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EDITORIAL.

A trying period of moral, social and political reconstruction awaits the world. The old order of militarism largely enforced through the threatening attitude of the group of selfish nations led by Germany is, it is to be hoped, gone forever. Other obnoxious conditions must disappear with it. world has had more than enough of social injustice, political corruption and materialism in general. True, the millennium is not to be attained in a fortnight. We must above all seek to avoid that reaction into materialism and moral inertia so prone to follow in the wake of great wars of the past, owing to exhaustion. But the old order would seem to have departed and a new and better one must forthwith take its place. The one great peril seems to lie in the fact that dangerous nostrums like Bolshevism and the I. W. W. should menace the world, proclaiming themselves the heralds of this new order, when as a matter of fact their one mission is to destroy.

The Peace Conference is face to face with many perilous difficulties and it would seem almost a miracle if a true solution of the problem of the peace could be evolved out of the many conflicting views, clashing interests and varied ideals of the different pationalities.

Add to these the problem of a truculent and still unrepentant Germany and the constant peril that all the workings of the Conference may be rendered null and void by the Bolshevists, and the difficulty of the task is till further enhanced. So much depends on a satisfactory solution being reached however, that one is tempted to hope that the various nations will be constrained to forego some of their more selfish claims, in order that a just, satisfactory and harmonious peace may be finally attained.

We owe our readers an apology for the irregularity of the recent issues, which was caused mainly by the change of editors, coming as it did so close to the exams. However, it is hoped that from now on the Gazette will appear more regularly. This is possible only if the Editor is kept well supplied with material by the student body.

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We would like to add a few words to what has already been written with reference to contributions to this paper. While the manner in which a few of the students are supporting the *Gazette* is highly gratifying, there are not half enough contributors

and we fear that the college paper may lack both material and variety. This ought not so to be. There are, without doubt, many students attending the University who, with but a little effort, are quite capable of contributing interesting and valuable articles to the Gazette. If they have not hitherto exercised their capacities in this regard it is their duty to do so now.

It has also been noted of late that the functions of this paper are somehow being usurped by the local press. Whose fault this is we do not know—nor care. Let it be said, however, that the only raison d'etre the Gazette has is to act as the organ of the student body. As long as the latter is content to have class functions, debates etc., written up in the city papers—which by the way we in no wise depreciate—instead of the Gazette as has frequently happened of late, the Gazette is deprived of the reason for its existence.

We would suggest as a means of remedying this that each class, society etc., of the University officially appoint a reporter whose duty it shall be to write up all important meetings, debates or class functions as the case may be for the Gazette. This, it seems to us, would go a long way towards remedying the evil. In fact one or two student organizations have already taken this step. May we not count on the remainder following their example? Let everybody try to make the Gazette in all respects, a bigger and a better paper.

DR. GARNET SEDGEWICK PROMOTED.

Another Good Dalhousian to get a good billet is G. G. Sedgewick, '03. He has been appointed Assistant Professor of English in the University of British Columbia and has the work of organizing his department with over 500 students to provide for. British Columbia is to be congratulated on its good fortune in securing such a brilliant man for this important post.

Dr. Sedgewick had difficulties to overcome in obtaining his education. Entering Dalhousie in 1899 as The Learned Freshman, he was forced to drop out at the end of his sophomore year. He returned two years later and completed his course in Greek and English being one of the few Dalhousians who elected this difficult course and took an excellent degree With High Honors in 1903. He also signalized his year of graduation by bringing out the Historical Number of the Gazette which is still unsurpassed for the volume of accurate information about Dalhousie's past. It is continually consulted.

After graduation, he taught for several years in British Columbia. Then he went to Harvard, and "made his doctor" in 1913, having specialized in English. He was appointed to the department of English in Washington University, St. Louis. This department is unique in the fact that it employed at one time no fewer than three

Dalhousians, Dr. Roy Mackenzie (Harvard) Mrs. Mackenzie (Ethel Stuart '02) and Dr. Sedgewick.

The Gazette wishes him success in his new congenial sphere of activity.

THREE MORE DALHOUSIANS AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS.

The long list of Dalhousians who have been honored for gallant service on the fields if still further augmented by the names of Gilbert Stairs, Jack Roper and Edwin Hallett, each of whom has been awarded the Military Cross. Gilbert Stairs, as the first Dalhousie Rhodes Scholar and a member of a family prominent in the life of the city and University and conspicuous in its devotion to the cause of freedom, needs no introduction to Dalhousians. Jack Roper, B. A., and a former Editor of the Gazette is well remembered by some of the more advanced undergraduates. He went over in the 219th Highland Battalion. Edwin Hallett class '18 is at present convalescing from severe wounds in Halifax. having arrived home about Christmas.

