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ONE OF OUR COLLEGE SONGS.

THE origin and history of the popular song entitled "The Three Crows" must be of interest to every Dalhousian. How different the early versions are from that which resounds in our halls, will appear by comparing the ballads here reproduced with "The Three Crows" as rendered in *Carmina Dalhousiana* at page 15.

In the "Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border" the romantic ballad "The Twa Corbies" is published, and "The Three Ravens" is given in a note. Sir Walter Scott remarks that it is singular that there should exist such a difference as to make the one appear rather a counterpart than a copy of the other. He adds, "I take the liberty of copying the English ballad from Mr. Ritson's collection, omitting only the burden and repetition of the first line. The learned editor states it to be given 'From *Ravencroft's Mellismata, Musical phansies, fitting the citty and country, humours to 3, 4, and 5 voyces.*—London, 1611, 4to.' It will be obvious (continues Mr. Ritson) that this ballad is much older, not only than the date of the book, but most of the other pieces contained in it."

"THE TWA CORBIES."

As I was walking all alane,
I heard twa corbies making a mane;
The tane unto t' other say,
"Where sall we gang and dine to-day?"

"In behint yon auld fail dyke,
I wot there lies a new slain knight;
And nae body kens that he lies there,
But his hawk, his hound, and lady fair.

His hound is to the hunting gane,
His hawk to fetch the wild-fowl hame,
His lady's ta'en another mate,
So we may mak our dinner sweet.

Ye'll sit on his white hause bane,
And I'll pike out his bonny blue een:
Wi' ae lock o' his gowden hair,
We'll theek our nest when it grows bare.

Mony a one for him makes mane,
But nane sall ken whare he is gane;
O'er his white banes, when they are bare,
The wind sall blaw for evermair."

The first five stanzas of the ballad from Mr. Ritson's collection are as follows:—

"THE THREE RAVENS."

There were three ravens sat on a tre,
They were as blacke as they might be.

The one of them said to his mate,
"Where shall we our breakfast take?"

"Downe in yonder greene field,
There lies a knight slain under his shield;

His hounds they lie downe at his feete,
So well they their master keepe;

His haukes they fly so eagerly,
There's no fowle dare come him nie."

—*Ancient Songs, 1792*—p. 155.

WHERE IT TOUCHED.—As the steamer having on board our football team was leaving Pictou Harbour, and a full view of the town could be had from the deck, a New Yorker, endeavoring to get into conversation with a Pictonian belonging to the team, who was gazing at the place of his birth as something he ne'er might see again, remarked, "That is quite a pretty little town."

"Finest city in America" growled the Pictonian.

"Oh! but you have never been to the United States and seen *New York*," said the New Yorker smiling.

"*New York*! Why, who cares about *New York*? *New York* does'nt touch *Pictou*."

"Why, my dear man, have you never heard of *New York*, with its million and a quarter of

people, its elevated railroads, and the Brooklyn Bridge?"

"Who cares about that, that doesn't touch Pictou."

"I would like to show you Broadway some fine afternoon and then you would see whether New York touched your dirty little one horse village," sneered the New Yorker.

"Well now," said the Pictonian coolly, "will you show me where New York touches Pictou?"

FOOT BALL TRIP OF THE COLLEGE TEAM.— THREE MATCHES PLAYED.—NEW GLORY WON AND NONE OF THE OLD LOST.

PRELIMINARY.

Ever since the triumphant return of our boys last autumn from their football excursion, the air has been full of rumors of a still more extended trip, and a search after farther worlds to conquer. It was hoped that the Glee Club would accompany the team, to add to the general merriment, to increase the excitement, and pay the expenses. When, then, they were unable to go, the professors and students came gallantly to the rescue and contributed so freely to the fund that Capt. Morrison found himself in a position to accept the invitation of the Abegweits to play them in Charlottetown on Thanksgiving Day. Other difficulties besides those connected with the finances there were, but these were overcome. Wednesday morning the 17th ult., twenty-nine minutes past seven found eleven of the team at North Street depot. The train starts in another minute. "Where are the four?" For some seconds the anxiety was too intense for expression in words. The Captain grew years older in that awful minute. The conductor had shouted "All aboard," the gong had sounded, the train was slowly pulling out when Grant quietly strolled into the station. He was followed by McNeill, Patterson, and McKay, in the order named, all apparently unconscious that they had been the subject of mingled prayers, execrations and curses both loud and deep. Such a welcome as the laggards received! Billy Brown saluted Grant with a brotherly kiss, Armstrong carried McNeill and his baggage on board, the Treasurer made for Patterson and embraced him, while Morrison wept in the arms of McKay. Sedgewick

the younger, too, who accompanied the tardy ones was not without his share of attention. At last we are off. Bedford is quickly reached and with three times three for Sedgewick who came thus far with us, we are fairly started on our travels.

THE JOURNEY.

