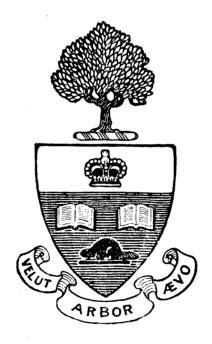


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Sal Atticum

SUNNY JIM

I'm a deeply learned writer on a multitude of themes;

I'm aesthetic, pessimistic, an interpreter of dreams;

I've a professional billet—I'm a saddened Russophile;

I'm a many-sided genius—and I have a polished style.

I showed my independence when I sided with the Boers.

And equally good taste I show in rugs, silks and velours.

I lecture on a lot of things from Jupiter to Mars:

I require no preparation—I just write 'em on the cars.

The fact that I don't know the facts don't worry me a bit:

I just evolve my theorem and make my facts to fit.

My theorem's a perfect gem—of that I'm always sure.

And Pedantry alone says facts, not theorems, endure.

It is aesthetics, not athletics, that I have always tried.

(They say that if I tried football I'd always be "off-side")

I shun the ruder shocks one gets in games as played by men,

The links, the sward, the bat, the sword—I wield the mightier pen.

And so I write on recondite or on the simplest things;

And yet I find each theme I choose a host of critics brings;

The other day I hit upon a subject I could treat Without a fear of cavil—what was safer than the wheat?

I took the car (a C.P.R.), I made a flying trip; A few hours showed how little grain the vaunted West could ship.

It almost seemed a waste of time and cash that I'd been sent;

I could have stayed at home and "stuffed" the British Parliament.

Then, tame and slick, with words so meek, my papers' scarcely out

When critics wield the bloody axe and pamphleteers the knout.

They say I'm superficial—really I am much annoyed—

My knowledge is "Alluvial" and my golden wheat "a Lloyd."

And then the Doukhobors (a-hem, I hope I don't intrude,

One really never knows when "Douks" are strolling in the nude)

"The Doukhobors are best," I say—the critics,

Would be a fitting garb for him" and go for me like ———.

My dainty pose of one who knows is jeered at by each scribe;

(That "there were others" of the pen I guessed, but not a tribe).

And then full soon the gay lampoon assails me with it's wit,

And I wake up one day to find, not Osler, but I'm "It." —Anon.

'09'S CLASS COMPOSITION

Ask who I am and why I'm here, My purpose educational? The answer, if it were sincere, I fear would prove sensational.

Why must I tell to stranger ears
My walks in paths transgressional?
'Twere scarcely a simple work of love
This history confessional.

Who were my ancestors, and what Know I of family history?
Alas, that all there is of mine
Is veiled in deepest mystery!

To simple forms I must restrict My fancies metaphorical; Though I would fain indulge a bit In paraphrase rhetorical.

And so 'tis rather hard for me
To know just what I ought to do:
"Fine writing," "hifalutin things"
Are all that I've been taught to do.

But though it goes against the grain For me to seem ingenuous, I'll set to work, but hope some day To write in language strenuous.

"''og."

THE PROBLEM OF THE VARSITY

I do not wish, Mr. Editor, to write the following in the form of a letter to you, for it is really to those who peruse your columns as they appear weekly that I would write. 'Tis with the hope that in some out of the way corner of your valuable periodical some student, as he hurries along the corridors, engrossed in the lately-published University news, or brightens the drowsy twelve o'clock lecture with its "tit-bits," or in the quiet of his after-luncheon smoke attempts to read the weightier and perhaps less-inviting articles of The Varsity, may find in this something which may induce him to spend a small portion of his idle hours, with profit to himself and his Alma Mater, writing some squib, poem or article for our college weekly.

It would be of little or no benefit to discuss the merits of having a University journal. But it might be of some interest and profit to ask ourselves what we do for our University journal besides paying our yearly subscriptions,—some of

us not even that.

The editor observes in a late editorial that The Varsity must enlarge its news columns more and more as the years pass, to the detriment and sacrifice of the literary quality of The Varsity, in order that it may adapt itself to the growing complexity of the machinery of the University. And must all the culture of our beloved Toronto succumb to the curse of the superabundance of organization? Shall a training in modern business methods and political tactics (if they give one that) supplant the old University ideals of culture and literary attainment, as the unsightly piles of red and white brick encroach upon the glories of old 'Varsity?

But 'tis true that the University journal must adapt itself to the complex life of the University, and it is one of its purposes to inform the student of the various doings of the different organizations. Should this, however, encroach upon the literary value of such a publication? Why not enlarge it with its enlarging duties, submit it to the control of a graduate-editorship if needs be, but let ample space—the largest space—be

given to writings of a literary character.

For poesy is not dead in our halls. Poor rhyme we do write, and yet occasionally there appears a verse than which many of the Martens have written a poorer, that has lived thro' the years because sublimer have been penned over the same name. Perhaps in maturer days some of our college poets of the present day, if they may not hope to rank with Tennyson or Longfellow, yet may touch some chord, which shall revibrate through our mighty nation.

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But I have wandered from my line of argument, and perhaps the Editor might grudge me the space to resume, but all will see the drift. Could not more of our students, many of whom have real literary ability, put forth their best effort for our College journal, and by their writing call forth in the student body a voice of true literary merit. Though many of its notes may be discordant and uncultured, yet its cultivation would tend to soften each tone and timber into harmony, to

"Make our music as before, But vaster."

Alan Marten, '07.

RECEPTION ETIQUETTE

(Not written by Linda Hull Larned)

So much of the success of receptions depends upon the ability of the women that to be fair to herself and to class society no young lady should enter into the whirl without some sort of preparation.

You should have it understood that you loathe class receptions. Tell your friends how hopelessly slow class walks are for some weeks before the open season for freshmen commences. Do not, however, let your sentiments keep you away. Attend every reception. This method serves to give one a certain superiority.

When you get there stand flat against the wall. Otherwise some one may come up behind you. Do not forget to say several times that your card is filled. It is not, but it sounds well to say so.

Always preface your conversation with the remark, "Oh, I wish we could dance," and give earnest of your desire in a little pas seul. You should not dance too far lest you trip.

