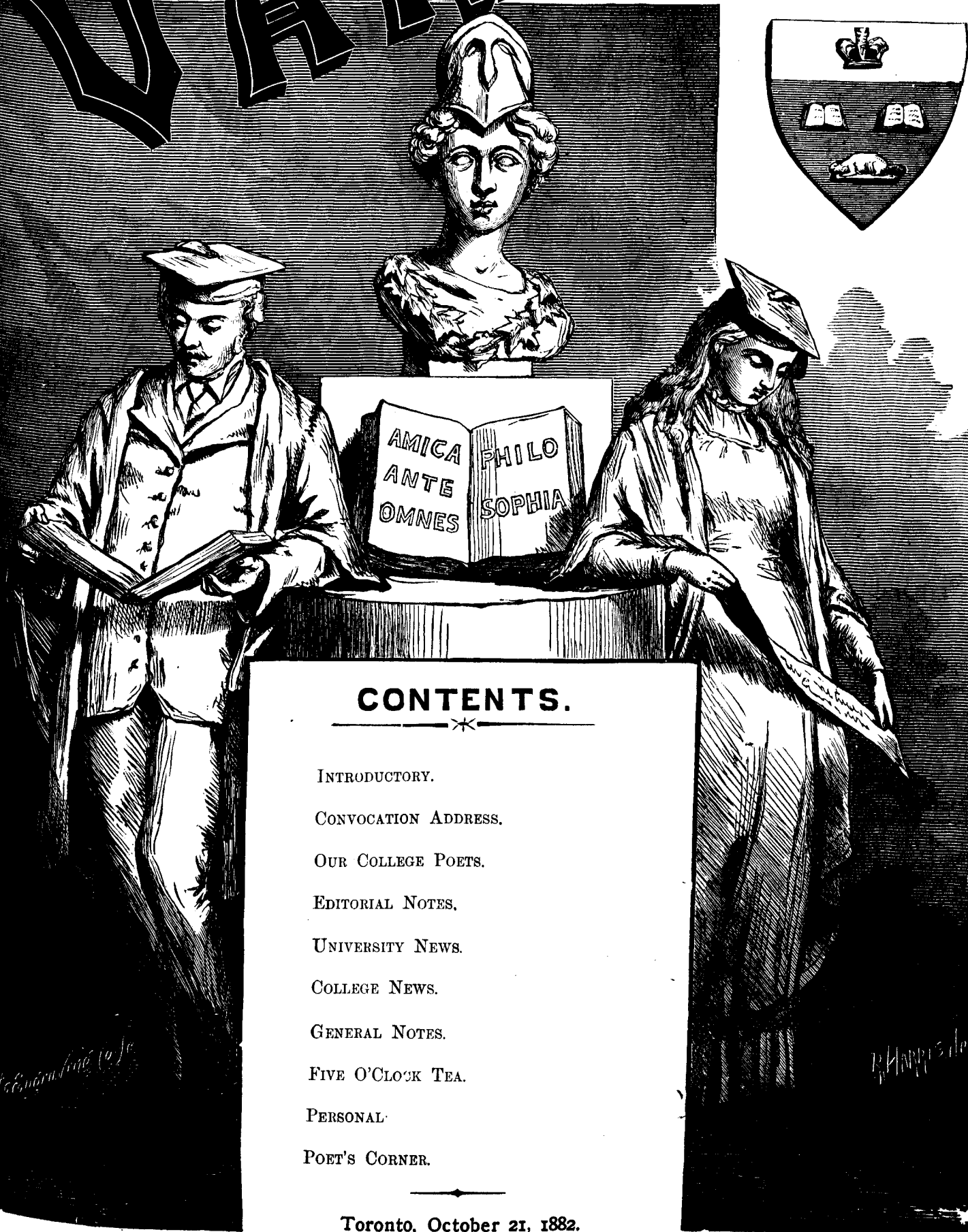


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INTRODUCTORY.

THE ' VARSITY commences with this issue its third year of publication. Through the storms and sunshine of two seasons it has steadily made its way. At first, slighted, sneered at, and even actively opposed, many of its friends were almost faint-hearted, but its energetic promoters stood at their post, never losing that patient courage which inevitably leads to success. Finally brighter days began to dawn—experience brought its lessons—and to-day a new corps of energetic workers has undertaken the pleasant labor of carrying still further in the career of victory the standard handed to them by their predecessors. They ask from their courteous readers that fair, candid and impartial criticism which it is their intention to bring to bear on all questions submitted to them or which present themselves during the coming months.

THE present juncture is one of great importance in University affairs. The lax management of earlier years, the mistaken policy of later years, the indifference, we might almost say the ingratitude, of the sons of so noble a University have contributed towards reducing the income of that University in a very serious degree. We believe that the time has come to agitate this question. We believe that our people are beginning to appreciate the true state of the case, and we hope, by presenting to them a faithful relation of our hopes, wants and aspirations as University men, to enlist in the cause of the University of Toronto not merely the too torpid sympathies of her own graduates, but also the active and intelligent aid of the large mass of our wealthier men who desire their country to be something more than one huge money-getting and money-spending machine.

WE have said the intelligent assistance. The time has gone by when a mysterious assumption of superiority to the common run of mankind will be tolerated. We claim that there is enough public spirit in our community to appreciate sufficiently the advantages of having such an institution as the University of Toronto in the highest possible state of efficiency. Practical men will naturally prefer assisting the more practical departments which furnish to their minds the more present and ready helps towards material success in life. Such assistance should by no means be repelled, but rather courted. At the same time, we should urge the claims of something higher in its character and aim than mere material advancement. We should be ready to put forward as the chief object of our scholastic training the creation of a succession of scholars with refined tastes, with love of country, with a contempt of wrong, and a love of truth and right.

IDENTIFIED with the University of Toronto by tradition, by their history, by ordinary public opinion, stands University College. Its past is associated in the minds of many of us with hallowed memories—its present history is being written from day to day. If true to its antecedents, a noble future lies before it. The many

rills of college life which flow into the one common fountain from whence proceeds that stream of history, should flow with clear course. The incidents of college life furnish a keen edge of amusement and interest. Those who take part in those incidents draw a fresh enjoyment from them which it is impossible to adequately describe. We shall endeavor to give ample space for a satisfactory chronicle of all the doings of college men—any fair grumbling will always be patiently listened to—our complaint book will always be open—and an impartial investigation made of all causes of complaint; if exaggerated, we shall not hesitate to say that we think such is the case; if well founded, we hope to have the courage to denounce the evil complained of.

THE various college societies, clubs, meetings, shall all have space in our columns for a record of their sayings and doings; bores may expect criticism; unreasonable opposition to beneficial schemes may expect reproof; long-winded speeches, tedious essays, nasal readings will perhaps be touched upon with light hand. If then, in our path as an impartial channel for criticism and accurate record of our college history, we may find it necessary to blame instead of praise, we hope the invidious task will not be considered as pleasant to ourselves, and we shall be glad if the unpleasing comments are not imputed to us but to "zeal for the service."

WE shall thus attempt to fulfil the functions of an organ voicing the feelings of the graduates of the University on University matters, and at the same time giving due prominence to those descriptions of college life so dear to the undergraduate heart. If we find the one body as inert as they have hitherto been, we shall insert our spur; if we find the other body too active, we may apply the bit (metaphorically). We expect to meet with far more to praise than to blame, and we are painfully conscious that both from graduates and undergraduates we shall have to ask for much indulgence for our own shortcomings, an indulgence which we have no doubt will be freely given, just as we ourselves will be "to their failings ever kind."

OUTSIDE of University and College matters lies a wide domain. There are other colleges—some friendly, some would-be rivals, some jealous, some nondescript. We have the educational system of the Province, of which we claim to be the apex—the topmost stone. Has not there been an attempt to deny *Marmion*—immortal, not immoral—to us? There are our sister medical establishments. Are we forever to have no Law School? Do not all sorts of examining bodies adopt our Matriculation Examinations? Are not scores of our masters and teachers University men? Is not Upper Canada College a nursery for University College? All these topics which come under the *genus* educational subject, will form the material for many a piquant *olla podrida* of news, criticism, discussion.