Between Bedford and Truro little of note occurred. The services of the choir were frequently called into requisition. For the first but not the last time, Freeman was heard rendering the famous song of "Vilkins and his Dinah." At Truro we gave an open air concert that made the Fiske Jubilee Singers who were there, and who at first hung with rapture on our lips, (this is figurative) green (so is this) with envy. Between the songs any one who had been seen to look askance at any female, and there were many such, was bounced. Here one of our half-backs, having discovered an alarming vacancy in the covering for his lower limbs of locomotion, took advantage of a delay to replenish his wardrobe. At every station along the line exhibitions of vocal culture were given, sometimes to an admiring audience, sometimes to the station master and his dog—the smallness of the audience never lessened the enthusiasm. We had a tedious wait at Pictou Landing. Here some of our forwards wishing both to hasten our departure and keep up their muscle, assisted the boat hands in discharging cargo. It is said they made a mess of considerable P. E. I. pork. Dinner was the first consideration after the boat started. Then was seen a paradox, when our backs were the most forward in securing places at the table. The Strait, as Martin said, was calm as a milk pond. This may or may not have been due to the many prayers that were offered up, and the libations that were poured out to Neptune. At any rate we all reached Charlottetown without being troubled by *mal de mer*. As we neared the wharf we gathered ourselves together and made the air ring with college hymns, ancient and modern. We were met by a host of Abegweits, prominent among whom was an old Dalhousian, who had more than once led our predecessors to victory. It was not long till every one was comfortably settled

down to enjoy the night's repose. Next morning *mirabile dictu!* most of the team lined out to church to listen to the Thanksgiving sermons. We were seeking to play the part of the English before the Battle of the Standard, but as the sequel shows without avail; for subsequent matches, the tactics of the English in an earlier battle were adopted.

THE MATCH.

About 2 P. M. groups of men who wore the yellow and black jerseys, might be seen wending their way to Victoria Park. At 2.30 the ball was placed in the centre of the field and the two teams formed in battle array on opposite sides of it.

"Each looked to sun and stream and plain,
As what they ne'er might see again;
Then eye and foot and point opposed
In dubious strife they darkly closed."

The names of the players were as follows:

DALHOUSIE.		ABEGWEITS.	
McKinnon.	Back.	Ings.	
Morrison, (Capt),	Half Backs.	G. Robinson, (Capt),	
Grant,		Percy McDonald,	
Patterson,		Weeks,	
Brown,		D. H. Robinson.	
McKay,	Quarter Backs.	Whear,	
Creighton,		Johnson.	
McNeill,	Forwards.	Moore,	
Armstrong,		Martin,	
Millar,		D. J. McDonald,	
McLean,		A. A. McDonald,	
Stewart,		John McDonald,	
Campbell,		Gordon,	
Logan,		Shaw,	
Freeman,		Leigh,	
Mr. Esson,	Umpire.	Rev. John McDonald.	

Mr. Harrison of St. John, acted as referee.

We subjoin the Charlottetown *Examiner's* account of the game:—

A large number of ladies and gentlemen assembled at Victoria Park, 17th Nov., to witness the football contest between the Dalhousie College Club and the Abegweits of this city.

Both teams were on the ground in good time, and shortly after half-past two the play began. The ball was kicked off in good style by Moore, but after some splendid field play on the part of the Dalhousie team, the ball was forced into dangerous proximity to the Abegweits goal, where a series of lively scrimmages took place. A "punt kick" by Captain Morrison sent the ball over the Abegweits goal, when a lively rush ensued and the Abegweits were compelled to *rouge*. The ball was next kicked off from the twenty-five yard line, and after some hard scrimmaging the Abegweits succeeded in carrying it to the immediate neighborhood of Dalhousie's goal line. The Dalhousians

claimed that a foul had been made, and the advantage thus secured by the Abegweits was disallowed. The ball was then taken back to the centre field and ordered to be "scrimmaged." During the remainder of the first half-time no special playing was made.

After a short breathing spell play was resumed, the teams changing goals. The ball was well kicked off by Captain Morrison, but was speedily captured and returned to Dalhousie's ground, where a series of lively "scrimmages" took place, every inch of space being stubbornly contested. The very effective playing of Johnson, Percy McDonald, Geo. Robinson and Ings kept the ball well up towards Dalhousie's goal. The Dalhousie backs tackled gamely and prevented their opponents making any points beyond two touch-downs, which were not allowed by the referee. After some further "scrimmaging" and "tackling," which did not result in either side gaining any very material advantage, time was called, and as neither a goal or a try had been made, the game was declared a draw.

Hearty cheers were then given for both teams, the umpires and referee, all of whom, as well as the large number of spectators present, were well pleased with the afternoon's sport.

THE DINNER.