Then coming back to your partner plunge immediately into your love of the stage. Confide your secret desire, it must in every case be secret, to be an actress and in a few words betray your knowledge of this branch of art. I have seen the effect of this heightened considerably by the repetition of a well chosen bit of poetry, with suitable gesture. Say how nice Mr. Willard was, and how much he looked like the minister at home, in a few well chosen words despise American actors, and wind up with a graphic outline of the plot of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

If this is well done it can scarcely fail to produce some effect. If it does fail I would plunge into athletics. Talk hockey and hockey players. This should provide an easy transition into "swell fellows I have known," always a success-

ful topic.

Whenever you pass a flight of stairs giggle. I do not know why you should but everyone does it. I forgot to say, that while you are discussing hockey, pensively skate a little. It looks very pretty if well done.

No matter with whom you are promenading always speak to your friends who may pass. Also look at someone while your partner is speaking. Both methods of showing your, popularity are new and entrancing.

It will now be time to say again, "Oh, I wish we could dance!"

The apothegms of the minister at home, and the remarks of your lady friend who is engaged are always apropos. The fact that the minister has lovely wavy black hair always gives more point to his remarks.

One of the most difficult accomplishments for a sincere reception goer is the acquirement of the distinctly college phrases that mark the higher phases of thought. You will never know what they mean, but I would advise you to become conversant with the expressions, "fulness and beauty of college life," "college spirit," "development along all lines," and "love for the Alma Mater." It will be hard, dearies, but you cannot afford to omit it.

Always criticize the orchestra. The executive is never happy unless it knows that it selected the worst orchestra in town. Matthias Rex.

THE OXFORD LETTER

October 22nd, 1905.

When these words are written, term is less than seven days old, yet all that makes up life at Oxford is already in full flood. The settling process is not a long one; the transition from vacationary to academic life is quickly made. During the first two or three days, indeed, there were scores of solitary students to be seen in street and quadrangle, whose strange air and city clothes proclaimed them freshmen, there was much shaking of hands, many laughing groups experience and among those of larger and dignity; above allthere were "collections," a euphemistic term, which means nothing less disagreeable than examinations-for at the beginning of the vacation one is assigned a certain amount of reading, and at the end his industry is put to the test. (Would'st like that, O man of Toronto?) But now everything has resumed its normal shape and complexion, and the even tenor has been re-Even the Rhodesians that have established. come up from the four corners of the earth begin to feel at home. Freshmen are not hazed at Oxford; instead invitations to breakfast, to lunch, to tea are showered upon him.

I have thought that in this letter I would sketch briefly a typical Oxford day, in the hope that Toronto undergraduates may be interested to learn some of the external features of a life rather different from their own. Let me begin.

7.30 a.m.—A vivid dream about Niagara Falls, pleasant or unpleasant according as you find yourself standing safe and sound on firm land, or hopelessly whirling in the white rapids above the abyss. The noise of falling water fills your ears, "dashing and flashing and splashing and clashing"—and you awaken with a start to find your "scout" pouring out your bath. "Five-and-twenty minutes to eight, sir," he says cheerfully as he departs, for "scouts" have learned to err on the right side in such matters.

7.29—You turn over and are lapped once more in the soothing arms of Morpheus.

7.53—Wakened again by noisy, jingling bells from every chapel in Oxford. On short calculation you find that you will have to attend rollcall this morning. The old law used to require every undergraduate to attend a certain number of morning services in chapel, usually five in the week. At the abolition of the religious tests an important addition to the rule was made. If any student has conscientious objections against participating in the service of the Established Church, he may attend roll-call instead. call is at eight o'clock; chapel at five minutes after the hour. The practical result is that the average man endeavors with might and main to keep roll-call, and if he is late, goes to chapel. So it happens that the same person on one day is found to have profound religious scruples such as forbid him to enter the chapel door, on another embraces whole-heartedly the thirtynine articles, on still another apostasizes from the faith.

7.59.59—Keep roll-call in a semi-awake, semi-washed, semi-attired condition.

8.00—You complete your toilet.

8.25—(The hour is variable, especilly if no necessity of attending chapel or roll-call tears you from your comfortable couch). Breakfast in your rooms alone or with guests, or in another man's room, yourself a guest.

9.00—1.00—A period devoted to study. Of the four hours, one or two are spent at lectures. You do not attend so many as at Toronto; ten in a week is a large number.

1.00—Lunch in your own rooms or with someone else.

I perceive that this account which I promised should be brief, is becoming appallingly prolix. I shrink from imposing on the generosity and long-suffering of the editor; nor do I wish to outstay my welcome in The Varsity by tedious intrusions on its columns. The diary will be resumed in a later letter. Meanwhile leave we the Oxonian discussing his frugal lunch—cold beef and mustard, bread and butter, and an unconscionable amount of marmalade.

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THE TRIP TO BUFFALO

The annual excursion of the Saints of the Park has again become an event of the past and it remains only to record a few of its details to remains only to record a few of its details to remains only to record a few of its details to remains only to record a few of its details to remains only to record a few of its details to remains only its graph of the eleventh, in Buffalo, of a very enjoyable and profitable time. A special excursion train left the Union Station at 7 a.m., bearing between 250 and 300 students and members of staff. For some reason the singing of the "Psalm of Life" and such other masterpieces was omitted from the programme on the journey and, save when '07 announced in their ribald way their origin and destiny in a yell which need not be repeated here, we are forced to confess that we upheld our motto.

Arriving in Bussalo, we found that some preparation had been made for our reception. The assembly hall in the Public Library building was placed at our disposal, and here, after a short but hearty address of welcome from Mr. T. Guilford Smith, the programme of the day was laid Those interested in power developbefore us. ment went to the power plant of the Street Railway Company in the morning and to the Snow Plough works and other manufacturing plants in the afternoon. The city authorities had placed the fire tug, a fine steel boat of considerable size, at our disposal, and in this a second party was taken to inspect the life saving station, the two breakwaters and the Erie ship canal. Returning from this trip around the harbor, a trip was made to the waterworks pumping station. The third and last party left immediately after lunch for the Lackawanna Steel Works, where several guides were provided to escort them through a very extensive and interesting plant. whole of the afternoon was spent in viewing the blast furnace operations, converting by the Bessemer and open hearth processes, cold and hot rolling and the various power plants of the steel works

A dinner at the Lafayette closed the official programme. The hearty thanks of the School is due to the committee who had charge of the excursion and to the various concerns in Buffalo that made our trip so profitable.

