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JUNIOR CLASS WINS BENNETT AWARD

AUDIENCE PLEASSED WITH "THE MONKEY'S PAW" Junior - Soph Debaters Favour Silent Movies

Final Glee Club Show Presented
Symphony Orchestra a pleasing feature of programme

The Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society held its last pre-Christmas meeting on Thursday night in the Gymnasium. The audience was not so large as usual, probably because of the threatening nearness of exams. Among the absentees was noticed the new drop-scene, which was replaced by our old friend the "Pull-Together" curtain. The programme consisted of a one-act play and a number of selections rendered by the Dalhousie Symphony Orchestra.

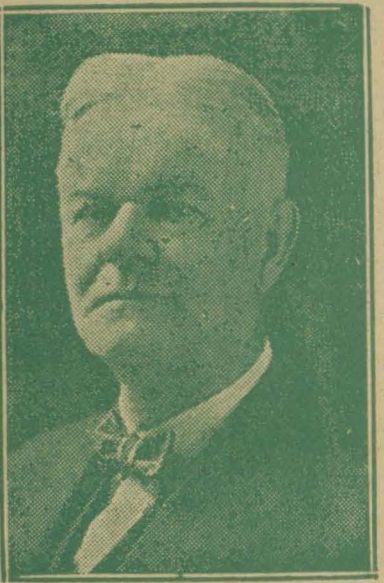
The play bore the interesting title "The Monkey's Paw," savouring of E. Phillips Oppenheim and mystery. Under the capable direction of Prof. Max MacOdrum, it certainly fulfilled the expectations of lovers of the gruesome. The gripping action centred round the cursed magic of a mummified monkey's paw, which brought tragedy to those who tried to profit by its fiendish power. The character roles were both well chosen and well executed. Miss Anna Taylor and Mr. J. A. Y. MacDonald assumed the weight and responsibility of years, and reproduced with remarkable vividness the sorrow of an old couple, who find the simple, loving hopes of a lifetime shattered by the terrible death of their only son. Mr. Raymond McCarthy, who is not unknown to the faithful of Sodales, made a very realistic, war-worn veteran bringing the curse of the Paw to the happy household, even while warning the family of the dangers that attend it. Mr. Rolph Grant, in the part of the promising son, whose death was the centre of the play, proved that the gridiron is not the only field of his college activities. Mr. Alex Nickerson was the bearer of the tragic news, which he broke as gently as possible to the grief-stricken parents. The whole piece was alive with absorbing interest that was heightened by a touch of the occult and a sense of mysterious foreboding.

The Dalhousie Choral Society was unable to present its promised numbers because of delay in the arrival of music from England. The gap thus created in the evening's programme was more than adequately filled by the Symphony Orchestra. Under the very capable direction of Mr. Sina S. Singer, the orchestra has developed wonderfully, and is a real feature of Student Activity.

The Audience was treated to a programme both grave and gay, and rendered most enjoyable not only by the skill of the ensemble, but also by the variety and appropriateness of the selections. First a stirring march was played, followed by the ever popular Irish melodies, woven into a single piece. The orchestra then gave what is perhaps the biggest composition ever attempted by Dalhousie's musicians, namely the celebrated "Unfinished Symphony" by Franz Schubert. This was followed by a "Nocturne," by another well-known composer, Mr. Don Murray. The programme was brought to a successful close with a pot-pourri of Christmas airs, which imparted a Yule-tide atmosphere, while an hour of dancing to the music of John Budd's Collegians sent the Dalhousies home happy to their textbooks.

It is unnecessary to stress the importance and value of Mr. Singer's work and the enthusiasm of his orchestra. Everyone realizes that the Dalhousie Orchestra is a very good one, better even than those of colleges that have many more musical advantages than we have. It is to be hoped that Glee Club will in the near future again be treated to an evening of music such as it enjoyed on Thursday night.

Withdrawing



Col. W. E. Thompson, for many years lecturer in the Law and Practice of Insurance at Dalhousie Law School whose retirement was announced last week. His place will be filled by F. H. Jones.

Class '31 has Splendid Record

The Junior Class ('31) who retained the Hon. R. B. Bennett Shield on Wednesday evening last, at Sodales, have thus far in their history a debating record unequalled in many years, if ever.

At present, after being at Dalhousie for two and a half years, the third year class has been represented in six debates, of which they have won five, losing only the first when they were freshmen.

1927-28—Lost to Sophomores, middle of October.

1928-29—Defeated freshmen, in first tie-soph debate; represented by Miss Helen Williams and Gordon Harris.

Defeated freshmen in Bennett Series represented by Mr. Louis McKenna and Doris Margeson.

Defeated juniors in Bennett Series final; same team won Shield for Class.