WHAT will our readers say to reviews of the more interesting books, new editions of the classics, new translations of foreign plays, histories, travels, polemics about unhappy Kant—all have a claim on our attention. Shall our Muse be silent? Have we not limpid skies, sombre forests, gloomy dells, sparkling streams, beautiful faces, bright eyes to move our poetic imaginations? Shall none of these have a place in our columns? Yes! the "Poet's Corner" is the most hallowed spot of that ancient shrine of the English race consecrated to the valor, the genius and the might of England. Shall we not follow so glorious an example? If we move any of our more impressionable readers to the task of committing their soul's emotion to blank or other verse, they may be sure of a kindly reception, to be followed by a niche in our Poet's Corner, which we hereby duly establish and consecrate.

SUCH are our plans; we lay them before you, relying on that generous sympathy which University men all the world over give to the efforts of brother University men, however humble and imperfect they may be.

CONVOCATION ADDRESS.

We congratulate DR. WILSON on the able and effective address delivered by him in the Convocation Hall, on Friday last. The occasion was one of importance in the history of the College. It was the first time of which we are aware when the public were frankly and officially told of the urgent need there is for their assistance. For years there has been a secretive policy on this point. The gentlemen who were so obnoxious to Hamlet—those who

'With arms encumber'd thus, or thus head shake,
Or by pronouncing of some doubtful phrase,
As "Well, we know;"—or "We could, an if we would;"—
Or, "If we list to speak;"—or, "There be, and if there might;"—
Or such ambiguous giving out,'

expressed any opinion at all about how financial matters were going at the College, never had the courage to tell all they knew or suspected. The consequence was that anything they did say was disbelieved. The common opinion was that the College or University was a very wealthy place, and to this day it is difficult to impress outsiders with any other idea. There is not much doubt about it that both University and College should have been wealthy. Originally, there was a magnificent endowment, but shameful carelessness and waste frittered most of it away. While it was dwindling there may have been some reason for hiding the fact; and when it had gone, possibly a fear of unpleasant criticism may have caused a continuance of the same secretive policy. It was a piece of impertinence even for a graduate to request information, and for an outsider a high crime and misdemeanor. But people get the government they deserve; and as this state of things was submitted to when it might have been stopped, it is too late for useless recrimination, more especially as the friends of the College and University are beginning to wake up to the fact that it is high time to do something if both institutions are to be kept abreast of the progress of the country. An official statement of the true state of the case is therefore welcome, and DR. WILSON'S remarks on the difficulties the College has to contend with deserve serious attention. He thus alludes specially to this subject:

'But some reference to the past is unavoidable now, because this question of a possible division of the University endowment, coupled with the extravagant estimate of its fancied amount, has, I believe, thus far prevented University College from sharing in the liberality of the patrons of higher education, notwithstanding the rank which it has now won for itself among the educational institutions of this continent. The whole income derived from the permanent endowment, on which both the University and College depend, according to the report laid before Parliament by the Minister of Education during the present year, amounts to \$64,000. According to the report of the bursar of Harvard College for the same year,

its income, exclusive of the Divinity and Medical Schools, was \$285,332, and its total income available for all the purposes of the University and College was \$726,380.

When, moreover, it is borne in remembrance that before the College claims are met out of the moderate sum already named there has to be deducted the entire costs of the bursar's office, and all University expenditure on officers, examiners, scholarships, prizes, and other charges in all the faculties—the whole of which are for benefits shared in by all affiliated colleges—there should be little need to enforce the fact hitherto so entirely misconceived, alike by Canadian statesmen and the friends of higher education, that our endowment—noble as it is, and most creditable to our young country—falls utterly short of what will be needed if this college is to be adequately equipped to meet the just demands of this Province, and place the Canadian aspirant for learning and true scholarship on an equality with the young men of other favored lands.'

These sentences contain in few words the plain statement of the facts. It is not creditable to us in the Province of Ontario that they should be so. But we cannot insist too strongly on the point that the College has been itself greatly to blame. No attempt has ever yet been made on any system to remedy such a state of things. The authorities have been reticent, the supreme heads indifferent, and any proffered assistance in the way of counsel or sympathy by graduates, to say the least, not warmly received. But we believe that DR. WILSON has now struck the right chord. It will reverberate through the length and breadth of the

Province. Our people are justly proud of their educational system. They grumble sometimes at the taxes, and a complaint of too much education is now and again heard; but the general good sense of the people at large does not allow them to take up the cry, and they are properly pleased when they hear how complete and efficient our system is. They know, moreover, that to complete that system a national degree-conferring body and a national college are absolute necessities. They know that such institutions require large means to keep them afloat. They knew generally that there was an immense endowment, and they fancied that the National University and College were correspondingly wealthy. Now they will know the truth, and their sense of national pride, on hearing how insignificant are really our means compared with what they ought to be, will, if properly appealed to, respond with a contribution from the national wealth amply sufficient to satisfy the wants complained of. If DR. WILSON has the good sense and the courage to continue to act on the line he has taken up, he will be enrolled in the annals of the College as one of its greatest benefactors. But he will need both courage and patience. He will have to bear with indifference in high places—to find, possibly, some of his most cherished ideas thwarted; but he may be assured that if he throws himself with no *arrière pensée* upon the sympathy, encouragement and assistance of his own men, he will be zealously aided to the last. He has commenced a struggle in which one of his greatest foes will be the apathy of many of those who should sustain him, but he will have the true co-operation, if he is wise enough to avail himself of it, of many more who only wait for an authoritative expression of a wish for assistance to be up and doing.

We have selected this feature of DR. WILSON'S speech, as it has seemed to us the most salient of the characteristics which marked it. In many respects the address was worthy of commemoration, but it was most worthy as the trumpet call to the sons of University College to rally to the support of their revered alma mater. What shall be their response? For ourselves, our view of our duty is plain. We have the field of Convocation in which we can at all events express our views. Let us there meet and resolve that not one more session shall pass over our heads—certainly not one more election—before the question of a satisfactory further endowment of the University of Toronto and of University College be presented to the people of this Province. We are not afraid of their reply. If we do our duty they will do theirs.

OUR COLLEGE POETS.

Once upon a time in an English university, a youthful poet recited a prize poem on 'Iona.' He was fervid and eloquent, and as he apostrophized St. Columba's hermitage as

'Thou silent cloister of the western sea,'

it seemed possible that he might awe his audience into reverence. For a moment 'there was silence in heaven'—among the gods; unfortunately, that very moment was seized upon by an undergraduate, apparently hard of hearing, as opportune for a question. Leaning forward, in an anxious and distinct voice he asked, 'Oyster, did you say?' The revulsion of feeling in the breast of the sensitive poet can only be imagined. The thought is too painful to dwell on.

It is a matter of much congratulation that no such tragedy spoilt the prize poem read in Convocation Hall a few days ago. It was listened to with the respectful silence which all such occasions demand, and which, in University College, they have always, we are proud to think, received.

At the present time, however, the poem deserves additional consideration at our hands, because it brings us the welcome news that the undergraduate muse no longer scorns prize poems as of old. Why she should ever have done so, it is not easy to say. It is certainly not enough to assert that poems are never written to order, and that prize poems, therefore, like the Laureate's official odes, are necessarily failures. It is not always so. The late Professor Conington had considerable poetic power, yet he condescended to win the Newdigate prize in Oxford; the late Mr. Keble was a greater poet, yet he too was a Newdigate prizeman. Nay—to pass to a much smaller man—a certain young gentleman who was lately lecturing in this country—we know his name, as Herodotus would say, but willingly forget it—published the other day a book of poems, which, though disfigured in passage by an execrable want of taste, displayed elsewhere much artistic finish; and he too is a Newdigate prizeman. It is possible then that the author of a prize poem may, in the fulness of time, ripen into a poet. We will add that our prize poem had at least this mark of poetry about it, which the poem of the last mentioned Oxford poet had not. It was free from egotism; it contained absolutely no reference to 'the young poet's wreath,' and did not even remotely suggest a modest comparison between its author and a certain mediæval poet named Dante.

The congratulations which we offer to the author of 'Quebec' are the more sincere, because we are mourning the loss of our greatest poet, of him who sang of the country girl by the riverside,

'Coming through the fragrant lane
Underneath the swaying trees.'