THE LIBRARY

At the beginning of the Academic year, when the unfamiliar routine of study and lectures is resumed, the joints (both mental and physical) are apt to prove a little stiff and forgetful of former movements. We trip at the old step where our leg swung unerringly clear only six months ago. Even the small effort required in order to return borrowed volumes to the library at 10 a.m. punctually is often only successful after receipt of a post-card from the Librarian as a persuasive reminder. Having in view these considerations, and as the football season will soon be over, the editor has asked me to write a few "Thoughts on the Library" for The Varsity.

The most prominent characteristic of the Library seems to me to be its universality. Professors and lecturers, graduates, undergraduates of all faculties, every one, in short, who in the widest sense of the term can be called a student, is welcomed as reader and user, and his demand and inquiries are satisfied as far as possible. But, as in all circumstances of life, the benefits imply an obligation and the obligation imposed upon readers by their very acceptance of the benefits of the Library is to make use of its privileges with due regard to their fellow-users. in some respects the Library administration is charged with the task of equalizing as far as possible the advantages of the Library to all readers. Hence the rule requiring the return by 10 a.m. of the books taken away on the previous afternoon; and the discretionary power to refuse the loan of a book for a week if it seems to be in demand. Other matters are left to the sense of propriety of the readers. For instance, the reading-room being set apart for study, it is manifestly not good behavior to disturb by conversation or any unnecessary noise those who are try-Again, the marking of Library ing to study. books with pencil notes or other private signs is a deplorable breach of manners, unfortunately too common. A man may write what he pleases in his own books, but would hardly claim the right to do so in a book lent to him by a friend. The Library like any private individual lends its books to readers with the implied condition that they are to be returned without injury except for ordinary unavoidable wear and tear. Subsequent readers, moreover, to whom pencil marks are meaningless or distracting are entitled to consideration, even though the owner's rights are forgotten.

A few words on the use of the card catalogue are always seasonable. The catalogue contains under authors' names, alphabetically arranged, a transcript of the title-page of every book in the Library, with some unimportant exceptions which need not be discussed here. It contains also the nucleus of a comprehensive catalogue by subject-headings. The compilation of a subjectcatalogue is necessarily a slow and difficult task and it will be some years yet before it is fully carried out. But with more or less completeness, according to the division of the Library, there is already an enumeration of the books by subject-headings as well as by authors, names. No index by titles will ever be made. Every book can be identified either by its author's name, or if that be forgotten, then by the subject with which it deals.

The open shelves in the reading-room are intended to help readers not so much in the direction of their chosen courses of study as in literary excursions outside their regular work. The books placed there are selected because they are interesting and recent books on literary, historical or scientific topics not emphasized in the curriculum.

Among the advantages of a library to any one fond of reading is the opportunity it affords for looking into books that one would never think of buying or deliberately borrowing in order to read. And yet they prove interesting for a short time, perhaps because of the novelty of their subjects. Sometimes a new line of serious reading is suggested by dipping into an unexpectedly interesting book, and an expert in skin diseases may become a famous Egyptologist also through just such random skimming of unfamiliar books. In a Library such as ours nothing like wholesale admission to the shelves is possible. The best that can be done for the general reader is to give him access to an assorted selection of the best books with which he would not otherwise be likely to come in contact. H. H. Langton.



from the back townships in tow and introduce him to every nice girl you know. Rather go up first and ask the nice girl quietly if she would like to be introduced to the cabbage head. * * * * * * Always ask permission before you introduce anyone to a girl. * * * * * * Hear ye the words of the censor morum."—The Senior.

Anvil Chorus.

THE UNION DANCE

The annual reception of the Undergraduates' Union will be held on Friday, Nov. 17th. This is the first and by far the most informal of the many University functions, and has come to be, perhaps, the most popular of them all. Hitherto only the West Hall has been used, but last year it was found that this room was hardly large enough. This year the committee has decided to open both the halls and so avoid all possibility of over-crowding. Two good orchestras will be in attendance, the floors will be in the best of shape, and the committee is determined to make this year's dance the best yet. Refreshments will be served as usual in the University Dining Hall. Gentlemen's tickets are \$1.00, ladies free. Both tickets and invitations may be obtained from the Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE

HOW CHICAGO DOES IT

To The Varsity:

From my weekly perusal of The Varsity, I see that there is still the same old cry for more esprit de corps at the University games. It seems as hard as ever to work up any great enthusiasm among the students generally. I have been think-ing that if we could introduce some Americanisms into our Canadian coileges there would no longer be the cry for more spirit. It is simply amazing to what pitch of enthusiasm the American student rises before a big football game. Rooting practices are held for days before the game, and at these the University brass band figures most prominently. This last is practically an absolute necessity, if the singing is to be any way effective. It is next to an impossibility to have a crowd of men sing in concert, without some such provision made to lead them. A single individual can not do it. At the last practice just previous to the game, the coach and the players individually address the assembled students, and proclaim to them how stalwartly they are going to fight for the morrow's victory. One feature that is especially characteristic of the rooting is its thorough organization. Every man is made to feel that he has a very essential part in the whole, he knows that part, and he plays it for all that is in him. Hence the rooting is most magnificent, and must inspire To make it more efficient still, the any team. Athletic Directorate are most lavish in their expenditure. Nothing is spared that might in any way enhance the rooting-horns, speaking-trumpets, huge banners, some suspended from balloons in mid-air, etc., etc. If the game is to be played away from home, the railroad tickets are supplied at minimum rates, and the difference in cost met by the Directorate. The seats likewise are sold to the students at greatly reduced prices.