ARTS AND SCIENCE.

The ability to speak in public is not altogether a natural accomplishment, but is one that is attained by practice. To everyone this practice is not possible, but for Dalhousians fortunately it is.

It is not necessary for the would be Demosthenes to fill his mouth full of pebbles and declaim to the Atlantic billows at Point Pleasant. He has no end of oportunities offered him to speak, if he will but avail himself of them.

The Arts and Science Society is not primarily a debating Society. The debating is only one of its activities. It is the mouthpiece of the Faculty of Arts and Science. Here is the opportunity to speak; to discuss vital matters appertaining to college. There are only four who can take part in the debate, but everybody present is at liberty to discuss the question afterwards. The lack of general discussion at the last few meetings of Arts and Science has been most disheartening.

It is said that college spirit is dead. It is not dead, but very much asleep. We must awaken it. Revive the old pre-war spirit! Boost the college societies! Don't be a knocker! We are on the eve of big events at Dalhousie. Let us fully realize this great fact. Now is the time to express our views and give our opinions. One of the greatest rights that we possess as British citizens is free speech. Let us use it and show that we appreciate this great heritage of Democracy. SCOTOCELTO.

Alex. Murray '18 who recently returned from overseas has resumed his course in Arts.

THE "HAS-BEENS."

with the alternative of either joining a new and junior class or remaining apart from the class question. With reference to joining a new class, the majority of the student, (I may say all) do not feel like joining another class junior to their own. This does in no way cast any disrespect on the junior classes but it is merely due to the fact that when one has accompanied a class through at least one year of College life, the idea of joining another class seems unnatural. On the other side of the question; to remain

apart from a class will completely submerge the true college spirit that should show more than ever at this time. In order to properly handle this important matter, it has been suggested that a class of the students, (male and female) whose class has left the University, be

formed with the title of the "Has-Beens" Class. This suggestion has been taken up with great interest by all student and professors and will soon become a great success. It is to be strictly understood that this class will retain within itself the individualism of the old classes and their numbers; and each year another class will be added until all those who temporarily left the College will have been taken care of. This class will cause no friction among the other classes and the members will make that one of their chief duties. It will merely rank as a post senior class in the

Besides the intention to provide a class for those whose class has gone; the duty of the "Has-Beens" will be to aid the University as much as they. Now, fellow Dalhousians, expecially you who have come in since we left, carry on the College Spirit as upheld by the old boys and by your friends and fellow-students who have given up their lives for their country. Boost your College as hard as you can and you may count on the "Ha-Beens" for they will all do their part.

H. R. C: '18.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER GROUP SPEND PLEASANT SOCIAL EVENING.

On Monday, Feb. 10, the members and friends of the Student Volunteer Band spent a very enjoyable social evening at the home of Miss Killam, Seymour Street.

During the earlier part of the evening those present were startled by the nonchalance with which one young lady stated she was quite accustomed to sitting on arms; and equally amazed to hear another state that a certain young man would pay attention to her hereafter. A number of games were played, and it was found to be painfully difficult to quiet the poor pussy. It was also noticed that in gray she ate; and the senior member demonstrated his abilities as magician by snatching cakes out of the very air. An instrumental solo was followed by numerous vocal attempts. When noisy enquiry was made as to the whereabouts of the verdant Freshmen, some of them were found to have retired for strategic—and other—reasons.

Dalhousie was again the victor in the second game of the basket ball league on

The Dal. team was in first class condition and played a good game. The team work

was splendid. The All Americans had a good team but their combination work was poor. It was a hotly contested game and had lots of "pep" in it. When the whistle blew the score was

Unfortunately there were very few Dalhousians out to see the game. Students! Don't desert the Black and Gold! Come out and cheer your team! Let there be a big crowd of fellows out at the next game and also a goodly number of co-eds.

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Dalhousie's first game in the New Winter Schedule at the City Y.M.C.A. took place on Saturday night Feb. 3rd when they went up against he boys of the U.S.S. Tallapoussa. Dal's Five got away with a good start at the beginning but the U.S. boys soon got down to business urged on by the rooting of their supporters, who did their work in real American style. First Half ended 22-11 in favor of Dalhousie.

In the second half the Naval boys rearranged their team which made for improvement and gave the spectators an interesting and exciting period in which Dal's lead was cut down. Baird and Marsters from the field repeatedly found the basket and Ross on guard did good work and upset time after time, "comb" plays of Tallapousa team. Final score 27-20.