It would be empty flattery of course to compare 'Quebec' with 'The Song at Evening by the Stream.' The latter is a poem of which any college might be proud; generations may roll away before any one amongst us matches it. The delicate refinement, the exquisite taste which it breathes are generally beyond the reach of the young. It is instinct with a nameless grace, with a subtle fragrance belonging only to real poetry. It touches the imagination with a picture of the fairest things on earth—of river-reaches, of graceful girlhood, of summer days. We can ill spare so charming a writer, but at least it is some consolation to know that the sound of singing has not wholly died away with him.

Next year we trust some classic luminary will follow suit with a poem in Latin elegiacs. It is a mistake to suppose that Latin verses are produced only by constant and mechanical practice. Like everything else in the world worth doing, they require emotion rather than a technical skill. A fine English poem can be rendered into Latin because it is inspiring, Walt Whitman or Martin Tupper cannot. We wonder why Tennyson's 'Nariana' did not inspire any of that race of giants, the present Fourth Year.

To return to 'Quebec.' We are inclined to think the best stanzas are the third and last:

Nor nature's beauty falls alone to thee;
To thee another beauty doth belong;
With thee hath dwelt the muse of history,
Thy past is present by the right of song.

A flag waves from thy lofty battle crag,
The flag of England floating o'er the free;
The day may come when floats another flag—
Flag of the nation that is yet to be.

It was inevitable that the closing words should provoke a

mild protest from a man of imagination and taste like the President. No one who is at once historian and artist can desire to see Canada cut away from its connections with the land which links it to the past, which gives it color and character, which casts over its crudeness and newness the mellow tints of antiquity. A man with no past misses something in the present; a nation with no past is in the same plight. Else why do Americans stream into England every summer to gaze at her old houses, and gray churches, and dreamy villages, and so gazing to awaken to glimpses of an unsuspected beauty, not to be created by a wilderness of dollars—the beauty of age.

However, the aspiration for Independence is, at least, not unnatural or dishonorable, and instead of carping at it, we prefer to congratulate our poet, because he has not turned his pen to more ignoble use, and hymned the praises of annexation. It would be strange indeed if the same poem which sung of Wolfe—the soldier who aspired to be a poet—should have ended in a panegyric of a nation, in which persons of the stamp of General Grant are the most conspicuous figures. Not that the nation is not a theme for song, but the singer should seek his inspiration from the Muse of Comedy. Under her guidance what might he not sing? He might tell of the purity of their public life, of the noble thirst of their members of Congress, of the bills which they sent in for spirituous liquors consumed at their leaders' funeral, for flowers cast upon his coffin. Or the serenity of their firesides might fire his tongue, and he would recount with pride how in the facilities for bills of divorce, and the hardness of their hearts, they had 'whipped' the Israelites of old; in passing he would glance also at the superior calibre of their children, at the extinction among them of such old-world follies as childishness, simplicity and obedience. Or, winging a higher flight, he might aspire to paint (a second time) their beautiful women, and tell with what heat of stoves and furnaces, with what feasts of iced-water and candy, with what appliances of saratoga-waves and horsehair, they have succeeded in diminishing their stature, in coloring their faces to the fashionable shade of yellow-green, and in removing the last lingering signs of nature's grace. Finally, after tracing some of the triumphs of which life is capable in such a land, he might not inaptly revert to the inspiring scenes which attend its close; and now would the supreme efforts of the panting muse be invoked to show in what a wealth of crape the widow hides her sorrows from the world, like a Pharisee with an enlarged phylactery at a street corner; and last of all, in what a sumptuous resting place, as high as the highest dog kennel, and not less elegant in structure, she deposits the costly 'casket' of the departed; and so ending his poem, might he not call it the apotheosis of a people without taste.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

At the annual meeting of the 'Varsity Printing and Publishing Company, held at Moss Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 17th instant, the following officers of the company were elected to hold office for the ensuing year: President, R. E. Kingsford, M.A., L.L.B.; Vice-President, W. F. Creelman, B.A.; Editor-in-Chief, F. C. Wade, B.A.; Business Manager, G. F. Cane; Secretary, J. McKay; Treasurer, A. H. Campbell. Directors—Fourth Year, H. H. Langton, H. H. Dewart; Third Year, J. McG. Young, J. H. Bowes; Second Year, W. J. Armitage, H. E. Irwin; First Year, A. D. Crooks, G. A. Cameron. Immediately after the meeting of shareholders, the first Directors' meeting was held and routine business transacted.

For four months the clank of the scissors has been hushed; the paste in the pot has become dry, cracked and blue-moldy. But another academic year is added to the annals, and with it returns the convulsive straddle of the scissors, the wielding of the paste brush. In accepting the panoply of editorship and management of the 'Varsity from the former editors and managers, we feel like shrivelled peas in a large pod—insignificant in the imposing grandeur of the editorial chair. Like Diogenes, we carry our habitation—the chair—around with us, as the sanctum sanctorum is as yet *in transitu*, and the path of its orbit undetermined. In passing, however, we take it upon ourselves to express to G. G. S. Lindsey, G. S. Macdonald, A. F. Lobb, W. F. W. Creelman

and D. Armour the feeling of gratitude which both graduates and undergraduates entertain towards them, and which they so well deserve for the vigorous and able way in which they not only launched the 'VARSITY upon the sea of college journalism, but sailed it prosperously for two years, through all weathers.

THE appointment of a salaried steward for Residence singles out this year for a red letter. In the Residence archives the record of the event should be written in illuminated text and decorated with hieroglyphics of joy. That the duty of catering to the Residence tables should have been farmed out to the lowest tender like the getting out of ties for a railroad, or furnishing so much raw meat daily for a zoological collection, was a scandalous piece of mismanagement. The arrangement was unfair to the steward and residents alike. He had to look for his remuneration in the difference between the cost of provisioning and his tendered contract price, and the more frugal the dishes set before the residents the better for his money bags. We do not say that the late steward, like the man 'i' th' fable, reduced us to one straw a day. The colossal supplies of carrots and turnips, as well as the usual contingent of radishes of mangel-wurzel proportions that graced the board last winter, we can attribute to his vegetarian convictions. But however pure and spotless a steward might be, and even conscientious in the discharge of his duties, the mere fact that his gains could be increased only by trenching on the sumptuousness of the Residence spread, was enough to render students suspicious and the steward unpopular. The new steward stands behind his tea pots and coffee urns serenely complacent, where the old steward advanced in fearful apprehension of a 'zulu' or cataract of buns. All residence men will thank the present Dean for shouldering the responsibility of the new system in the face of many knowing head-shakes and predictions of collapse. By so doing, he has removed what was the most disagreeable part of Residence life.

WHILE speaking of the Residence dining hall, there is another thing to be noticed. The tables of the different years are not like Prince Arthur's round table, but oblong, with a head and a foot. The qualifications entitling a man to the chair of honor at the head of the table ought to be exactly determined. If superior scholarship, as shown by standing in the class lists, is the passport, that should be known; if the 'oldest residenter' has priority of claim, let it be so understood. At present, it is said that neither of these rules is strictly enforced. Residence men should be the last to see the privileges of any of their number usurped.

SINCE the establishment of the Student's Union here a similar co-operative movement has spread over many of the colleges of the United States. Harvard set the ball moving over the line, and it has already rolled across the continent to the University of California. Experience has shown but one practical difficulty in the scheme of the 'Union' here; it has been successful in every other respect. The trouble arises solely from the slowness of the ordering system. Men will rather pay twenty per cent. more for a book than await its arrival from the United States or England. The only thing required to make the Union a thorough success is that a stock of books be kept on hand. Our agent, with his small profits, cannot afford to stock his shelves as a bookseller would. He must know as nearly as possible what the demand will be—no more, no less. He can then order advance stock sufficient to satisfy that demand. As a practical solution, it was suggested at the late mass meeting that the delegates of the different student fraternities be instructed to ascertain and furnish Mr. Smith with a list of the books likely to be in demand at their respective colleges. A motion was made by Mr. Wrong, embodying the suggestion, put to the meeting, and carried. It now remains for the delegates to do their work. It is to be hoped that the undergraduates of our University will be vigorous, and not listlessly allow the 'Union' to collapse about their ears.