These are a few of the features of the American esprit de corps, and some of these I would be very pleased to see introduced at Varsity, (1) a wider advertisement of the games, (2) a more lavish expenditure on the part of the Athletic Association, (3) the inauguration of a University brass band. A cornetist might answer as well if the former were not feasible. (4) The appointment of a committee to thoroughly organize the student body. All of which I respectfully submit,

T. J. Meek ('03).

Chicago, Nov. 7th, 1905.

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COLLEGE SONGS-PROPERLY SO-CALLED

Editor Varsity:

I should like to call your attention to the marked way in which student talent is slighted by the students themselves. For example, we have a large number of pieces in our song books, written by former students of our own colleges. If any reader of The Varsity will take the trouble to look over the two song books, he will, I think,

come to the conclusion that these songs are, on the whole, as good as any he finds there. Many of them, besides, are distinctively University of Toronto songs—our own private and inalienable property. One would expect that we would be proudest of these, and would let our friends from other universities hear them once in a while. But these are precisely the songs we never sing. The little song-book prepared by last year's Dinner Committee, though admirable in many ways, contained only one or two University of Toronto songs. It is to be hoped that this year's committee will give more recognition to their own University. Yours sincerely, Want to Know.

University College, Nov. 3.

OBITER DICTA

Absque argento omnia vana. Or in other words, it's money makes the mare go. Only a day or so after the "Senior" had been robbed by the Shylock who is called the Class Treasurer, he received a postcard from a gentleman named H. H. Langton which ran as follows: "The book entitled Morris' Exposition of Hegel's Philosophy of History, which was taken out by you, has been returned late. The fine is fifty cents." Now it should be understood clearly from the beginning that undergraduates are not bloated millionaires or purse-proud plutocrats. The average undergraduate, and the "Senior" is no exception, has a peculiarly exciting time in making ends meet. And when he is fined fifty cents for being a couple of hours late in handing in a measly, dilapidated, unintelligible, little handbook that you couldn't sell to old Mr. Vannevar for ten cents, he is apt to conceive a dangerous contempt for the avaricious extortion of the powers that be. "The Senior" would seriously advise the University Librarian to take his cue from Dr. Bain, the kindly Librarian of the Public Library, who levies a fine of three cents a day on each book that is overdue. Of course, the cases are not exactly parallel, for books are in much more imperative demand around the University than at the Public Library; but the difference between three cents and fifty cents is so disproportionate with the difference between the two cases as to rouse Democritean laughter.

Of course, it will be argued in rebuttal that the fine is in the best interests of the students, since if the fine were less, the number of books kept overtime would be greater. But that argument won't hold water. If it were put to the vote of the students by plebiscite whether they would prefer to retain the 50c. fine or to lower it to (say) 10c. or 25c., and run the risk of not being able to get the books they wanted, "The Senior" ventures to bet his bank-account that the overwhelming majority would be in favor of the lower fine. And for that matter, the lower fine would not mean any great increase in the numbers of books kept out overtime either, for students are hardly less averse to paying out 25c. for nothing than to paying out 5oc. It is a sublime pity that the authorities cannot conduct the library in the interests of the students, instead of in the interests of the University's cof-The Senior.

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EDITORIALS

The Oxford Letter in this issue makes a passing reference to the fact that the great English University has fewer lectures than Toronto. Herein is an interesting subject for reflection. While of course the conditions at Toronto are not the same as those at Oxford, it is profitable to consider the methods used to produce what is universally recognized as the "Oxford type."

The highest province of a University is to make the student think. Leisure is required for the exercise of thought, and the Oxford student has abundance of leisure. As the great mass of his work is done during the "vacs," the period of actual residence is spent in a manner peculiar to that University. The Union and the debate play a much more important part in the development of the student than do their counterparts in Toronto. The men take time for reflection, and the "breakfasts" where the undergrads. of all years meet their tutors and dons for friendly discussion, are justly famous. Oxford is the home of future British statesmen and may not this be partially due to the familiarity which its students obtain with the events that make history? The Oxonian has time to watch the trend of current events, time to reflect upon their significance and to relate them with the past, time for discussion, and so when he leaves the University he is prepared to take a seat in Parliament.

Leisure is the one thing we do not have at Toronto. The average Varsity man is overworked. The enlarging and widening of the courses has been done doubtless with a view to giving breadth of culture. It has, however, defeated its own purpose. The average man, who desires to acquire anything like a fair grasp of his work, must necessarily sacrifice many of the things which go to make up the ideal University life. He has not time for questionings and thought and discussion.

The four years which a man spends at college should be a period of discussion and speculation and growth and change. The young student is by nature and training of an enquiring turn of mind and his insatiable curiosity is very often directed to religious and philosophical questions. In the latter case he is at a very critical period of his life. It seems scarcely possible that the thoughtful student should not shift his religious position somewhat. If his nature be receptive and open to impressions from without, the contact of mind with mind must inevitably cause him to alter his views.

And just here the true teacher finds his opportunity. The teacher who can meet the student sympathetically, who can discuss with him man to man the great eternal problems that have always been riddles to mankind, may very often have a deep influence on the young mind. There is an unusually large number of Toronto students at present who are interested in the doctrines of "advanced" thinkers and the creeds of many of these are bound ultimately to assume strange forms.

The conduct of a few Laval students, who broke up the meeting of a certain evangelist in Montreal, on Thursday evening of last week, cannot be too strongly condemned. It was one of those unfortunate events which bring discredit on all students. The affair has aroused considerable comment in the press and, as a consequence, Laval University has suffered in the eyes of the public. Toronto, like Laval and every University that was ever known, has more than once had her lustre dimmed by the action of a handful of students. This is, of course, inevitable and when the University stands face to face with such crises as those of 1895 and 1905, those whose policy, it is to ignore or repress student opinion use it as a pretext to raise cries of "student agitators" and "undergraduate irresponsibility."

The University Reorganization Commission will probably formally invite the students to express their opinions in regard to their relations with the faculty and to offer suggestions in regard to certain aspects of the administration. It is understood that a deputation, appointed by the students themselves, will be received, but at the hour of going to press, no definite announcement has been made.

