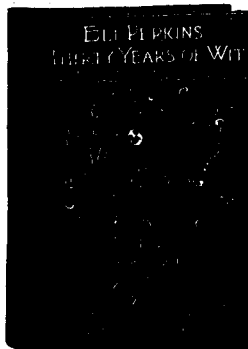


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The members of '01 can be recognized these days by the countenance of care caused by a history essay which covers two centuries.

The Glee Club will make a tour the first week before Xmas. The places they will visit are: Brantford, Guelph, Woodstock, Galt, Berlin. The boys are attending practices well, and good work is being done under Instructor Sherlock.

The reception of '01 was very successful in every particular and reflects great credit on the committees who had the arrangements on hand. However, there is the other side, as the committees are painfully aware, there is a slight deficit.

Mr. E. H. Cooper, '00, desires it to be known that he was not the writer of the letter "A Point of Etiquette"

which appeared in last week's VARSITY signed E. M. C. Doubtless the similarity of the initials led to the impression which seems to have got abroad. For the benefit of all concerned we might say that the writer of the letter referred to is not an undergraduate.

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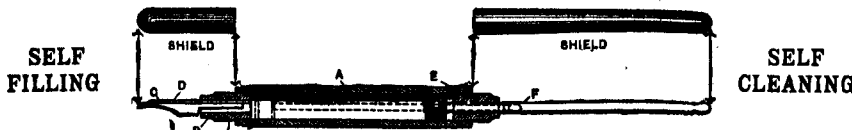
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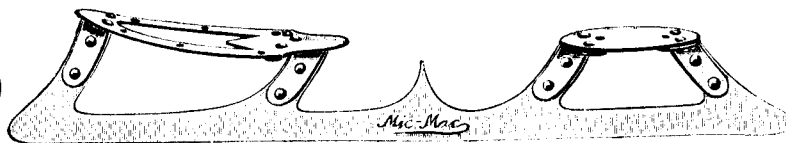
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