FIRST, the pigmy efforts of those pioneers of music, the College Glee Club, then a brilliant series of organ recitals, then a performance of "Antigone" that has crowned our University with

everlasting laurels, Truly a very flood of light and melody seems to have broken in upon our cloistered life, and "rattled the bones" of the gownsmen with great musical effect. The curtain first lifted before the Glee Club only to give vent to a guerilla warfare of song. The gleemen looked serious, and so did the audience, for they felt as one feels who has a bad pain. Some possessed the vocal resource of a steam Calliope, others the sigh of evening, and yet others a wheezy, sandy escape. Some sang with the flatness and thinness of a tack-hammer stroke, and others boomed with the volume of bassoons. Inequalities, however, have since been smoothed away, and under Mr. Torrington's master management, such progress has been made that the club were able last winter to sing Mendelssohn's choruses to the "Antigone" so as to elicit the universal approval of the public and the press.

DURING the Saturday afternoons of next month, under the patronage of the University, there will be placed before the Toronto people, in Convocation Hall, a rare combination of the theory and practice of music in all its loftiest flights. Arrangements have been made with Mr. Waugh Lauder to deliver two lecture matinees on the science and history of music, and as many matinee concerts, where the science will be applied most agreeably. There are many reasons why the University should give every encouragement to music. As the seat of high attainments in scholarship, and of the refined and cultured tastes that education fosters and begets, she should take a deep interest in all the polite arts. We say 'should' in all reverence to our alma mater, without presuming 'to bring up our parents.' There are special reasons, too, why every facility should be given Mr. Lauder. He is a Canadian, he is one of ourselves; he has visited all musicians in 'high places,' devoted himself body and soul to his work, and returned with ripe scholarship for the approval of his countrymen. He has a knowledge of music that not one among ten thousand Canadians will ever attain, and in sanctioning the matinees in Convocation Hall, the University has conferred a boon on College men and Toronto as well. We are pleased to notice Mr. H. M. Field prominent among the pianists. The list of pianistes is excellent.

IN Kansas University a Social Science Club has been formed with the object of discussing questions of interest more thoroughly than is possible in a Literary Society of the ordinary size. Although large societies form a most essential part of college life, yet we all know that subjects discussed in them cannot receive such careful attention as their importance demands. This end can be accomplished only in a society of smaller number, and by a more informal mode of discussion. This need has been felt, too, among ourselves, and the result has been the formation, about a year ago, of a small club called 'The Owls.' The meetings of this society have, so far, been very successful, and though still in its infancy, it bids fair to become a powerful means of education to its members. Last year the subjects discussed were principally of a philosophical turn. This year it is proposed to have a series of papers upon subjects taken from Canadian and American history. These will certainly be very interesting, and also, it is hoped, instructive. The meetings are of a social character, and the discussion of the papers read is carried on by conversation instead of by formal and set debate. The formation of this club is a good sign, showing, as it does, that some at least among us think there is something else to live for besides text-books, lectures and examinations. We hope that the example set by 'The Owls' may be followed by the formation of other similar societies amongst us.

THE body-snatching escapade of the medicos of Kingston proves one thing at least, namely, the prosperous condition of the country. It shows that the pauper list is a slim one, as there are not enough subjects to meet the wants of the students. The objects of dissection include not only the study of anatomy and surgery, but the investigation of diseases and abnormalities. The bodies of paupers alone are attainable. Consequently, the diseases of the poor are in a fair way to being understood, while it is quite impossible to investigate satisfactorily the maladies and affections peculiar to the rich. One needs but to bring the question home to oneself to see that the feeling of the age positively forbids the

deseccration of the grave. In the interests of humanity it is to be hoped that the difficulties to the study of disease will not be insurmountable.

At this season of the year an interesting topic to persons scientifically disposed is that of the cause of those beautiful changes of color in the leaves, the 'autumn tints,' as we call them. It is plain to everyone that the frost is the ultimate cause, the prime mover in this phenomenon; but the really scientific question is how the frost acts upon the leaves, what are the processes going on in the leaves themselves. In order to answer this, it must first be explained that leaves and all other organic or living things, vegetable and animal, are made up of microscopic cells, containing what is known as *protoplasm*, the simplest living substance known to scientists. In leaves, part of the protoplasm in these cells separates from the rest under the action of light and forms a little grain of a green color, and these are called *chlorophyll* grains. When the temperature of the air is lowered, the circulation of the protoplasm in the cells becomes diminished, the chlorophyll grains are crowded together in the interior part of the cells on the surface of the leaf, and a substance known as *tannin* occupies the upper part. This tannin or tannic acid (the same that operates in 'tanning' leather) absorbs oxygen very readily, thereby acquiring a red or a brown color, and in cold weather oxidation takes place freely, so that the colors as we see them are due to tannin. Plants, such as box, which keep their leaves through the winter, may be made to turn green again by merely taking them into a warm room. After five, or at most eight days, the chlorophyll begins to line the walls of the cells again, and the green colors to reappear.

DURING the month of September last, a course of lectures was delivered in the Library of the Canadian Institute by Prof. Loudon, of this University, and Dr. Koenig, the eminent Parisian physicist on the subject of acoustics. Dr. Koenig is one of the most, perhaps the most, distinguished acoustician of the day; his inventions of new modes of experiment, and of many important instruments used in acoustics have led, in his hands or in those of other scientists, to the extension and in some instances the correction of the fundamental laws of the science. On this occasion Prof. Loudon delivered the lectures and Dr. Koenig experimented. The arrangement was an admirable one; a difficult subject was rendered intelligible to the most unscientific person present by a practical lecturer, and there were no awkward breaks in the continuity of the subject, as would have been the case if the lecturer had perpetually been interrupting himself and distracting the attention of his audience by preparing his experiments. The lecturer began on the assumption that no scientific knowledge of the subject was possessed by the audience; the musical scales, the diatonic and chromatic, were foundation enough to build up in six lectures an intimate acquaintance with the mysterious subjects of pitch, *timbre*, harmonies, composition of vibrations, interference of vibrations, &c., &c. The first lecture was in a manner preparatory, and various points were touched upon but not followed up till the subsequent lectures, so that the impression left upon the audience was that they wanted more. All the rest, however, were entirely satisfactory, and more and more interesting branches of the subject were developed to the very end. The experiments, in which tracings of the vibrations, simple and compound, of tuning-forks, were projected on a screen while in the act of being drawn by a feather fixed to the fork, were especially beautiful; in fact, the whole subject of the composition of vibrations was particularly interesting, and charmingly illustrated. Another point of great interest, unfortunately rather hurried over from want of time, was the analysis of the various vowel-sounds; but to enumerate all the attractive points would be impossible. Such an opportunity for hearing popular exposition of science has never before occurred in Toronto, and we can only live in hope that this one will soon be followed by another. All the instruments used at the lecture, with the exception of two or three, belonged to the University; the Professor of Natural Philosophy, whenever he may be appointed, will find ample preparations for him in this department, at any rate.

THE subject of civil service reform is now receiving a good deal of attention among the educated classes in the States. A

union among all the colleges of the country is proposed, with the object of doing what can be done in this direction. Certainly every right-thinking man must see that reform of the civil service is an absolute necessity if the American people are to continue to enjoy the blessing of a truly representative government, which is the corner-stone of liberty. As soon as the party in power, seeing that it cannot with confidence appeal to the people on the merits of its policy, resorts to the contemptible trick of grasping power by means of that authority which has been given to it as a sacred trust by the people, a fatal blow is struck at political freedom; the governors of the country become tyrants, the free-born citizen a slave. It is no wonder then that the educated mind should revolt at the present state of the civil service, and we are glad to see the colleges banding together for its reform. It may be said that it is not the part of the colleges to meddle in party politics; very true, but civil service corruption is not a question of party politics; it is a national crime, against which every man who loves his country, be he a politician or not, ought to enter his strongest protest. And surely, this being so, we ought to look to the educated men of the country to take a leading part in procuring this much-needed reform. We hope that the idea of a union among the colleges for this object will be carried out, for we are sure that such a union will have a powerful influence in aid of the good cause.