We regret that no report of the B. and P. dinner was received.

THE COLLEGE GIRL

Miss J. M. Adie, Superintending Editor

THE WOMEN'S LIT

There was an unusually large attendance at the meeting last Saturday night, and those whose enthusiasm for the Lit. led them to dispense with dinner and come to the meeting from the '06 reception were amply repaid. The business part of the programme was soon disposed of. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Women's Literary Society put itself on record as appreciating the honor done to the women students in the dedication of the last number of Varsity to them, and that a notice of appreciation be sent to the editorial board of Varsity.

A vocal solo was very acceptably rendered by Miss Balding, and an amusing recitation in negro dialect by Miss Glendenning. The debate between the third and fourth years was the next number on the programme. The subject for debate was: Resolved, that in the residential colleges of Resolved, that in the residential colleges of America the students should be self-governing. Miss Vander Smissen and Miss Osborne for '07 upheld the affirmative, Miss Breckon and Miss Macdonald for 'o6 the negative. Three graduates, Miss Johnson, Miss Dickson and Miss Ketcheson acted as judges, and the decision was given in favor of the negative.

Miss Saunders, a graduate of Somerville College, Oxford, then described some interesting features of the life of the Oxford women students. There are four women's residential colleges at Oxford. The men and women students have lectures together, but the lectures are fewer by far than at Toronto. They do more individual study and group work with tutors, the writing of essays constituting a very important part of their As for athletics, field hockey, tennis and boating are the favorite sports, but agonizing exams. in swimming have to be taken before a girl can even enter a boat.

The social life of the women students is distinct from that of the men, there being very little intercourse between them. There are no fraternities, sororities, nor cliques. College etiquette is very severe.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Miss Saunders, and the programme closed with a piano solo from Miss Steele, who kindly responded to an encore.

Refreshments, especially maple cream, were then enjoyed, and after the customary little dance, the assembly dispersed.

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Y. W. C. A.

The meeting of the Association on Tuesday, Nov. 7th, was a particularly interesting one, the subject for the afternoon being "Silver Bay Echoes." The pictures in the cloak-room had been attracting considerable attention and a goodly number assembled to hear the "echoes" of the conference. Miss Kate Macdonald, the first speaker, gave us a delightful picture of the journey through the mountain scenery of Lakes Champlain and George, and some touches of the life at Silver Bay. On the return journey the Varsity girls were very kindly entertained by the

girls of Royal Victoria College, McGill. Miss Edwards' account of the "doings" at Silver Bay was most enjoyable, and made us all wish we could meet these enthusiastic and original American students. Miss Breckon dealt with the relation of the conference to association work, dwelling on the inspiration derived from the personality of the great speakers such as Mr. Speers, and from discussing one's problems and difficulties with others in similar positions. We feel convinced that these annual conferences are well carrying out their purpose, viz.: To lead young wo-men into the doing of God's will and the service of His love, as the only satisfying mission in

THE WOMEN'S RESIDENCE ASSOCIATION

The Women's Residence Association has ceased to exist. It died a natural death on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 8th, having performed the work for which it was brought into existence,-a thing about as rare in organizations as in individuals.

The Association was formed in 1893 to collect funds for the erection of a residence for the women students of University College, and in the face of many difficulties and discouragements, the Association has shown the greatest perseverance throughout these years, until to-day the Women's Residence, so long in the region of hopes and dreams, is at last an accomplished fact.

The annual meeting was held on Wednesday last, Principal Hutton in the chair. The report of the Secretary, Miss Landon Wright, and that of the Treasurer, Mrs. Torrington, having been read and adopted, the President, Miss Hamilton, moved that as its work was practically accomplished, the Association should be dissolved. This was seconded by Mrs. McCurdy, and carried. Principal Hutton and others present voiced the appreciation and thanks of the Association for the work of the Dean, Mrs. Campbell, and of the Furnishing Committee, Miss Hamilton, Mrs. Ramsay Wright and Mrs. McCurdy,—particularly Miss Hamilton, to whose untiring efforts, the success of the Association is very largely due. A vote of thanks was moved by Miss Lyon, 'o6, and seconded by Miss Best, '07, who expressed on behalf of the girls in Queen's Hall, a warm appreciation of the Association's work. "The College Girl" congratulates the members of the Association on the success of their efforts, and extends to them the sincere gratitude of the women students of University College.

RESIDENCE NOTES

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VARSITY, 19; COLLEGE 5

Ottawa, Nov. 12.—The Ottawa College team, who defeated Queen's a week previously, gave a rather disappointing account of itself against Toronto Varsity, champions of the Intercollegiate Union, on Saturday, being defeated by the score of 19 to 5. Considering the weather conditions of the past week, the field was in fair condition, that is to say, it had been scraped and the snow banked up outside the touch line, but the ground was wet, and before the game ended the mire was ankle deep on some portions of the field.

Ottawa College crossed Varsity's line for a try early in the game, and looked like sure winners at that stage, but thereafter the Toronto collegians settled down to their work, and College never again got across Varsity's goal line. O'Neil scored the try on Lee's miss for College, and Durocher made a weak attempt to convert.

Varsity's initial score came within a minute of College's solitary try. The visitors were given a free kick, on which Southam punted over the line to J. B. MacDonald. Fast following up by Varsity was fatal to College, MacDonald losing the leather in a tackle by Burns, who gathered the ball in for a try, which Lailey did not convert.

Shortly before half-time McInnes made the feature play of the day. From a scrimmage on College's forty-yard line, near the east side, he went across the field to the opposite touch line, around the end and down the side on a beautiful run, eluding the College wings and backs, and planting the ball directly behind the posts. Lailey converted, and the half-time score was, Varsity, II; College, 5.

In the second half the scoring was begun by Varsity forcing Gleeson to rouge. College forced Varsity back, and for ten minutes the ball hovered near Toronto's line, McInnes and Southam each making clever runs out into the field with College punts. With the ball on Varsity's goal line several times the College scrimmage was proven unequal to the task of shoving over for a score. At length Varsity got things going again, and from a scrimmage twenty yards from the College line, Burns went over for another try, which Lailey again converted.