In the evening the Abegweits banqueted us at the Rankin House. Mr. W. A. Weeks presided, supported on either side by Capt. Morrison and Robinson. Mr. D. J. McDonald acted as vice-chairman. The serried lines of the afternoon were now broken and the yellow and black was freely intermingled with the blue of the Abegweits. At 9.30 P. M. the Chairman "kicked off" and the teams entered into a lively "scrimmage" with the viands provided. After all had proved the truth of the Englishman's maxim that "a stomach will stretch a yard before it will crack an inch," the speech-making began. If the Islanders could claim (and they might) a slight advantage in the afternoon, we can safely assert our superiority in the oratorical efforts and choral exercises that followed. The speeches were impromptu but were none the less witty or taking on that account. The following was the toast list:—

- The Queen—"God Save the Queen."
- The Lieutenant-Governor—Percy McDonald.
- The Visiting Team—Captain Morrison, Dalhousie Club.
- The Abegweit Football Club—F. W. L. Moore.
- Our Sister Clubs—Rev. J. A. Macdonald, St. Dunstan's College; Mr. Martin, Toronto University Club.
- Dalhousie College—George Patterson, J. A. McKinnon.

Our Athletic Sports—E. H. Armstrong, D. J. Macdonald.

The Bench and Bar—A. Mackay, A. H. McNeill, F. W. L. Moore.

The Learned Professions—Rev. J. A. McDonald, W. A. Weeks, Dr. H. Johnson.

The Press—H. McInnis, of *The Examiner*, F. J. Nash of the *Patriot*, and J. McLean of the DALHOUSIE GAZETTE.

The Ladies—H. Murray, J. Creighton, J. A. Logan, H. C. Shaw.

Our Host and Hostess.

Our Next Merry Meeting—"Auld Lang Syne."

About 1 P. M. the happy party broke up. Messrs. Weeks and Geo. Robinson were elevated to the ceiling in the regulation bounce. With many good-byes and the regrets that always shadow the close of a pleasant evening, the Abegweits left us to get what rest we could in the few hours that remained, before we commenced the return journey. *Vive valeque!* Abegweits!

(To be concluded in our next.)

THE following happy rendering of the familiar "Auld Lang Syne" is attributed to one of our Professors. Though never intended for publication, it stole sometime ago and somehow, without authority, into the light, and appeared in some of the newspapers in a very much mutilated form. We feel it only justice to our learned Professor, as well as a pleasure to our readers, to give a correct version of it.

"AULD LANG SYNE" LATINE.

1. Sodalitatem num vetustam
Decet interire,
Nec in mentem tempus illud
Unquam nos recire?

Chorus.—Dies O vetustos, care,
Dies jam vetustos!
Potus sumemus gratos nunc
In dies jam vetustos.

- 2.—Tunc per colles est discursum,
Carpta saepe bellis;*
Ex quo latè, pede fesso,
Est lustrata, tellus.
Dies O vetustos, &c.

3. Longam lucem in fluentis
Nos tenebat lusus:
Multus sed exinde pontus
Nobis interfusus.

Dies O vetustos, &c.

*Bellis, idis—a gowan or daisy.

4. Dextris datis hinc, fidelis,
Illa celebremus
Facta pridem, et benignis
Poculis ornemus.

Dies O vetustos, &c.

5. Nae voles tu sextarium,
Pares sint mihi gustus; †
In Fidem epotandum est
Diesque jam vetustos.

Dies O vetustos, &c.

N. B.—Ordinary prose pronunciation and accent are assumed.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to min'?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And days o' lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet
For auld lang syne!

We twa hae run about the braes,
And pu'd the gowans fine;
But we've wander'd mony a weary foot
Sin' auld lang syne.

We twa hae paid't i' the burn,
Frae morning sun till dine:
But seas between us braid hae roar'd
Sin' auld lang syne.

And here's a hand, my trusty fiere,
And gies a hand o' thine;
And we'll tak a right guid willie-waught,
For auld lang syne!

And surely ye'll be your pint-stoup,
And surely I'll be mine;
And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

†Literally, "Let there be equal sippings ^{drinks} to me."

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR GAZETTE:—I am very much obliged to you for your kind notice of my history of Alma Mater. There were some additions to the history which I intended making when reading the proofs; but as I was not given that opportunity will you permit me to make them through your columns? These additions are not very important to be sure, but should not be omitted in what professes to be a fairly full account of what you term "the thorny path Dalhousie trod to her present position at the head of the Universities of the Maritime Provinces."

My first addendum is to the second paragraph of Chapter VI. The debate on Hon. Michael Wallace's message and Mr. Hartshorne's resolution that sprung from it, is there more briefly described than it should have been. In the *Nova Scotian* for 1830, p. 74, the debate is reported at some length, and I have made the following abstract of it. Mr. Hartshorne's resolution, it will be remembered, was that the Province relinquish all claim to the £5000 loaned to Dalhousie some years before:

"Mr. Barry* felt himself called upon to oppose the resolution; he had no idea of giving £5000 for the erection and maintenance of a building to be occupied by cook shops and dancing schools; but was perfectly willing to give the money so soon as the Institution should be organized on the plan originally proposed.

"Mr. Murdoch had been informed by those who were in the house at the time of the loan of the £5000, that it was not intended to be re-called; that in fact it was meant to be a gift if the institution went on.