OUR advertisements are the financial backbone of our paper. Without the patronage of several merchants and tradesmen in this direction, the publication of the 'VARSITY' would be impracticable. It is only fair that our advertisers should have our patronage in return. They are first-rate men in their various line: of business, generous men, and friends of the University. Let University men give them their exclusive patronage whenever possible. By so doing they will render an advertisement in our columns a thing to be sought after, and secure a financial basis for the 'VARSITY' for all time. We have only to return generous treatment.

LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The second meeting of the year was held on Friday, Oct. 20th, when Moss Hall was crowded to its utmost, more than eighty members being in attendance. Fifteen new members were proposed. On motion, the two divisions remained together to hear the essayist of the evening. On the subject of 'Forgetfulness' Mr. R. Balmer produced a felicitous essay, picturesque in style, yet strong in thought, and showing that memory is not all a boon nor 'forgetfulness' all an ill.

The 2nd and 3rd years then retired to Room No. 2. In Room No. 1—the President in the chair—Mr. H. H. Dewart read 'The Game of Life' in an able manner, that was much appreciated. The debate on University Consolidation was well sustained by Messrs. DeGuerre, Hagarty and A. H. Young on the affirmative, and by Messrs. Campbell, McIntyre and Ormiston on the negative. Decision given by the President in favor of the negative.

In the other room the programme opened with a selection from 'Lockesley Hall,' read by Mr. Roswell. This, though weighty, was delivered with great effect. Mr. J. G. Holmes followed, reading a selection from Mrs. Hemans' 'The Meeting of the Secret Tribunal.' Had this gentleman read about twenty degrees slower, and exercised a little more gesture, his rendition would have been much more appreciated.

The debate on the question, 'Resolved, that there should be only one degree-conferring body in Arts in Ontario,' was opened on the affirmative by Mr. T. C. Boville. Although his speech was not delivered in real rhetorical style, it nevertheless contained many very good arguments, which counted in the summing up. Mr. McGillivray followed on the negative. He commenced his remarks by stating that he totally agreed with the leader of the affirmative, and branching off, he took exception to every argument the former speaker had presented. Mr. Mulvey, on behalf of the affirmative, very cleverly answered the arguments and questions of the former speaker, though in rather a careless manner. Mr. J. Collins, while characterizing the leader of the affirmative in an ironical manner as 'a paragon of philosophy,' could not see how they could crawl through his (the speaker's) arguments, while he climbed over and under his opponents'. After making a few comical and aside remarks, he gave way to Mr. J. L. Gilmour, who defended the affirmative of the question in a very able manner. Mr. R. M. Hamilton followed on the negative. He very ably combated the arguments of his opponents, but rather too willingly left the question in the hands of the Chairman. Mr. Boville closed the debate in very few

words. The Chairman then summed up the arguments, and gave his decision in favor of the affirmative.

The refusal of the College Council to sanction the repeal of that portion of the Constitution forbidding the discussion of party politics was considered by the Society, and it was resolved that the General Committee should make to the Council a full explanation of the Society's position, and request a reconsideration.

Mr. McMechan has been chosen as reader, and Messrs. W. F. W. Creelman, B. A., Lobb, Campbell and Osler as speakers, for the public meeting to be held on the evening of Friday, Nov. 10th.

GLEE CLUB.

A general meeting of the College Glee Club was held on Monday of last week in Lecture Room No. 8; Mr. Langton occupied the chair. The object of the meeting was to receive the report of the committee on the musical prospects of the club for the coming year; three vacancies on the committee and the position of Leader to the Club, caused by the resignation of the former occupants, had to be filled. After the Secretary, Mr. Hughes, had read the minutes of the last meeting, the nominations were proceeded with as follows: Leader, Mr. W. H. Blake, B. A.; Third Year committee-men, Messrs. T. C. Boville and E. Wigle; First Year committee-men, Messrs. G. A. Cameron, A. H. Young, J. D. Edgar, A. H. Scott. Mr. Blake and the nominees of the Third Year were elected by acclamation, and on the following Thursday a ballot for the First Year member was taken, and Mr. A. H. Young elected. The following is now a complete list of the committee: Honorary President, Prof. Ramsay Wright; President, Mr. Langton; Leader, Mr. Blake; Secretary, Mr. Hughes; Treasurer, Mr. J. McG. Young; Members of the Committee from the Fourth Year, Mr. C. Gordon and Mr. Hagarty; from the Third Year, Mr. T. C. Boville and Mr. E. Wigle; from the Second Year, Mr. Gilmour; and from the First Year, Mr. A. H. Young.

The intention of the club, as reported on Monday, is to give a public concert with the co-operation of the Philharmonic Orchestra, soon after Christmas. Practices, under the able direction of Mr. F. H. Torrington, are to be held every Thursday, at four o'clock, in Lecture Room No. 8, the first of which took place last Thursday. The principal feature in the concert that is to be, and the work that now engages the energies of the club, is Mendelssohn's music to the choruses of "Ælipus at Colonus," a companion work to the "Antigone" choruses, well worthy to rank beside the latter, and in one respect a far easier task for the club, namely, in the use of the English words instead of the Greek. Those who attended the "Antigone" practices last year will remember how smoothly everything went on till the singing in Greek began, and how several Trojans (*alias* Natural Science men) gave up at this juncture. Now that the reason for such a withdrawal exists no more, we hope the Glee Club may be able to welcome these Trojans into the bosom of their society again. The choice of the "Ælipus" as the chief attraction at the forthcoming concert appears to us a good one, and a promise of success; from a practical standpoint, it is wise for an infant choral society to select a work which, while characterized by the high qualities of grandeur and pathos, and worthy of the great composer of the "Elijah," is yet as choral part-writing comparatively simple; further, the Toronto musical public should be favorably inclined to its production, both from recollection of the success of "Antigone" last year, and because the opportunities of hearing choral music for male voices alone are few and far between in this age of mixed societies.

The "Ælipus," however, though the *pièce de résistance*, is not to be the only effort of the club; various part songs and minor pieces will find a place on the programme and in the practices, though we understand that no decision has yet been arrived at regarding these. The committee, it is said, are also on the look-out for good college-songs, and are open to suggestions for the same. As such songs are especially needed when foot-ball teams are on circuit to Montreal and elsewhere, we would help the Glee Club in getting these by publishing their wants in our columns.

We most heartily congratulate the Glee Club on having secured the valuable services of Mr. Torrington as their conductor. His friendly zeal and unflagging energy in helping the club to overcome the difficulties in the way of a successful production of the "Antigone" choruses last year, won for him the regard of all who were interested in that work, and the eminently satisfactory way in which his endeavors were then crowned augurs a brilliant success this year.

SPORTING NEWS.

FOOTBALL.

As usual at this season of the year, the greater part of the spare time of the sporting fraternity in our College is occupied by football.

Both clubs are well settled down to work, and already several matches have been played on the lawn.

On Saturday, the 7th October, the Toronto F. C. defeated the Toronto University F. C. by 1 goal to 2 tries. In this match the University had undoubtedly the best of the game, the play being much more united, and the condition of the players finer than that of their opponents. The match was, however, decided in favor of the Torontos by a beautiful drop by Helmcken, from behind the twenty-five post, scoring a goal for his side. Creasor and Wigle each secured a try for the 'Varsity, neither of which was converted into a goal.

On Convocation Day, as there were no Games, two matches were played on the lawn; the University College F. C. (association rules), playing Knox College, and the Toronto University again trying conclusions with the Toronto F. C. In the Association match each side scored a goal, and in the Rugby University the 'Varsity won by two tries to nothing.

In the match on Monday with Upper Canada College, the 'Varsity men were again victorious, this time by a goal to nothing. Several disputes arose during this game on account of the way in which the U. C. men conducted the scrimmages, their forwards seeming to have a great affinity for their mother earth.

From all present appearances this is going to be a very good football season for the University. The Rugby University have, in addition to those matches played, made arrangements for playing the Hamilton, Victoria and Trinity College clubs. The event of the year to this club is, however, the annual Inter-University match with McGill. It will be remembered that last year McGill came here and defeated us by two tries, and that consequently we have to go to Montreal this year, and we hope, return the compliment. The present arrangement of the club is, to leave here on Thursday morning, Nov. 2, play Trinity College School, Port Hope, the same afternoon, Royal Military College, Kingston, on Friday afternoon, and McGill University on Saturday. There is also some talk of playing the Britannias, of Montreal, on Monday, Nov. 6, for the Championship Cup of Canada, but this match is not yet definitely settled. The expenses of the team on this trip will of course be very heavy, and very few, if any, can afford to pay all their own fares; the committee have therefore determined to take up subscriptions to help in defraying the expenses. We trust that their appeal to the graduates and undergraduates will meet with a hearty response, and that the best team that our University can turn out will be sent to Montreal to sustain our honor against our sister University.