It was mostly all Varsity thereafter, and Gleeson was again compelled to rouge, the game ending 19 to 5 in Varsity's favor. Varsity proved itself a much stronger team than College all round, and quicker to take advantage of openings. They had the advantage in weight on both wings and scrimmage, and as between the back divisions College was outclassed. Southam was the sensation of the day, being probably the best punter and surest catch seen on a local field this season. Not only was his kicking strong, but it was performed from all sorts of close corners

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with a coolness worthy of the record of an Eddic Gleeson. The Hamilton youngster's work was freely commented upon as being that of a star. The College backs were very bad. Gleeson was no worse than he has been on other occasions, and that's allowing for a great deal of dumb work. Durocher was expected to do something sensational, but did not fulfil the hopes of the College students. The teams:

Varsity—Full back, Southam; half-backs, Lee, Lash, McInnes; quarter, Montague; scrimmage, Johnson, Burnham, Ritchie; wings, Lailey, Dav-

idson, Ross, Burns, French, Reynolds.

Ottawa College—Full back, G. B. McDonald; halves, Durocher, Gleeson, Joron; quarter, Johnston; scrimmage, Collin, Smith, Brennan; wings, A. McDonald, McHugh, Filatreault, Jones, O'Neil, Costello.

Referee—A. Gill, McGill. Umpire—K. Turnbull, McGill.

R. M. C., 18; VARSITY II., 12

The Cadets from Kingston defeated Varsity II. in the first of the home and home games for the Intercollegiate Intermediate championship on Saturday morning at the Athletic field. R.M.C. were fully entitled to win on the play, as they have a strong, well-balanced team, with a firstclass back division. They were superior in this particular and also in tackling to Varsity, although their wing line was not as good as Varsity's. Varsity's wing line are strong, speedy and aggressive, and had the half-line given them any assistance at all the game might have had a different ending. Varsity could buck for gains every time and had the ball very close to the R.M.C. line several times only to lose it on a penalty, The Seconds presented a crippled team, as Lee was at Ottawa, Fraser was unable to play, and Cory met with an injury earlier in the week.

VARSITY III., 5; DUNDAS INTERMEDIATES, 9.

Varsity III. finished their season on Saturday in a very creditable fashion by holding down the Dundas intermediate team to the small score of 9—5. Dundas are runners-up in the O.R.F.U. finals. For Varsity III., Sheriff at middle wing was the star, his tackling was always a feature, and he also had the honor of scoring the first touch-down made against Dundas this season on their own grounds. Newton at centre half was also very conspicuous.

ASSOCIATION

'08, 2; '06, o.

The Sophomores rather easily disposed of the Seniors in the final game for the Arts Faculty championship on Saturday morning.

VARSITY, 5; MCGILL, o

Varsity won the Intercollegiate Association championship very easily on Friday afternoon at the Athletic field. McGill was never in it at all, and Varsity could have scored almost at will, so weak was the McGill defence. Their wing line was a little stronger, but could never get the ball within scoring distance. Varsity's back division had little to do, but each man did his work well. Of the forwards Strachan played brilliantly and effectively, scoring four of the five goals, the last by a fine dribble from centre. Macdonald and Williams also played well, the former getting the fourth goal by a very pretty side shot. The teams:

Varsity—Goal, Robert; backs, Shaw, Blackwood; halves, Fraser, McKenzie, Mustard; forwards, Macdonald, Williams, Strachan, Steven, Reesor.

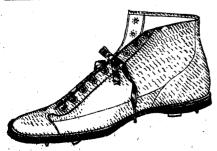
McGill—Goal, Wark; backs, Vanalstine, Vanstittart; halves, Brenner, Connell, Pattison; forwards, McMeaken, Forbes, Baird, Strangways, Davis.

Referee-Armstrong, City Teachers.

COMMENT

We have been rather sharply assailed for the article on the hockey management published in last issue. We are told that one statement is incorrect, but, despite the truth of this, we fail to see how it materially affects the argument for undergraduate managers in University teams. Since Varsity joined the Intercollegiate League the hockey managers have been in the winter of '03, F. D. Woodworth, a graduate; '04, J. H. Chown, a graduate; '05, C. D. Jamieson, an undergraduate, and '06, F. D. Woodworth, a second time.

Thus the Hockey Club made the precedent of having a graduate manager not this year, but three years ago, and our objections to the principle are still valid. Indeed, at the time of Mr. Woodworth's former appointment, there were mutterings against the appointment of a graduate to the position of manager, although they never took a decided form. If they had, a repetition of the appointment would not have occurred so quickly. While the above list makes the statement in last issue that the managership of all University teams within the last four years had gone to undergraduates untrue for the Hockey Club, it still holds for all other University teams. The list also discloses the remarkable and significant fact that three times in four years graduates have held the managership of the Hockey team, and twice has it fallen to the same



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man. Truly it must be a coveted position. Three times have undergraduates been deprived of the honor, enjoyment and experience of the hockey management, when in all other clubs the man-

agement naturally falls to a student.

But we are told there are reasons for this ex-The hockey management is peculiarly difficult from a financial standpoint and up to the present time has always resulted in a deficit. We accept this as true, and also the figures given to show why graduate management is sounder than undergraduate. Thus we are told that in 1003 under graduate management \$200 only was lost, while in 1905 \$525 was lost, under student management. It is noteworthy that our critics ignore completely the graduate management of 1904, with its inglorious Soo trip, which besmirched Varsity's fair name with the tinge of professionalism, and wrecked all Varsity's chances for the winter right at the beginning of the season. Furthermore, when the question of punishing the offenders came before the Athletic Directorate, the manager escaped because he was a graduate; which might be an additional argument against graduate management. No wonder our critics pass over this year of graduate management. There is little to support their arguments in it.

But to return to the figures quoted. In the first place, it is extremely unfair to judge either success or failure by a single year, which is all the data we have to go on now. It seems that the Hockey Club is bound to lose money anyway, and the fact that under student management more was lost than under graduate management must be greatly due to different circumstances in the two years. No one will maintain seriously that a student could lose over \$300 more than a graduate under exactly similar conditions. Last year's manager must have been up against a different proposition from that which confronted

the manager of 1903.