"Mr. Young † said a correspondence had been opened with a gentleman in Scotland §—a profound and acute scholar, whose mind was of a high and expansive order richly endowed with the stores of ancient lore, and conversant with every department of polite literature. This gentleman had been requested to come out and take charge of the College, and he had agreed to the proposition of the Trustees. When the resolution of the last session was passed, calling for the re-payment of the £5000, the hands of the Trustees were immediately tied up, and they communicated the state of affairs to the gentleman in Scotland; and he, having given up other engagements in consequence of the proposal, insisting on a compensation being made for the breach of engagement—how then does the matter now stand? This scholar is ready to come out. The Trustees are prepared for his reception, and if the Resolution before the House be passed, ere the Legislature is again assembled, he will have arrived here, and the College will have gone into operation. If the resolution be not passed, the hands of the Trustees are again tied up."

The summary first given of the remainder of the debate is sufficient. It will be seen that some of the members in 1830, took the same view that Sir Charles—then Dr.—Tupper, took in 1864, in regard to this loan, viz., that a loan to a public institution is a gift.

* The same who afterwards became celebrated because of his connexion with the "Barry" Riots.

† Father of the late Sir William. Better known as "Agricola."

§ Dr. Mezes.

To what an old Dalhousian says about the sports among the students of '38-'43† he wishes me to add:

"Baseball came in with the Mayflowers and did not last much longer. It was only played in Spring, but in Winter the common and almost the only game was then called hurly, but now known as hockey. It was played either on foot on land, or on skates on ice. The latter required much the greater skill."

His account of Dr. McCulloch's teaching an old Dalhousian wishes to improve by adding the following:

"Dr. McCulloch was thoroughly versant with mental and moral science, as these were taught in his day. With the discussions in either of these departments, up till, say the end of the last century, he was familiar. His mind was clear, so that what he knew he knew correctly and communicated clearly. His chief studies, however, had been in what has been called the Scottish school of Philosophy. He had written out an outline of both in notes which he gave us; and though independent enough to avoid servilely following any master, and acute enough to notice the weak points of each, he in the main followed Reid. Of modern German writers we were left in blissful ignorance, while the fame of Sir William Hamilton had not crossed the Atlantic.

"In Rhetoric he scarcely gave us any lectures in scientific form. But he put us through a drilling which must have made us perspicuous writers, if there were no inherent defect in ourselves. He gave us a course in what I might call practical grammatical analysis which, if it might now be considered more suitable for a High School, formed as he conducted it an admirable training in exact thinking as well as in correct composition. We were frequently obliged to write essays, and he carried out the principles we had learned in his criticism of these. Of redundancy he had a special abhorrence. His idea was that any word not absolutely necessary to convey the meaning weakened the force of the sentence. How mercilessly his big pencil went through our superfluous adjectives! How quickly a shaft of his ridicule pierced the wing of some soaring orator, and brought him helplessly to earth! In fact we have thought he carried his idea to an extreme—that he tended to pare his style down to baldness, and lop off every thing like ornament. Nevertheless he trained men to a correct style and to that exact thinking which is necessary to it."

There are some other trifling addenda and corrections that I might make; but I have already trespassed on your space at too great a length. With many thanks,

I am, Sincerely yours,

GEO. PATTERSON, JR.

† See page 35 of *History Dal. Coll.*

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IN our last issue we referred to the changes that have been made in the Arts Curriculum since the last session. These changes, we believe, are in the right direction, and will be duly appreciated by Third and Fourth Year men. It is, therefore, no more than just that the Faculty should receive all due credit for their enlightened spirit; for we believe that they are animated by a laudable desire to keep abreast of the times—to afford the student the greatest possible freedom in the choice of his subjects, compatible with the amount of work required of him, and at the same time to allow him sufficient time to do justice as well to his subject as to himself. Such a spirit is indeed praiseworthy, and, if preserved, it cannot fail to exercise a beneficial influence on the prosperity of the College. That this spirit of improvement should be exercised, is what we particularly

wish to encourage—to insist on. Much has been done, but much yet remains to be done.

At present the Faculty, we understand, have under consideration the desirability of lengthening the Session. While there may be many and serious objections to this change, we believe that on the whole it would be beneficial, especially if mid-Sessional Examinations were introduced at the same time. It would give more time to the student to master the details of his subject—to acquire a thorough instead of a superficial knowledge of it, which at present is often all he can do, while the provision of mid-sessionals would undoubtedly have the effect of checking in some degree the tendency to "cram," so prevalent here.

But there are other changes which we think desirable—which are generally beginning to be felt necessary. Of these, we will at present only specify one—that English be made an optional subject in the Third and Fourth Years. This has already been brought to the attention of the Faculty by the Valedictorian of last year, and we trust they have not quite forgotten it. No one, whether student or professor will gainsay the importance of this subject. In all the more important colleges, English is gradually being given the place in the Curriculum, to which it is justly entitled. Here we have English only in two years of our Course. If a student wishes to pursue his study of this branch further, he must take an Honours Course; but to do so involves a sacrifice of other subjects and an amount of work that few care to endure.