1929-30—Defeated seniors in Bennett Series; represented by John A. Y. MacDonald and Mary Crocker.

Defeated sophomores in final of series; same team retained Shield for Class.

This notable record is all the more so when it is recognized that in the last four debates recorded, there have been four men and two girls ineligible. This notable contribution to senior teams while only a second year class has put Class '31 into much prominence.

Last year Arthur Pattillo, Gordon Cooper, Tom MacDonald, W. H. Jost, Gertrude Hemphill, and Lillian Sadler, were all selected for senior teams—six of Dal's eleven senior debaters. Yet apparently handicapped by the loss of these six, the class has taken the Shield both years.

Dentals Meet

The Dalhousie Dental Society held a special meeting in the Dental theatre on Saturday morning to consider the reports of the Dance Committee and the Social Committee. H. Clark on behalf of the terpsichorean sponsors stated that the informal dance had been a financial success, which news came as a great relief to those who had been so severely bitten in a similar enterprise last year.

Harrington announced that another smoker would be held early in the Spring session.

Cy MacMullen was appointed to look after the softball team of the tooth-extractors and the meeting adjourned.

CHRISTMAS SEASON AT THE HALL

'Twas the week fore Exams and all through the Hall,
Not a Co-Ed was stirring...not a single 'phone call.
Just one mournful figure had courage to roam
And found on the doors, "Don't knock, I'm not home."
They wished they were nestled all snug in their beds
So visions of pass-marks could dance in their heads.
The freshette next door, with the red and green jacket
Had just gone to bed, when we heard a big racket,
'Twas somewhere nearby that arose this great clatter
And we sprang from our desks to see what was the matter.

Away to the corridor we flew like a flash
Scolded and raved while our tongues were a lash.
The moon on the breast of the frost-bitten ground
Gave the colour of twilight to objects around.
We looked out the window and there, with surprise,
We saw a big "circus" right under our eyes.
There was a leader who bossed all the rest;
He made them step lively to do his behest.

They went through their paces, like trotting-race horses,
And when they kept still, to restore their spent forces,
The leader cried out: "We have famous rope-walkers
Here with us tonight, and eminent talkers
Who, with many others, for the pleasure of all,
Will give a performance in front of the Hall."
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to their feet these poor creatures sprang,
And through the still night their deep voices rang.

And then in a twinkling, we saw what it meant—
Why...they were Frat initiates merely "hall-bent."
So we drew in our heads and were turning around,
When all through the Hall there came a shrill sound;
It was the dear "quiet bell" ringing we knew,
And back to our hideous labours we flew.

(With apologies to C. C. Moore).

An Urgent Need

Medical Student stresses absence of proper accommodation for Pathological Specimens

Dear Mr. Editor:
Your correspondence columns, it seems to me, is the proper place in which to mention a matter that constantly comes before the senior students of both Medicine and Dentistry.

Those of us, who, in the course of our studies, have to spend much time around the Pathological Institute all agree that in that so-completely and modernly equipped building there is one grievous fault. I refer to the absolute non-existence of museum accommodation.

This fault is certainly not one which falls on the shoulders of the executive staff of the institute for not only once but many times have we heard Dr. Smith decry this situation.

We are fortunate in possessing this Institute, so completely equipped as it is, but we, the senior classes do feel that it is lacking in that one respect. As things are at present, there is a large room set aside for a museum and in it scattered to its four corners is a collection of numerous bottles of specimens. Some labelled, some ignored, some fresh, some ancient, some even some crumbling from age, some with histories, some of "unknown etiology."

There are signs in abundance that some attempt has been made at classification and we do appreciate such attempts by Mr. Editor, how can we expect the specimens to remain in their proper places when there are no proper places provided? And with two years from dentistry, three years from medicine and many outside physicians daily visiting this building surely the need is one the urgency and necessity of which is apparent to all concerned.

We have, on inquiry, been told that the lack is merely due to ignorance of the condition, in the minds of those who could rectify it.

The actual cost of improving affairs would only be a nominal one and once the improvement was made it would need no further financial upkeep.

A few boards for shelves, some nails, and a good carpenter for a few hours would so correct this condition that teaching facilities would be improved, the learning of pathology would be made easier, and the tracing of ultimate

results would be lightened.

To whom are we to appeal Mr. Editor in my ignorance I turn to you. In the past the bringing to light of our problems in your columns has produced rapid and effective results.

Trust that such may be our lot with this "our glaring necessity."

I at least would like to hear from some others on the subject. Thanking you Mr. Editor.

Yours etc
MED IV.

Committee Announced

Sodales Debating Society announces the following Committee, appointed to handle affairs in connection with the Maritime Universities' Model "League of Nations" during the coming winter.