If students can successfully handle a team of 20 men such as the Rugby team, and turn over a handsome surplus every year, why can not students handle a team of ten men, even if the conditions do involve a deficit every year. If undergrads can manage one team, they can another, and the fact, that, so far the Hockey Club has been a losing venture, is no reason for supposing that it must continue so, or for debarring undergrads from its most important position. Conditions are just as likely to improve under clever student management as under clever graduate management. It depends to a great extent on the team, its reputation, the dates of the home games and their number, and the quality of hockey in the League.

We advance the opinion again that there are undergraduates in the University to-day with sufficient knowledge of hockey and with sufficient business capacity to manage the hockey team. The business problems confronting the hockey manager can scarcely be so great as to require the aid of graduates to help solve them.

In support of our opinion we would suggest the names of the following undergraduates, any one of whom would have made a good manager if given the chance: Wilkie Evans, Lou Burns, Jack Lash, Alex. Davidson, Herb Keys, and possibly one or two others.

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University College

Many of our readers complain that they never have an opportunity to blush at seeing their names in print.
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But seriously, we would be glad to have contributions of news to this column. Many events of general interest must take place which remain unchronicled. Notices of such happenings should reach us not later

than Saturday mornings..

Some people have the happy faculty of making the most of little things. Such an one is Mr. Shaver, '08, who tells his friends that he is play-

ing "spare" on the third rugby team.
W. W. Hutton, B.A., is paying us a short visit. Despite a short battle with English weather and English beef-steak his face preserves that happy solemnity which of yore was caricatured in the Retort Courteous. His advent at this time must be peculiarly fortunate for J. J. Gray whose brow is darkening of late with To-rontonensis wrinkles. The riper wisdom of an ex-manager will doubtless complicate the Torontonensis affairs still more.

A society for the revival of ancient pastimes is being organized at the union. Last Sunday afternoon "Puss in the corner" was resurrected and proved as frisky a kitten as ever before her demise. "Musical Chairs" was a splendid game, Balfour made some spectacular plays while Lang lost on downs.

With regard to G.L's quotations last week we find that Pope said of Balfour, Buchanan, Gray, et al, that They want but Little here below, But want that Little hung.

The Lit

There was only a fair attendance at the meeting of the Literary Society last Friday evening. Possibly it was because of this that the discussion of the business before the meeting was not nearly so prolonged as is usual. A motion to postpone the theatre night until the Easter term because of the difficulty of obtaining a suitable night before Christmas was carried without comment. Only a little discussion was excited by a motion that next Friday's meeting begin at 7.30 and be shortened in every way possible so that members may attend the Lit. and afterwards the Union dance.

The motion was carried for of course nearly all the members want to go to the Union Dance and regret unfortunate misunderstanding which brought it on the same night as a meeting of the Lit.

C. D. Farquharson was chosen as speaker for the Mock Parliament, R. W. Wherry as premier and Leo Buchanan as leader of the opposition. The date was not decided upon.

After a short but enjoyable musical programme rendered by Messrs. Singer and Mr. C. Woodhouse, the society relaxed from its accustomed dignity and discussed the motion that the Senate should impose on all freshmen a fee sufficient to pay their fees for the Union, the Gym, and the Lit and their "Varsity" subscriptions. Amendment followed amendment and the secretary's minutes do not show just what decision was arrived at.

School of Science

Somebody said that Stratford was all Wright.

Andy Grey was left at Buffalo last Saturday night with great anxiety on the part of the fourth year.

Much credit is due to Tom Brown, of the fourth year, for his work in arranging several parts of the school

If any steps should be taken to improve the school library it would be well to consider some radical changes in its management. For several years the school has been fortunate in having for its librarians men who have been quite up to the right standard, but their work has been hampered for the reason that even for a library of the size of the one we now have, the work of keeping it in proper order and being on hand to give out books as often as would be necessary to make it convenient to students would take up too much of an undergraduate's time. There has been a produate's time. There has been a pro-posal brought up now and then for several years past that the Engineering Society employ some one to spend

all of his time attending to the work at present done by the librarian and his assistant. This would be a good move; but a question which might be asked is whether this should be done by the engineering society. The library is a part of the school equipment and as such should have its expenses met from the same sources as

other parts.

Mr. "Wig" Pollard who played outside wing for the Varsity III this season has been elected captain for

S.P.S. Juniors.

The Junior School expect to make the other teams hustle for the Mulock cup as they have plenty of good men to pick from as : Moon, Lee, Nasmith, Newton, Clarkson, Marshall, Clark and Kennedy. These are just a few of the best of them.

We regret to say that Mr. K. C. Kerr, of '08 class has been called home owing to his father's illness. It is to be hoped that he will return to complete his year as he was very po-pular among the men.

J. Newton has been elected manager of S.P.S. Juniors. Mr. Newton plays half on the Varsity III.

Knox College

The open meeting of the missionary society on Friday evening was a decided success. Prof. Kennedy in a brief and interesting speech opened the meeting. Mr. Fred Overend, B.A., the student speaker, gave a most interesting talk on his mission work in British Columbia. The event of the evening, however, was Professor Kil-patrick's address on the West. To all of us it came from the lips of a man who spoke whereof he knew. The fire and patriotism of a Robert-son recalled the days, when that great man spoke from a great heart, of the needs of Canada's West. Miss Minnie Montgomery sang with great acceptance and the Knox Glee Club sang "It was spoken for the Master" This was one of the best meetings the society has yet held.

Prof. Kilpatrick entertained a number of the men of the first year at his home on Spadina Road, on

Saturday evening.