During his Second Year, the student can do little more than acquire a taste for Literature. He can but survey a mere corner of that vast garden, enriched as it is with such varied and abundant fruit. If his appetite is awakened the entrance work for the Third Year is but a mere sup to his thirst. For the future he must go hungry or help himself. Now there are obvious objections against helping one's self, especially when one's taste has not been properly cultivated. A great deal of time and labour is wasted with little benefit to the student, at least in comparison to the benefit that would be derived if the energy were expended under skilful direction. Those

who have attempted to study a difficult author without the aid of notes or lectures, will thoroughly appreciate the force of this.

It is surely of far greater importance to the student, to have an adequate knowledge of the master-pieces of his own language, than to have a mastery of Greek or Latin, unless, perhaps, he is aiming at a Classical Professorship. Why then should he be content with a mere dip into English? The study of modern is scarcely of secondary importance to the study of Elizabethan Literature; why, then, is there not sufficient provision made for it?

But we need urge the question no further. We readily believe that the Faculty will recognize the need of this change, and will take an early opportunity to make it. We need offer no apology for speaking so freely, for we believe that the voice of the student should have some weight on these matters, and all we can do is to act on our belief.

WE record with deepest feelings of sadness the death of Dr. Avery, for thirty-nine years one of the Governors of our College. For some time he has been too feeble to take an active part in the governing Board, and by the students of these late years he will be best remembered as the giver of the "Avery" Prize, and as a frequent and liberal contributor to the College Funds. Dr. Avery was commissioned as Governor of Dalhousie College on the 1st Sept., 1848, along with six others, all of whom have now passed away. When the College was reorganized in 1863, he was continued in his office. All through these long years his interest in the College never waned, and until old age forbade it, he was always present at Convocation, taking a prominent part in the proceedings. We shall see him no more, but we shall not forget his many acts of kindness, his pleasant words of advice, his generous benefactions.

We quote from the *Recorder* the following sketch of his life:—

"The demise of James F. Avery, M. D., aged 94, carries us back into the last century. The family of the deceased came to King's Co., N. S., among the

Loyalists who left the United States after the termination of the revolutionary war, and the Averys among others having obtained grants of land, settled in the neighborhood of Grand Pre, Horton, where the deceased was born. The late J. F. was educated for the medical profession at the University of Edinburgh, and commenced life as a medical practitioner and druggist in Halifax, and eventually his practice as a physician was relinquished for the other branch, and he was the founder and the head of what became the leading drug establishment in Halifax, and probably in the Lower Provinces. The firm of Brown & Webb, the Apothecaries Hall, and the retail establishment of Brown Bros., are all offshoots of the original business established by Dr. Avery and for a long time conducted by himself on George street. The deceased was a gentleman of courteous manner and blameless life, an Elder, we believe, and a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and a promoter generally of religious and charitable enterprises."

NOW that the foot ball season is almost over, it may not be out of place for the devotees of the oval leather to reflect on some features of their game that have come into prominence this year. First, as to the rules of play. It is said that two-thirds of the matches played under existing rules result in draws. It is not possible that teams are in so many cases so evenly matched that neither side can gain any advantage over the other. The trouble seems to lie in the fact that matches are decided solely by the goals and trys made, no account being taken of rouges or safety touches, at least, until a goal or try is secured. Defects in the rules against misplays are also obvious. For instance, under existing rules the only penalty attached to a misplay is that the ball be scrimmaged where the misplay is made. The unfairness of this rule is apparent. Suppose a player when off-side plays the ball near his opponents goal-line. When the ball is scrimmaged there the side making the misplay has the very great advantage of an opportunity of scrimmaging the ball over the line. Other misplays such as persistently tackling an opponent who has not got the ball, playing off-side in scrimmage, and unduly detaining the ball in scrimmage, are not adequately guarded against.

The matter of revising existing rules was referred to by one of the speakers at the dinner given by the Abegweits at Charlottetown to our

College team, but not fully debated. We think that if the leading clubs in the Maritime Provinces could arrange a conference before the opening of next season, at which these matters could be discussed, and an enlightened code of rules agreed upon, it would increase the popularity of this noble game. Another subject for consideration that has been generally agitated and on which some correspondence has taken place, is the establishment of a trophy to be played for annually by Maritime Province teams. The matters we have referred to can only be settled satisfactorily in such a meeting as we have hinted at, and we believe that one such meeting would lead to the permanent organization of a Maritime Province foot ball union.

BY the death of Dr. Nelles, late Chancellor of Victoria University, the cause of education has lost a warm and zealous patron.

For the thirty-seven long years, during which he has filled the office of President, he has taken the deepest and warmest interest in every movement that appertained to the advancement of Higher Education in the Province of Ontario; and has endeavoured with marked success to elevate and keep in the fore front, the Institution under his charge. Indeed it may be truly said that the result of his untiring efforts is Victoria University as she now stands. His death necessitated the appointment of a successor, and in this appointment no little interest has been manifested, not only by the special friends of the University, but by outsiders on account of incidents in connection with the appointment that were viewed as matters of importance, by all interested in the cause of Higher Education.