The team are at present, all things considered, in fairly good condition, but there are still a number of weak points, in addition to some individual members not being all that could be desired with regard to rules, etc. The principal failing of the team is in their forwards not following up as they ought. Instead of following up the kicks of their own side and tackling their opponents before they can return the ball, they hang back in the expectation of getting the ball when returned, and then making a brilliant piece of individual play. This may look very pretty, but it certainly is not good play. The team would also be much improved if they all ran or did a certain amount of gymnasium work every day, as well as dropping smoking, etc., till after the match.

RUGBY UNION F. C. On Thursday afternoon the 'Varsity met the Victoria F. C. on the lawn, and added another to their victories. The Victorias won the toss, and decided to kick south, with the wind. The play of the Victoria backs was very strong, their kicking being especially fine, but their forward play, with a few exceptions, was weak. Shortly before half time was called, C. Campbell made an admirable aim down about half the field, and was pushed into touch a few yards outside the goal line; the ball was then carried over the line by a University forward, and the try converted into a goal by Campbell. After half time the 'Varsity had the wind with them, which kept the ball well in the neighborhood of the Victoria goal. The beautiful kicking of Morrison (Captain), Travers and Helmcken, however, frequently saved their goal. Blake, among the forwards, also played a splendid game. Another try was obtained for the 'Varsity by a combined play on the part of Wigle, Vickers, Campbell and Cameron, the last of whom touched the ball down right behind the goal posts. This try was also converted into a goal. Campbell obtained another try for the University, very close to the touch, but the kick was a failure. Shortly after this, time was called, the match ending in favor of the 'Varsity by two goals and one try to nothing. Among the forwards, Wigle, Duggan and Vickers were conspicuous, while Thomson and Campbell, C., took the lion's share of the backs' work. The following team represented the 'Varsity: Coleman, E. C., and Haig, A. M., goal; Thomson, J. M., and Macdonell, A. M., half backs; Scott, A. H., and Campbell, C. C., quarter backs; Duggan, G. H., Gordon, G., Vickers, W. W., Wigle, E. S., Boyd, A. J., Cameron, A. B., Thompson, A. B., Wilmoughby, W. B., Campbell, A. H., forwards.

THE COMPANY.

K Company paraded last Wednesday evening, forty-two strong, eight of which number were recruits, having sufficiently mastered the 'goose-step' to warrant Drill Sergeant McEachren's recommending them for battalion drill. By next parade a large class of recruits will take the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty, which will make the company considerably over strength.

Next Saturday there will be a field day. The boys will do Yonge Street, and lunch in the country. The veterans contemplate great sport, and predict that the military ardor of the average recruit, as he surveys himself admiringly in the glass 'when he first puts his uniform on,' will be remarkably lessened when he returns home after a fifteen mile tramp.

There is practice at the butts every Thursday and Saturday, in view of the Company Match, 4th prox. At last Thursday's practice there was a miserable wind blowing 'quarters' across the range, and the scores were very low. However, for the practice aggregate some three or four are quite close, and shooting very well. Let us hope that at the match, wind and weather will be propitious, and give an opportunity for some Wimbledon scores.

It was rumored last parade that the regiment had received an invitation from the 13th Brooklyn to visit New York next spring. What degree of truth there may be in the report remains to be told.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE Y. M. C. A.

The University College Y.M.C.A. was organized about eight years ago, Mr. J. A. M. Aikins, M.A., now a prominent lawyer of Winnipeg, being the chief mover in its organization. One object of the Association is the building up and strengthening of its members in the Christian faith, but its main object goes out beyond this, for it seeks to bring under Christian influences those who are not yet Christians. The large number of young men in attendance at the Provincial University and College gives the Association an ample field for work, and upon the earnestness and devotedness of its members its success depends.

The membership of the Association last year was upwards of 100; quite a number have already been proposed for membership this year, and it is hoped the number will be greatly increased.

The meetings hitherto held at 11.30 a.m. on Saturdays, have this year, on the recommendation of a committee appointed to carefully consider the whole matter, been changed to five o'clock on Thursday afternoon, as the former was an inconvenient hour to many. It is hoped that the latter hour, during which the majority of students are out for exercise and recreation, will be found convenient to all, and that the result of the change will be a greatly increased attendance at the meetings. These only occupy three quarters of an hour, and short, pithy addresses, interspersed with good singing, will make them enjoyable to all.

Towards the close of the last academic year a communication was received by the President of the Association from Mr. McGregor (better known as Rob Roy), Secretary of the Tyndale Memorial Committee, England, inviting the co-operation of this Association, and of the University generally, in the matter of raising a monument on the banks of the Thames, to the memory of the celebrated translator of the Bible. The Universities of Oxford and Cambridge have done nobly in the furtherance of this laudable enterprise, and it only requires a contribution of £100 from the friends of our College and University to have its name placed side by side for all time, on the pedestal of the monument, with those of these celebrated institutions. It is to be hoped the committee formed to agitate this matter will meet with a hearty and liberal response. We surely could not do better than honor ourselves by thus honoring the name of one to whom we owe so much.

There is perhaps no warmer friend of the cause of education and Y.M.C.A. work in the Dominion than Mr. John Macdonald. He has already shown his interest in our College by donating, for all time, the Macdonald Bursary, and now, with characteristic liberality and Christian enterprise, he has offered \$100 towards the £100 required from us for the Tyndale Memorial. Handsome contributions are expected also from other generous friends of our University. These promises are based, of course, on the supposition that we shall succeed in raising the whole sum.

The Dominion Y. M. C. A. Convention was held this year in August, at Truro, N. S. Our Association was represented by the President, Mr. G. M. Wrong, and the Rev. Dyson Hague, M.A. The President gave a report of the proceedings at the meeting on Thursday evening last. He said he was quite astonished to find the opinion generally entertained of our College and University in the Maritime Provinces was that we are an atheistic institution, and that Christianity found no place among us. Our delegates, of course, had no difficulty in

removing this impression, as their presence, representing over a hundred Christian students, was a practical rebuttal of the idea.

John Macdonald, Esq., who has already been referred to, is to address the next meeting, and it is hoped he will be greeted with a large attendance.

COLLEGE NEWS.

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.—*Literary.*—The Wycliffe College Literary Society held its annual meeting last week. The following officers were elected for 1882-3: *President*, Rev. Dyson Hague, M.A.; *Vice-President*, W. J. Armitage; *Secretary*, Jas. Ardill; *Treasurer*, A. P. Kennedy. *General Committee*: Messrs. James, Daniel, Gaviller and Watson.

GLEE CLUB.—The students of Wycliffe College have organized a Glee Club. The following are officers for 1882-3: *President*, G. M. Wrong; *Vice-President*, W. Watson; *Sec.-Treasurer*, W. W. Campbell. *Committee*: Messrs. DuVernet, French, Lloyd and Kennedy. The purpose of this club is chiefly to afford an opportunity for the practice of sacred music. The Club have secured as instructor, Mr. Fisher, Organist of the Church of the Redeemer.

The Wycliffe College P. E. D. S. Mission Society also held its annual meeting last week, on the 11th inst.—the President, Rev. Dyson Hague, in the chair. The following is the result of the annual elections: *President*, J. H. DuVernet; *Vice-President*, Jas. Ardill. *Sec.-Treasurer*, W. J. Armitage; *Assistant-Sec.*, A. P. Kennedy. *Committee*: James, B. A., Hamilton, Murphy and Hobson. This society, now a year old, has so far carried out its object—the supplying of vacant missions and churches. After the election, papers were read by various members concerning the work on missions during the summer, all highly satisfactory. The names of the missions are: Uththof, Sparrow Lake, Runnymede, Bethany, Gravenhurst, Roche's Point and Airlie. Sunday school work is chiefly considered in the missions. Owing to increased expenses during the year, caused by increase of work, all contributions will be thankfully received by W. J. Armitage, Treas. Wycliffe College. A number of college meetings were conducted during last winter in the city.