Tallapoussa. L. F. Fiorucci. L. F. McLeod R.

R. F. Smith, C. G. C. Baird, K. A. R. F. Marsters, C. L. Q. Ross R.

R. F. Daulphin. C. Conovu. R. Q. Gaffney. L. Q. Donaldson.

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Why does A-ch-e think eight years such a very attractive age? Has the English IV class anything to do with it?

Will the humorist or humorists who so illuminated their answers to the English IV Exam. paper kindly devote their facetious talents in future to the Gazette? Such powers should not be wasted on the desert air.

When are the prolific art treasures of Philosophy V to be exhibited to the public?

What future Edison in our midst invented the elaborate (?) bell system which rings the changes at St. Mary's rink?

Mr. P-w-r: (translating Chaucer)"... and the knight became enamoured of a fair lady.

Dr. MacMechan: Does that mean the same thing as falling in love?

Mr. P-w-r: Er-r-r, yes, sir, only more

Dr. MacMechan: You should know,

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As you no I do not believe in luv at 1st

site but when I seen you a grate change

came into my life. Do you no when I first

seen you it was down at the Mari-Dal, the

building that a man named Kolback fixed

up and runs for stoodents so as he can make

some sense and dollars. this bilding be-

longs to Dal., but they couldn't think of

such a scheme in 999 yrs. Well as I was

trying to say it was ther wher you 1st

came into my life and then you 1st went

hom with me the nite they had the meating

aboat the Shakspearan pagant. That was

a funny meating—ther was a ladie named

Mrs. M. Mac-il, the better half of a man

named Murray MacN-il who runs the Ma-

thematiks in Dal and who was awful

sick a cuple of wks ago. Wel she wold make

you stand up to see how high you was and

if you was long enuf she wold say you could

bee a Cort Fool. Some of the boys woldn't

take the job of cort-fool becose it req'd

brains but finely they found 1 or 2 bys. who

thot they had brains. If they had asked the

gurls, ther are lots of them who have a few

brains. Do you no I don't believ wat you

sed aboat the gurls Of the Halifax Ladies'

College or else you wouldn't hav gon hom

with me. But perhaps you ment the gurls

of the college and not the Dal. gurls. If

you did that I forgiv you. of corse you mus

no dear Tadpole that when you bord in

Halifax you havn't got no money to spend

for Mary Garden or for that stuf they call

"ruge" so perhaps we are not as prety as

some other gurls you may no. And as you

no we havn't got no parlor to tak you into

when you come hom with us like the city

gurls here. But if you come once more I wil

try to borrow the office at the college for

I red your leter in the Gazet to your old

frien John. He must bee a nise boy to be

your frien. Wy don't you bring him to Dal.

next year. I no lots of nice gurls her and

then we could go to the Strand or to the

place opposite if no one seen us. That Dok

Ch-be-s must bee a nise teacher of logick.

Is he married? Do you e-v-e-r go into the

office at Studly. I hope you don't becose

they have 3 nise gurls in there. Better

wait intil you hav married me and become

President. What kind of a man is that tea-

cher of English. What's he no about

Perhaps you missunderstood him. And

I don't like what you sed aboat the gurls.

If you want to go with me you must not

talk like that. You boys in Dal are meen to

the gurls anyhow. I guess you like them typewriter gurls like Ja-k Ni-h-on.

Now I guess you will bee surprised to get a letter from me and I hope you will an-

AS IT MIGHT BE TO-DAY.

Lady Macbeth:-Here's the smell of

the blood still; all the perfumes of Arabia

will not sweeten this little hand. Oh! Oh!!

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madam. Only 75c. a bottle. Guranteed to

take the skin off along with the odour.

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half an nour.

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DR. BAXTER'S REMINISCENCES.

II.

The College at Truro. Principal Ross. McCulloch, The Hidalgo. Lyall. The Great Trek. Howe's Speech at Convocation.

MUST here insert an episode that occurred there. One of the most prominent lawyers A. G.—had two students Geo—and Israel—. They happened to be up one day, when they were unloading a freight car and among other articles was a beautiful child's crib. They were examining it when "Winking Peter "happened along and said "Whose crib is that, Israel?"

"I do not know", said Israel. "Whose crib is it George?" he asked of the other. George turned over the card with the address on it and said it is A. G.—s. When quick as a flash "Winking Peter" said. "The ox knoweth his owner and the Ass his Master's crib but Israel doth not know my people do not consider."—Isaiah 1-3rd.