When the question of University Federation came before the Methodist body of that Province the majority decided in its favour; there was nevertheless a strong minority opposition led by one of the ablest men of the denomination and a leading educationalist. The scheme of Federation was accepted by the late Dr. Nelles, who with his associate professors entered into the labor of making the undertaking a success with more than usual zeal. Considerable interest was therefore taken as to the appointment of a

successor, as to whether a man favorable or unfavorable to the scheme would be elected. The appointment took place on the 18th ult., and resulted in the unanimous choice of the Rev. N. Burwash, who is in entire sympathy and harmony with the Federation scheme.

We feel that the appointment is an important one, not only from the fact that in Dr. Burwash the University has secured the services of a man in the prime of life, full of intellectual vigor and animation, an indefatigable worker and a devoted student, but also from the fact that the appointment to such a responsible and influential position, of one so favorable to the cause of College Federation must indicate, to some extent at least, the advance being made in the views of its advocates.

The GAZETTE has, on former occasions, expressed its views on this important subject in such a way as not to be misunderstood. The views which we then asserted, are the views to which we still adhere, and maintaining as we do these views, we earnestly desire that the scheme under its new leadership may progress with convincing success. We shall watch its progress with pleasure, feeling that the movement is in the right direction, and one calculated to foster and promote the best interests of Higher Education.

WE clip the following from one of our exchanges, knowing that it would be of interest to Dalhousians:

"Robert Bruce, market gardener, a hard-working, industrious old Scotchman, who carried on his garden operations on the St. Foy road, at Quebec, died a few weeks since at the age of ninety, leaving a fortune of \$120,000. His three daughters, all above middle age, have no children: only one of them, indeed, is married. To them he leaves the interest of this money during their lives; but on their death, without issue, the fund is to be vested in trustees consisting of the principals or presidents, *ex-officio*, of Morin College, Quebec; Dalhousie College, Halifax; Bishop's College, Lennoxville; McGill University, Montreal; Queen's University, Kingston; Toronto University, and Manitoba College, Manitoba, to establish bursaries and scholarships, of the annual value respectively of \$200 and \$100 each, to be called 'The Robert Bruce Bursaries and Scholarships.'"

LAW SCHOOL NOTES.

D. A. MCKINNON, L. L. B., '87, who successfully passed the Final Examination of the Barrister's Society of P. E. I., was recently added to the Bar of the Province. He will practise in Georgetown.

THE MOOT COURT.—The Moot Court opened on the 25th inst., Mr. Newcombe of the firm of Meagher, Drysdale and Newcombe, presiding. The case of *Paley vs. Gretton*, being the first on the docket was called for argument. The following is a statement of the case:—

Paley took of Gretton a furnished house in the country for six weeks. The six weeks having expired, Gretton demanded possession, but Paley refused to quit the house. Gretton then brought several men to the house, and, with their assistance, broke open the outer door, and, in spite of resistance on the part of Paley, forced his way into the house. After Gretton had got into the house he again requested Paley to quit. This, however, Paley refused to do, and thereupon Gretton and his assistants laid hands upon Paley and turned him out. They also put out of the house Paley's luggage and personal effects. Gretton and his assistants did not, either in overcoming Paley's resistance to their entry or in removing him from the house, use more force than was necessary; but in the scuffle which accompanied their entry, Paley's coat was torn. No injury was done to Paley's goods in the course of their removal from the house, but some of them were considerably damaged before Paley was able to convey them to a place of safety. On the above facts Paley brought an action against Gretton.

Mackay, Q. C. with whom was MacNeill, appeared for the plaintiff: McInnis, Q. C., and Patterson, for the defendant.

The plaintiff admitted that no civil action lay for the forcible entry and expulsion, the private remedy being merged in the public prosecution provided by the Stat. 5, Rich. 2, Cap. 8, but relied on the cases of *Newton vs. Harland*, 1 M. & G., 644, and *Beddal vs. Maitland*, 17 Ch. D., 174, to shew that for any independent wrong committed in the course of the forcible entry, an action lay. The counsel for the plaintiff also contended that even though it was held that no action would lie for the trespass committed by the defendant after the entry, still for assaults committed before he had actually gained possession of the house, the defendant was liable. It was argued for the defendant that the case of *Newton vs. Harland*, was only a decision of a majority of the Court, and that its authority had been assailed in many later cases, notably in the case of *Harvey vs. Brydges*, 15 M. & W., 437. The case of *Louis*

Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION.—The majority of the students in attendance at Dalhousie, Pine Hill and the Commercial College accepted the invitation of the Y. M. C. A. to attend the reception on Friday night. The halls and rooms were draped with flags, and plants were placed at every available spot.

When the President, Mr. J. S. McLean, took the chair, the large hall was crowded with students, members and their friends. The President's address was well received, and as he pointed out the duty that young men owed to the country, cheer after cheer told that he had struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the audience. After the singing of the "Three Crows," Lewis, on behalf of the theological, and McInnes for the Law Students, thanked the members for the kindness shown them. Mrs. Dr. Oliver sang "My ain Countrie," and was loudly encored. All were then invited to the Reading Room, which had been turned into a lunch room, where tea, coffee, cake and fruit were supplied in abundance. The students, on the return to the hall sang, and Vice-President Burgoyne made a very clever speech. Miss McKenzie sang "Caller Herrin," and was encored. Comstock for the Business College, and Clarke for the Arts' Students, also spoke briefly. Short addresses were made by Drs. Lathern and Burns. A vote of thanks was moved by Simpson, but the boys were just then in temper for anything, and his sentences were finished in a manner that surprised him. President Forrest seconded the motion and made some very timely remarks. Everybody enjoyed themselves except the martyrs who had to make speeches, and all the students are under obligations to the Y. M. C. A. for giving one evening of rollicking fun.