KNOX COLLEGE.—The number of students boarding in the College building is seventy-four.

University College is well defended by theological halls. The newly erected Episcopal school—'Wycliffe College'—stands in the front; the Baptist College—'McMaster Hall'—is in the rear; to the left is St. Michael's College, under the care of the Roman Catholic Church; and in the place of honor, to the right, we find Knox College, belonging to the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Knox College, since its foundation, has taken a lively interest in the prosperity of University College, and counts among its own alumni some seventy graduates of this university, of whom over thirty are medallists. About fifty per cent. of the present theological classes are also graduates of Toronto University, and about forty students of the University have in view the ministry of the Presbyterian Church.

The present session was formally opened with an able lecture by Prof. Gregg on 'The Authorship of the Book of Daniel.'

The Museum contains many attractive curiosities; conspicuous among them are the Chinese idols, &c., presented by Dr. McKay, of Formosa.

The Library is large, and contains many excellent works.

The Reading Room is supplied with the leading dailies of the city, many weeklies from various parts of Canada, scientific and religious periodicals, and 'Grip,' which is highly esteemed by the theologues.

A Gymnasium, well equipped, has been opened this session; so we may expect that no pale-faced, dyspeptic Knoxite, predicting sad days and nights to come, will be found any more at all within its walls.

The Glee Club causes the sonorous building to echo back again its merry, melodious glees.

The Football Club is sanguine, and determined to maintain the prestige of Knox.

PERSONAL.—R. Y. Thompson, M.A., and J. A. Hamilton, M.A., are in Germany. W. G. Hanna, B.A., is attending Princeton Presbyterian College. D. McLaren, B.A., is in Edinburgh. D. McGillivray, B.A., holds the position of Classical Master in Brantford Collegiate Institute. J. W. Mustard, B.A., is Assistant Master in Pembroke High School. W. Logie, B.A., is Assistant Master in Aylmer High School.

The following graduates of last year are attending theological classes in Knox College: J. C. Smith, B.A.; Robert Haddow, B.A.; James Hamilton, B.A.; J. S. Jaffray, B.A.; W. L. H. Rowand, B.A.; W. A. Duncan, B.A.

McMASTER HALL.—Among the many institutions that have lately grown up around the Provincial College, with a desire to avail themselves of the superior educational advantages afforded them from this

source, not the least worthy of mention is the Toronto Baptist College. The noble hall in which lectures are given to the students of this College was the munificent gift of the Hon. Wm. McMaster to the denomination, and is called after him, McMaster Hall. The lectures in the Hall are all theological. Literary training is got for the most part at University College. Preparatory literary training is also given at Woodstock College, an institution under the control of the Baptist body, and in affiliation with Toronto University. It is gratifying to be able to state that the withdrawal of the theological department from Woodstock College to McMaster Hall has not interfered with the success of either, as the attendance at both is larger than ever before. There are at present about twenty-five students taking theology at the Hall. Besides the learned Principal, Dr. Castle, there are two other able professors, Dr. MacVicar and Prof. Newman. With such an excellent building, admirable staff of instructors, and good advantages generally, the future of the College should be a bright one indeed.

It was found last winter that the Literary Society conflicted with the University College Literary and Scientific Society. It has therefore been decided to disband the Literary Society and form a Theological Society. This will afford the literary students boarding in McMaster Hall more time to devote to the University College Literary and Scientific Society.

The Fyfe Missionary Society of this college (a students' society) holds its first public meeting on Friday, 27th inst. An interesting programme of brief addresses by the members, music, etc., will be presented. The society does mission work in the city and vicinity during the College term, sending students to weak churches and destitute places in Ontario and the North-West during summer vacation. Although in its infancy, it has, during the present year, undertaken and met liabilities to the amount of nearly one thousand dollars.

Personals.—Rev. J. J. Baker, M.A., '81, recently married, is now happily settled as the pastor of the Fonthill Baptist Church. P. K. Dayfoot, B.A., '80, has not yet returned to his duties at the Hall. J. H. Doolittle, B.A., '80, is enjoying a short rest, and will probably take charge of a congregation during the winter. Rev. D. A. McGregor, B.A., '80 is the popular pastor of the Stratford Baptist Church. Rev. L. Trotter, B.A., '82, is at present ministering to the Baptist Church at Ingersoll.

RESIDENCE NOTES.

GRAND scheme for reformation of Residence!! Employ Salvation Army waiters!!

FIFTEEN Queen's Own men in Residence!! Let O'Donovan Rossa tremble!!

THE Freshmen this year are very mild and subdued—one good result of last year's hazing. For bad results, consult *Canada Presbyterian*.

THERE is general satisfaction this year at the management of the steward's department. With the exception of frequency of hash, there is not the slightest cause for complaint at the *menu*, and we are told that next month will be better. The new steward is, in more ways than one, working himself into the good graces of the boys, and is striving to do his best.

THREE residential recruits inwardly determined to startle the sporting world by some fancy scores at last Thursday's practice at Garrison Common. The best apology we can offer for their downcast appearance at tea-table is the score-book, which shows an aggregate of 8 out of a possible 150 for the whole three.

THE Residence Band will hold their weekly practice at the usual time. Soloists are requested to bring their instruments, and accompanists their blowers and tongs. For full score, consult Professor Roxy, conductor.

GENERAL COLLEGE NOTES.

Tuition fees of various colleges are as follows: Syracuse, \$60; Cornell, \$75; Bowdoin, \$75; Rochester, \$75; Brown, \$85; Williams, \$90; Dartmouth, \$80; Amherst, \$100; Yale, \$150; Harvard, \$150; Pennsylvania University, \$150 to \$170; Ann Arbor, \$20; Pennsylvania College, \$50; Rutgers, \$75; Thiel, \$40.

Columbia is the richest college in the United States. Its available and prospective funds are \$5,000,000. It leads Harvard by over \$1,000,000.

The bequests of Harvard College during the past year foot up to \$400,000.

Wellesly University has a female President, Miss Alice E. Freeman.

The first degree conferred at Yale, 1707.

According to President Eliot, \$2,000 and strict economy will keep a young man four years at Harvard.

A U. S. western judge has decided that a University has not the legal power to prohibit its students from joining a secret society.

Some of the students at Harvard defray their expenses by tutoring. For tutoring a classmate, a tutor charges \$1 per hour; for tutoring those in classes below him, \$2 per hour. A graduate tutor usually gets \$3 per hour.

The Freshman class at Yale numbers 260; at Harvard, 295; Princeton, 180; Amherst 81, and Oberlin 65.

The necrology of Harvard and Yale during the past year indicates a tendency to longevity among educated men. Of the 149 graduates who died, six were 70 years old or more, and two were 90.

Cornell has a special course in scientific German for students in civil and mechanical engineering.

FIVE O'CLOCK TEA.

A billy goat,
A field Elysian.
A servant girl,
A well Artesian.

A water trough,
A thirsty throat.
A stooping girl,
A running goat.

A billy goat,
A field Elysian.
A servant girl,
In trough Artesian.

Apropos of the 'Marmion' embroglio: William Shakspeare is running for Secretary of State in Michigan, and several old farmers are not going to vote for him, because they've read some things in a book he wrote that they consider immoral.

Apropos of the falling leaves:

'Her lips were like the leaves,' he said,
'By autumn's crimson tinted;'
'Some people autumn leaves preserve
By pressing them,' she hinted.

One of the 'tony' Freshmen, by mistake, recently shaved off one side of his moustache, and has been in the most distressing condition ever since because he cannot discover which side it was.

Together they sat in the parlor alone,
At the dusk of a Sabbath day;
Her shapely head close to his own
In a tender, loving way.

'I like to lay my head, dear Will,
'Gainst yours,' she murmured low;
In tones which made their pulses thrill,
And his face with rapture glow.

'And is it because you love me, dear?'
He asked, and then she coughed;
'No! dear Will, not that, but love
Because its nice and soft.'

The young skipper who takes a party of girls out sailing should content himself with hugging the shore.