Gerald J. Redmond, M. A., Chairman.
J. J. Fay, B. A.
Miss Madeleine Page, B. A.
Miss Margaret Ellis, B. A.
Robert I. Donald.

In addition to these, Professor R. A. MacKay and the Officers of the Sodales Debating Society, Ernest M. Howse, Helen G. Williams, and R. Gordon Harris, are additional members of the Committee.

Plans have not yet been definitely formulated but it is expected that this able committee named will have some announcements to make in the near future.

"Gerry" Redmond who is to be Chairman this year attended the Session last year at Sackville, N. B., as leader of the Dal delegation. His extensive study of International Affairs fit him for this position excellently, having taken his M. A. degree in Political Science. He is now a senior in Law.

It's a very funny thing, but the best girls always dress the coolest.

New Manager



Gordon MacOdrum who will manage the Dalhousie Hoopsters this year

MacOdrum New Manager

A special meeting of the D. A. A. C. management was held on Saturday afternoon in the Munroe room of the Forrest Bldg. with Pres. George MacLeod in the Chair.

After the reading of the minutes of the semi-annual meeting of the organization the Dalhousie Hockey question was brought up and after considerable discussion it was decided to carry a barnstorming team for the winter. With Martin and MacNeil who are already signed by the Wolverines, available, it is felt that hockey which has been on the decline for the past few years will be revived at Dalhousie, this winter.

The matter of a visit from the University of British Columbia football team was then brought up and it was pointed out that Dalhousie would not be able to accommodate them in the Spring but would be only too glad to arrange a series of games with them next fall.

Jim MacLeod was appointed to make arrangements for Dal entries to the Intercollegiate Boxing tournament which is scheduled for next Spring.

The resignation of Archie MacDonald as Basketball Manager was then accepted. Mr. MacDonald gave as his reasons for resigning the fact that as he had already given a great deal of time to Rugby this fall a further participation in non-academic activities might prove disastrous.

Gordon MacOdrum was then appointed to fill the vacancy and will carry on as Basketball mentor for the winter.

MacOdrum is a splendid choice for this position as he has had more experience in Basketball circles than anyone else at the University. He has played senior ball here for three seasons and was captain of the squad in 1929 under the management of Quack MacQuade. During his stay at Acadia he made the Senior team there, holding down the position of left guard.

The prospects for a winning team this year are the best in the world as will be seen by the separate story appearing in this issue.

NOTICE.

All those who hope to obtain a Master's Degree next spring are asked to give their names to Gordon Harris.

On Wednesday evening, November 27th, the Junior Class emerged victorious in the series of inter-class debates which have been held recently for the Bennett Shield.

Mr. Howse, President of Sodales opened the meeting. Mr. Harris, the Secretary read the minutes following which he announced that he had received a letter from the Secretary of the N. F. C. U. S. stating that arrangements for a debate between an American team and one of our own, had been completed, and that the event would take place during the first week in February.

Mr. Howse then introduced the speakers for the evening and the debate began.

The subject was:—"Resolved that moving pictures should be seen and not heard."

Mr. John A. Y. MacDonald and Miss Mary Crocker upholding the affirmative side of the resolution and the Junior Class.

Mr. Raymond McCarthy and Miss Evelyn McElhinney speaking in favor of the negative, representing the Sophomore Class.

Mr. MacDonald spoke first, indicating the relation between the talkies and the silent pictures. He pointed out how limited is the scope of the talkies and how the conversation tends to distract the picture. Movie directors produce pictures which in many cases are not suited to talkies, and the absence of conversation coming out from the screen allows the imagination much freer scope. Mr. MacDonald then stated that the English people won't go to the talkies because they don't like the offensive jargon the Americans call "speech." The majority of these new pictures are only night club scene, cheap dialogue and the like. Furthermore the admission price is raised, and finally there is no relaxation of the nerves which are kept on edge continually.

Mr. McCarthy then came to the support of the negative, the talkies, and the Sophomores.

The talkies, he said, are a continuation of the stage and ordinary silent moving picture. In former times it was impossible to hear sounds of a street scene and other scenes. A stage is cramped in action and the silent movies emit no sound. The talking picture is therefore a means of combining both, and overcoming the limitations of each. They are a success and are meeting with popularity. Further, these new pictures are as yet in their infancy and they show great promise for the future. The advantages of hearing the voice are many. Emotion, for instance, can be depicted by voice intonation instead of overdone facial distortion as was formerly the case. A voice also conveys character. In the ordinary silent movie Mr. McCarthy concluded, the sub-titles break the continuity of the pictures.