I do not think I ever heard scripture quoted more apropos. But Winking Peter was a wit,—hair trigger at that, and always

set.

I was there also on the day that the "Prince of Wales" the late King Edward arrived, about 1860 I think and was driven from there to the Courthouse with Hiram Hyde's team of ten white horses. But suppose now that "we get down to brass tacks," as the Yankees say, and suppose also that it is Sept. of '58, or thereabouts. (Old Age warns me not to be too positive "in rebus" dates) and suppose we take a walk also down the Front Street now Queens'. We see on the left the First Presbyterian Church occupying a whole block from Front Street to Back Street, or now Queen's to Prince. Then going a little further down towards the "Common," we see, off to the right, a large white two-story wooden building standing about fifty yards from the street on the North side back near where the level plateau dips down to the marsh and intervals of the two rivers. This is the "Theological Seminary," newly instituted, transplanted from the West River of Pictou, Wisdom, paraphenalia, Professors and all whom we used sacreligiously to refer to as "Imported Durhams." A strong white fancy wooden fence along the street excluded the "Profannum Vulgus" from the large plot of ground, which lay in front of the building and which was "tho hu-va-vo-hu" like the earth before God went to work on it. Not a tree, nor a shrub, nor a path nor even Friday's foot print was to be seen. However let us steer due North to the pillared porch and enter the main front door where we find a spacious Hall running from front to back, and a grand staircase leading "superas ad Auras;" but we turn to the left and enter a large room on the right. There is a series of steps from the level of the eye down to the floor, amphitheatre style, fronting the Professor's desk at the West. This was Principal Ross' room; and the students occupied long benches with backs on them; and absorbed Greek, Logic, Chemistry, Moral Philosophy, each according to his ability.

Professor Ross himself was a man of say five feet nine or ten, stout, florid with sandy grey hair, side whiskers of the same shade, blue eyed, good-natured, fond of a joke and rather witty himself but not nearly so much so as his brother Ebenezer.

The Professor generally wore a business

suit, a silk hat and a circular broad-cloth cape over his shoulders. He took times easy and did not worry his pupils much, but was heavy on quantity; and if you shortened the ω he would worry you for the rest of the lesson.

"Oh, Mr—— "pull up your shirt collar and get up your muscle and give him a **good·throw**, —ἄνθρωπος. In Chemistry, he was not infallible for one day he got a surprise himself, when the mixture exploded with the report of a cannon and he nearly turned a back sommersault. His Sanctum Sanctorum where he kept his chemicals was a room on his left at the back of the building but was **taboo** to us, of course.

He used to sit while teaching, having Gout or Rheumatism in one leg or foot and when he planted it on top of his desk lying before him from knee to foot then "Cave Canem" or wolf or Hyena or whatever you like to call it; for he was not an Angel then, but "de mortuis nihil nisi bonum." Logic he used to revel and tangle us up ad libetum. But in Moral Philosophy I was "au fait," and pleased him greatly. wonder was it the result of early training? Echo answered "I wonder." In Greek, we repeated the nouns of each Declention and the Verbs active, middle and passive of each conjugation "ad nauseam" from Bullions Greek Grammar. Then we had "Bul-

lion's Greek Reader" and blundered through

Aesop's Fables, then Majora under Ross.

Most of us were profoundly stupid but by

far the best Greek scholar, so far as I am

any judge, was A. J. Mowitt who read

Greek "ad apertum libri" as well as the rest of us could read English. He it was who afterwards died in the pulpit in Montreal.

The best logicians and dialectitions were Allen Simpson, C. B. Pitblado, — — McIntosh and David Laird of P. E. I., afterward Governor of Manitoba or the North West. When they commenced to speak in our Debating Society "conticuere

I would have you know, Gentleman, that I blundered through my time at College in D—lish good Company, Your own ex-Principal among the rest, Dr. Forrest.

omnes, intentique ora tenebant."

(To be continued.)

CON VARIAZIONI.

(With Apoligizes to the Brazen Treasury).

O waly waly up the ice,
And waly waly down the rink,
And wobble wobble agin the boards,
Where I and my luve won't to prink!
I linked my arm unto an aik,
I thought it was a trusty tree;
But first he tripped, and then he tak

A headlong tumble involving me.

'Tis not the frost that fruz the ice,
Nor blawing snaw's inclemencie;
'Tis not sic cauld that makes me cry.
But my love's heart grown cauld to me.
When we came in St. Mary's rink.
We were a classy sight to see,

We were a classy sight to see, But oh! he says I tripped him up. And now he's jilted me!

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