AN excellent programme is assured for the Literary and Musical Entertainment to be held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Dec. 6th. Students should turn out. Tickets for the whole course, consisting of six lectures by some of our best men, and several entertainments, can be obtained from Mr. Theakston, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for 50 cents. Single lectures 10 cents, entertainment 20 cents.

In the late inter-collegiate Foot Ball contest for the championship, Yale won, defeating both Princeton and Harvard.

"Men must know that in this theatre of man's life it remaineth only for God and for angels to be lookers on."—*Bacon*.

vs. *Telford*, 1 App. cases 414, *Jones vs. Chapman*, and *Davis vs. Burrell*, were also cited.

The learned judge, after an exhaustive review of the authorities cited, gave judgment for the plaintiff.

THE Mock Parliament which met on Saturday evening the 29th ult., after discussing Mr. Armstrong's Bill to abolish the office of School Inspector, defeated the bill on its second reading. The Government then introduced the Bill to do away with the Militia System of Canada. The division of the House on its second reading resulted in a tie, and the speaker giving his casting vote against the Bill, the Government handed in their resignation. Mr. Armstrong was then called upon to form a new administration, and announced the following as the personnel of his Government: E. H. Armstrong, Premier and Minister of Justice; Geo. Patterson, Minister of Finance; A. McNeil, Minister of Public Works. A Home Rule Resolution and a Bill favoring Senate Reform are promised.

DALLUSIENSIA.

We wish our contemporaries to note that this column is not intended for the public, but belongs exclusively to the students at present attending College, who are alone expected to understand its contents.

THERE are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in *Davy's* Philosophy.

WE sympathize with the "sweetly smiling" Junior who got left on Sabbath eve. *Wise girls and foolish boy!*

FRESHMAN paraphrases Goldsmith's line:

"No Zephyr fondly sues the mountain's breast,—
thus—

"No lambent infant zealously indicts its mother's bosom."

A SHOAL of sharks followed the S. S. *St. Lawrence* from Charlottetown to Pictou on Nov. 12th. There were sick passengers on board.

A worthy Freshman was seen escorting a young lady down street a few evenings ago just like a gentleman. From his general conduct we regard him a fit subject for the "Freshman's Tartarus."

WE can't tell what made the "wicked Haman" prolong his stay in P. E. I. We know what kept the great Archimedes. He went away out to see Haman's sister.

THE way the Freshmen enclosed the re-freshment tables at the Y. M. C. A. Reception reminded one of "close communion." They didn't allow others to partake.

THE Freshmen have of late shewn a pugnacious inclination. We would remind our friends that in our Freshmen days we entered into the scrimmages in the best spirit and generally came off victorious. "Go thou and do likewise."

ON Sunday evening last, fifteen minutes after St. Matthew's congregation was dismissed, the philosopher of 1888 was seen at the door of Chalmer's Church waiting for one who, on account of the muddy streets and the distance to be travelled, had to stay at home. We don't wish to be *ambiguous*.

WHY should a man be free
To act so childishly?—a silly mood,
To interrupt the speakers; Sir, 'twas rude
The privilege of guests t' abuse. Ah dude!

"NATU Maximam," inguit Maximus,
"Isne ad Sociolem?"
"Non, O Maxime, essem territus,
Ne Sophomori mali tollerent
Me et meam puellam."

WE cannot tell why those "fairy fays" just entering their teens so anxiously await the arrival of our little Soph. as he comes out from Logic; nor can we explain the nature of the reception which they receive.

THE young *medicus*, of blood-circulation celebrity, who accompanied the foot-ballists on their annual tournament carried away in triumph from the Charlottetown Lyceum three young ladies, notwithstanding the fruitless efforts of two of his companions to become partners of his joys. But he came in too late for his oyster supper.

HE came from the region of classics,—
Cold, formal,—a timorous thing;
In the "ocean of sentiment social"
He bathed; then a child of emotion
He rose, like a bird on the wing;
Now he flirts. Where's the harm? Can you see it?
Why, he's just intended to rill
With the glance of his eye the maiden so coy,
And they keep him way out at—

P. Hill.

LAW SCHOOL FACETIÆ.

ONE evening last week a student discovered a skeleton in his closet. It had been shut up from 5 to 11 p. m., much to the anxiety of its mother.

TWO Freshmen lately entertained their class by an exhibition of pugilistic skill. In the course of the fight the aged Librarian rushed in and separated the combatants. From a despatch just received from John L. Sullivan's backer it appears that it will be impossible to arrange a meeting between the champion of British Columbia and "Boston's Pride."