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our walls last week. One of our popular young men was entertaining a number of friends to an oyster stew and several other things, and the evening was wearing away with gentle laughter and story. Many were the jests, and brilliant the good natured repartee, and after spending a most pleasant evening the guests rose to depart. Suddenly, and without a moment's warning a pleasant young man rose to his feet and hauling a dainty roll of paper from his hip pocket asked the host to stand upon the large with bindly manner and repartee, and after spending a most a chair. With kindly manner and trembling voice he extolled the merits of the host in impressioned prose and heart-breaking poetry. At the appropriate moment a young gentleman stepped forward and handed the embarassed host a handsome volume of "The Boys' Own Annual" bound in beautiful red cloth. Needless to say the host was completely taken by surprise, and was unable to express adequately his gratitude. However on such occasions as these actions speak loudly, and all departed after having joined hands to sing "Just one Girl."

Medical

November 24 has been chosen as the date for our college function and on that evening will be held the "Second Annual At Home." The great popu-Annual At Home." The great popularity of last year's innovation has been taken by the committee as warrant sufficient for a somewhat similar form of entertainment, and accordingly the students in medicine will have the opportunity of assembling with their lady friends at the University Gymnasium, where social recreation will be found to suit the inclinations of all, in a short but bright concert programme, followed by promenading and dancing. Under the chaperonage of many distinguished and most aimiable patronesses, and with the most genial of Honorary Presidents, the committee predict a most enjoyable and successful evening.

Through a little technicality in our constitution, which in the past has been overlooked we are to have new elections for McGill, Queens and Os-goode. No doubt this would not have come out this session had not the constitutions been printed for the student body, some of whom proved to be critical. The ones nominated this time are practically the same as last, but we do not expect any polling as the majority are resigning in favor of those elected before.

Talk about loyalty and patriotism to their king, just hear '08 sing the National Anthem during a physiology Lecture. They certainly are winners!

Anxious student in physiological demonstration room.—"Doctor do you really think this frog is pithed?"

Verdant Freshie.—"What do those soph's yell "Hats" for when a feller goes into the dissecting room?"

The freshmen last week completed their bone exam's and on Monday of this week began their dissecting. As a result the soap manufacturers are having an unusually busy time of it. Poor Freshie!

Professor P..... E. (in Anatomy lecture). "Will some one kindly waken that gentleman?"

The sophomores met on Thursday last and decided to have a group

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Dissecting Room Pointers for Freshmen

1. Take off your hats when you enter that sanctum. It embarrasses the sophomores to tell you to do it.

2. When you come to the dissecting table, show your "Bringin" up" by asking the sophomores at that table if you will be in the way if you start to work.

3. Please remember that even though you are a freshman you haven't an entire table to yourself. There are nineteen others there, including some sophomores, who might want to work at the same time as you do.

4. Don't imagine that because you

4. Don't imagine that because you are assigned to a certain part, you will always have it. Some other freshmen might take it. Therefore don't call it "My part" or "Our part" better say "The part assigned to us."

5. If a pair of forceps or scalpels disappear don't raise a howl about it for a brother freshman may have taken them. Far more polite to simply put up a notice on the bulletin board.

6. If you are not certain whether the "Sub" is a good one or not, speak to George about it.

7. Don't read too loudly you might

disturb a sophomore.

8. When you finish your day's dissecting use first, the soap and water and then the towels.

Professor to his favorite class.—
"Bleeding was a procedure frequently resorted to some years ago but now only House Surgeons resort to it."

The dissecting room's most urgent needs—towels, clean towels and more clean towels.

T-e (in Histological Laboratory) to Demonstrator. "Dr. what is that dark object with the ragged edges that one sees in that field?"

Doctor.—"That's most peculiar."
T...e.—"I certainly never saw anything like it before."

Doctor.—"Did you examine the eye piece?"

T...e.-"No sir."

Doctor.—(Removing top from eye piece) "Yes, here's a piece of paper." And now everyone is wondering why Hamilton laughed.

What the Professors say :-

"Last day, ladies and gentlemen."
"Take hold of it. It's dead and won't hurt you."

"Smarty."

"Do you see the point?"

Wycliffe College

On Thursday evening last the Rev. W. J. Southam, late of Hong Kong, China, visited his Alma Mater and delivered a most helpful address in the College chapel.

The programme of the meeting of the college Lit. last Friday evening was a debate between the third and fourth debating divisions. The standard bearers of division three were Messrs. E. C. Earp and H. A. Ben Oliel, while Messrs.

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Rev. Bruce and G. A. Andrew, B.A., spoke on behalf of division four. Rev. Dr. Sheraton acted as chairman and decided that while the third division representatives excelled in point of style, yet the argument of their op-ponents so far counterbalanced this as to leave a margin in favour of division four.

Mr. T. B. Penfield, travelling secretary of the World's Student Volunteer movement addressed the students in the college chapel last Friday evening on the subject of the quadrennial convention to be held next year at Nash-ville, Tenn. Mr. Penfield's remarks were listened to with much interest, and it is to be hoped that a large delegation from Wycliffe will be pri-vileged to attend the great convention.

"There was sound of revelry by night," and far on into the morning when the sophomores endeavoured last week to bring coals to Newcastle or, in other words, to bring Lake to the water. They say that water will always rise to its own level, but it must be remembered that this is only true when there is not a strong and determined body of freshmen in the case. It proved on the occasion in question an "uphill" job to force question an "uphill" job to force I,ake into contact with his native element, owing to an obstruction in the shape of the aforementioned gentlemen of the green order of freshmen. We understand from Blodgett that the results of the collision of opposing elements will be embodied in an exhaustive work on apologetics which is to be drawn up by the sophomores and presented to the freshies for their approval.

Y.M.C.A. Notes

The V.M.C.A. Book Department has been closed. In all over 700 books were handled during the month of October and of these 400 have been sold. The total receipts amounted to about \$330.

At a meeting of the University College Y.M.C.A. executive on Wednesday, October 8th, Messrs. Ruer and Boyd were nominated for First Year representatives on the committee.

On Wednesday, October 8, at 5 o'clock, Mr. Thornton B. Penfield, the International Secretary of the Students' Volunteer Union, addressed a meeting in the Y.M.C.A. building.

Bishop McDowell of Chicago, will deliver the University sermon November 19. The services will be conducted by Professor Wrong and the University Glee Club will lead the sing-

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