The first letter sent by a gushing Freshman home to his sire encouraged the man, who thinks his son will be a tutor some day. Here it is: 'Pater cani ha veso memore stamps sentto me? Ego spentthe last cent. Thus studious heres, Johannis.'

The lilies of the field have pistils, and every citizen of Texas is 'arrayed like one of these.'

The Khedive in his harem sits,
And things go harum scarum,
The Sultan gets insultan notes,
And has to sit and barum.

Poet Loquitur.—The leaves are a dyin', dyin',
And the terrible winds are a flyin',
Surely, surely.

Echo.—An' we are a kinder thinkin',
Our poet has been a drinkin',
Spirits, purely.

Poet.—The leaves are a fallin', fallin',
And the voice of the past is a callin',
Callin', vainly.

Echo.—He's a curus kind of a bein',
But yu'll excuse as he's been a sprecin',
Cock-tales, mainly.

HURON.

PERSONAL.

E. P. DAVIS, B.A., '82, whom Goldwin Smith so aptly called 'a hemisphere of knowledge,' is studying law in the wicked city of Chicago. Frank Nelson, B.A., and Virgil Lee, B.A., have pitched their tents in the same city, so that 'E. P.' is but one of a college trio. Mr. Davis is troubled about the unromantic name of his landlady, but if he should ever be more seriously troubled, we can make a good suggestion: Should your trunk and walk down-stairs backwards; the landlady will be sure to think you are going up. We have lost our E. P. D—, and must console ourselves with the P. E. D. S.

W. H. BLAKE, B.A., '82, when last heard from, was 'visiting Rome. He reports with disgust the tearing up of the Via Sacra to make room for gas pipes. Venice and Florence had special charms for him. The ruins of Rome were a field for thought and enthusiastic imagination. He was to sail for home on the 19th inst, so that we may soon expect to see him loom up.

J. C. ELLIOT, B.A., '82, *alias* 'John Collins,' is in the 'booming' precincts of Winnipeg. He fulfils at the same time the somewhat incongruous duties of classical tutor of St. John's College, and real estate agent on Main Street.

D. B. KERR, teaching at Richmond Hill, takes long walks through secluded lanes, and over purple hills. We will always be grateful for the 'Song at Evening by the River.'

H. W. MICKLE, law, Blake, Kerr, Lash & Cassels.
J. MCGILLIVRAY, fallen into the whole panoply of a 'Professor-ship' in Modern Languages at Albert College, Belleville.

D. MCGILLIVRAY, late hard student and gold medallist in classics, teaching classics in Brantford Collegiate Institute.

W. A. SHORTT, denizen of Wall Street, N.Y., studies law. Who says we are being over educated? H. Wissler, farming in Salem, another graduate, is superintending a hennery.

C. A. MAYBERRY, teaching, Stratford.
J. McCABE, teaching, Durham.

S. E. ROBERTSON, 'Emp.,' private bank, Mount Forest.
A. H. GROSS, left Residence, studying law with McMichael, Hoskin & Ogden.

D. J. G. WISHART, studying medicine at McGill.
A. E. O'MEARA has become a limb of the law. At present engaged in copying in Blake, Kerr, Lash & Cassels' office.

COLIN G. CAMPBELL, sawbones at Trinity Medical School. He thinks there is less work to do at Trinity. Some of the 'subjects' are in a fair way to being smoke-cured.

W. F. W. CREELMAN, up to his eyes in mortgages, services, bills of cost, &c., at the office of McCarthy, Osler, Hoskin, Plumb & Creelman.

LARRY CLARKE, law, in Winnipeg.
HERB. L. DUNN, teaching classics in Lindsay.

ARMAND TEEFY, teaching in Bay City, Michigan.
W. L. ROWAND, divinity, Knox.

O. L. SCHMIDT, Picton, classics.
A. Y. SCOTT, Upper Canada College, English.

T. W. SIMPSON, medico, Toronto School.
W. K. GEORGE, banking, Winnipeg.

E. F. LANGSTAFF, medicine, Trinity Medical School.
J. H. SHORTT, C. E., *en route* for New York.

R. J. LESLIE, "Bob," teaching, Kincardine.
J. M. PALMER, teaching, Fergus.

J. CAVEN, sojourning in the country, connected with a grist mill.
W. CAVEN, medicine, Trinity School.

A. F. AMES, mathematics, Whitby.
J. BAIRD, law, City.

J. M. CLARKE, mathematics, St. Mary's. The press called him a 'distinguished rhetorician' this summer.

E. G. GRAHAM, Guelph, law.
R. HADDOW, divinity, Knox.

POET'S CORNER.

QUEBEC.

PRIZE POEM, 1882.

Thou sittest on thy rocky throne, a queen,
And we bow down before thy ramparts, where,
As piercing the blue sky, thy mount is seen;
Up to the clouds it soars, to purer air.

And at thy feet the river sweeps along;
No tiny stream, with flowers and rushes lined,
But mighty, deep, impetuous and strong;
Stern e'en when winds are low—in storms unkind.

Nor nature's beauty falls alone to thee.
To thee another beauty doth belong;
With thee hath dwelt the muse of history;
Thy past is present by the right of song.

Though blue thy skies, and though thy grass is green,
With blood of noble men erstwhile bestained,
When in fierce battle man with man was seen
Contending for fit prize, so nobly gained.

There fought our Wolfe, the noblest of them all,
Duty his watchword—word through which he won
As faithful still to duty did he fall,
When solaced with the cry, 'They run, they run.'

Who run? And eager lips make haste to tell:
The foe is conquered—England wins the day.
The foe is conquered! Ah! then all is well!
The last words ere his spirit fled away.

And yet not altogether; for it seems
To haunt the spot, and not alone in name
We think of him, as morn's first sunshine gleams
Along the peaceful plains of Abraham.

We think of him when Britain's flag is spread
To the free winds from tower and citadel,
And when the stately warder's martial tread
Stops while he gives the password—All is well!

He saved us for his England—patriot!
And thou, O sovereign city of the west,
By thee his name shall never be forgot,
But thou shalt guard his grave—his bed of rest.

France's imperial eagle would have flown
O'er thy proud cliffs, and growing wild and free,
A tiny flower in our cold northern zone,
Emblem of 'La belle France,' the *fleur-de-lis*.

Not so, it proves. Yet France and England meet
With clasped hands—in peace and not in war;
In citadel, in church, and field and street,
In peace forgetting what has gone before.

And here, on an auspicious April day,
There passed before our eyes a pleasant scene,
Welcomed beneath the olden Kentish way,
One whom we love—the daughter of our Queen.

Imperial city—not in rank nor power,
But throned in glory, high above the rest,
Thy walls of granite, like a mighty tower,
Thy very feet by mighty streams caress'd.

Lovely when dawn first blushes on the scene,
And paints the waters in her liquid light;
Still lovely in the sunset's farewell beam,
When all is still, and nature sleeps in night.

A flag waves from thy lofty battle-crag,
The flag of England—floating o'er the free.
The day may come when floats another flag—
Flag of the nation that is yet to be.

J. H. BOWEN.

I CAN'T TELL.

How much do I love thee?
Go ask the blue wave
How many bright pebbles
They constantly lave.

How much do I love thee?
Go ask of a star
How many such beauties
In the universe are.

How much do I love thee?
Go ask of a shell
How many sweet secrets
If 'twould it could tell.

How much do I love thee?
Go ask of the sun
To tell when his wanderings
Shall forever be done.

How much do I love thee?
When wavelet and star
And shell shall have whispered
What their deep secrets are—

When all are revealing
Their secrets to thee—
Oh, then wilt thou know, love,
How much do I love thee.
Ex.

AUTUMN.

Along the line of smoky hills
The crimson forest stands,
And all the day the blue-jay calls
Throughout the autumn lands.

Now by the brook the maple leans
With all his glory spread,
And all the sumachs on the hills
Have turned their green to red.

Now by great marshes wrapt in mist
Or past some river's mouth,
Throughout the long, still autumn day
Wild birds are flying south.

And mists come up at golden dawn
From the still lake beneath,
And fold their tents upon the hills
Like the white camp of death.

Then steal away at even's hour
Like hosts with banners furled,
When the great purple sun hath set
Along the murm'ring world.

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