STUDENT—to Lecturer who has been engaged all day in an argument in Court.—"Will you please give that reference again, Sir?" Lecturer—"Beg your pardon, my Lord!"

AN edition of "Hymns Ancient and Modern" is in preparation by a student. Some of the hymns are not to be found in the editions now in use in the churches.

OUR sportsmen should purchase the gatling gun used in the North West Rebellion. It would be more effective than the weapon now used by them. A five days trip, lately, resulted in the death of two squirrels and one crow. A grey-bird was also severely wounded.

AS we remarked some time ago the First Year men display a remarkable eagerness to gain an insight into the Criminal Law. One of them the other day occupied a seat in the prisoner's box in the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court. Of course he went there just to find out what it felt like.

PERSONALS.

NOTICE!!—Subscribers will please notify us of any change of address.

We wish all former students, professors, and those in any other way connected with Dalhousie, to be subscribers to the GAZETTE. Those now receiving the GAZETTE for the first time who do NOT wish to subscribe, as well as old subscribers who wish to have their names taken from the list, will confer a favour by giving us early notice of the same. This will obviate confusion and misunderstanding.

Owing to non-payment of subscriptions, we are this year considerably behind hand. Please pay up all back subscriptions, and in future don't let your subscriptions accumulate.

ALEX. LAIRD, Sophomore of last year, is teaching at River John, Pictou Co.

ALEX. MACKENZIE, Sophomore of last year, is teaching at South Side, Little Narrows, C. B.

D. O. MACKAY, Sophomore of last year, is at his home, Scotch Hill, Pictou Co.

C. B. Burns, Sophomore of last year, is studying in Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.

N. H. Gardner, Freshman of last year, is teaching at his home, Brooklyn, Queen's Co.

REV. E. M. DILL, B. A. '84, has been recently inducted into the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian congregation at Parrsboro.

REV. D. MACDONALD, B. A. '84, has also taken charge of the Presbyterian congregation at Port Hastings, C. B.

HON. JOHN MACDONALD, who was recently appointed to the Senate of Canada in place of the late Hon. Wm. McMaster, is an old student of Dalhousie College.

WE copy the following paragraph from the *Weekly Scotsman* of 2st ultimo:

"APPOINTMENT OF MR. ANDREW SETH—A meeting of the University Committee of St. Andrew's was held on Tuesday—Mr. A. L. Balfour, Lord Rector, presiding—when the vacancy in the Chair of English Literature caused by the death of Prof. Baynes, was filled up. There were twelve candidates, Mr. Andrew Seth, Professor of Logic and Metaphysics in University College, Monmouthshire, Wales, was elected. Mr. Seth was a pupil of Edinburgh High School, a graduate of Edinburgh University, and is regarded by many as one of the foremost writers of the day in the department of Philosophy."

The subject of the above paragraph is a brother of Prof. James Seth, M. A., of this University.

NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

SHADOW SHIPS.

Above me sail the shadow ships.
As I lie here beneath the trees.
Down through the boughs the sunshine slips,
I hear the drowsy hum of bees.

My fancy sails her cloud-ships, too,
With precious cargoes laden low,
On Summer seas, where skies are blue,
And gentle breezes softly blow.

AH, THESE HEALTHY OUTDOORSPOITS!—Mamma, reading morning paper: "My dear, I see Jack made a run through the whole opposing team, scored a second touch down at just 4:27, was jumped on by the entire Princeton eleven and finally taken off the field unconscious with three ribs and breastbone broken."

"Great Scott! Mary, but the boy can't train for the Varsity this winter, and he'll be shut out of the boat when they take to the water in the spring. By jove, Mary, I'd rather be squeezed on wheat than have Jack confined to his books all winter."

"But, my dear, it was Jack's touch-down that won the game."

"Is that so? Great Scott! then, like Montcalm, at Quebec, I die happy. Another muffin, Mary. These fall sports are simply glorious. But Jack must take no extra studies Mary. It's so easy for a fellow with Jack's herculean constitution to break down under too much work. Only three ribs, you say?"

"And the breastbone."

"Great Scott! but this is good news."

[*Chicago Inter-Ocean.*]

REVIEW COLUMN.

WE are pleased to add to our Exchange List, No. I. of the *Collegian*, (New Berlin, Pa.) We hope its lease of life may be a long one, and that no untimely blast of financial misfortune, such as overtook its predecessors, may even cut short its career of usefulness.

THE *Bates' Student* for November, has for special features: "Problems awaiting the College graduate"—"Remarks on Emerson," and other articles interspersed with some very good poetry.

THE *Chironian* (Homœopathic Med. Coll., N. Y.) contains articles on the theory and practice of medicine of special interest to Medical Students.

The *Dartmouth* (Hanover, N. H.) has come to our desk. Poetry and fiction and prose make this Journal interesting to all. The *Engineer's story*, *Chocorna* and the *Hippolytus* of Euripides, were the pieces that struck our fancy.

Belcher's Almanac for 1888 contains the usual large amount of interesting information. No one can do without it.

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