Miss Mary Crocker, the third speaker, contended that formerly the movies were a relaxation but now they had ceased to be so, due to the constant noise emanating from the screen. The music also, in a talkie soon becomes out of date and often pictures arriving here contains musical numbers long since defunct. The silent pictures with the aid of orchestras were not open to this bad feature. Too much attention is given to the voice now in selecting actors and actresses, and not enough attention is paid to the acting ability. The voices and the music are not natural but sound like a poor radio or a cheap gramophone. In closing her speech, Miss Crocker showed how our local orchestras were deprived of employment and certainly this is not fair especially when all we get in return is cheap Yankee jazz.

Miss McElhinney, the last speaker of the evening, made the preliminary statement that only the best is true in the talkies. This being true I

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CHRISTMAS.

CHRISTMAS. With all its wealth of association in the minds of all of us, pleasant memories of former festive seasons, hopes for Christmas days to come, with New Year's resolutions hovering just beyond, crowds upon us. Santa Claus has again officially made his appearance to the blare of trumpet and joyful cries to the youngest of us, too young yet; to be disillusioned. The spirit of old St. Nicholas has again captured the imaginations of everyone, smoothing out the frowns of tired faces, bringing joy and gladness in the forgetfulness of petty troubles, of strife between men and nations.

The undergraduate's desire for the Yuletide season is tempered with the fear of approaching examinations. They present, the overwrought imagination a series of desperately high hurdles to be topped by the fortunate, but alas! some to be knocked down by those of us who, in a last frantic endeavor to escape the ignominy of defeat, stay up far into the night, with the aid of strong, black coffee and other effective stimulants. But what matter, when Christmas is coming, when soon with cheery good-byes we leave the old college, and with joyous hellos greet those we love at home. So to all we say, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

G. C.

STUDYING INEVITABLE.

There seems to be nothing to do but study. University men and women are actually seen self-consciously reconnoitering the Library when they are not loitering, in evident bewilderment, about the buildings, or indulging in a hurried smoke. Gone are the old familiar faces from the Bridge Table in the Arts building or the reading rooms of the Forrest Building, that once tarried long and often with utter disregard of assignments and quizzes.

There seems to be nothing to do but study. Back to normalcy. But on second thought, we wonder just which phase is normalcy: the lull before the storm, or the storm itself. Are we not justified in wondering?

THIS BUSINESS OF BEING COLLEGE BRED.

Most people today are of the belief that a college education increases the earning power of an individual; and that as a result of having pursued a technical course of study in an institution of higher learning; the young men and women graduating from all kinds of schools and colleges today are capable of earning more money than had they entered business immediately upon leaving the secondary schools.

Dr. Harold F. Clarke, professor of education at New York Teacher College, maintains, however, that such people are laboring under a false impression, and points out that a college education actually cuts earning power because it overcrowds the professions and vocations. Questioning the notion that each year pent in college adds a definite number of dollars to earning power, Dr. Clark says:

"The persons who are earning high wages today would have made them without the help of education. It is quite natural that if you compare non-educated persons with educated persons you will find the latter earning more money because that type of person is going to college today. To reveal actual results of education, you are obliged to compare the two groups of equally capable persons. If any one thing stands out from all the material it is that numbers are a determining factor in the economic effects of education. It cannot be too strongly emphasized that any one kind of education can be over-supplied from the economic standpoint."

What Dr. Clarke wants to demonstrate here is that education is a commodity just as much as coal or apples and is therefore subject to the laws of economics. The laws of supply and demand will determine the remuneration of the individual in a profession just as much as they will determine the price of these articles. It is almost self-evident that if you prepare one hundred men for ninety positions, you will create pressure to decrease the financial returns.

The noted educator, in our estimation, is quite right in his statements. Too many people are in college today with that mistaken idea—or shall we say delusion?—that merely because they are going to college they will be worth a fortune when a diploma is handed them or a degree conferred on them. What really counts is natural ability. As Dr. Clark remarks, "the boy with ability will get to his destination in the business world quite regardless of a college education," to which we would like to add, "if he applies himself," for no amount of talent will be of avail to any individual if it is permitted to lie latent within him or to remain undeveloped through lack of initiative.

Other men of prominence in the educational world voice the same opinion. One of the greatest criticisms of the college of today is that it turns out too many B. A.'s and no geniuses. It is mass production throughout our entire educational system. No amount of attention is paid to individual differences in the majority of colleges.

The New York man finds support in his arguments in no less a personage than the great Roman orator, Cicero, who centuries ago said that "natural ability without education has oftener raised man to glory and virtue, than education without ability."

Are Outsiders Justified in Terming College Students Revolutionary?

Writer defends student body—Claims critical assertions are in most cases unfounded

WRONG OPINIONS

Brethren, every day that we live, every moment of our lives, we are in danger, in danger of an upheaval even more appalling than that which threatened and then terrorized France years ago. More appalling, I say because, though it is bloodless, it is spreading like flames that eat their devouring way through a forest of fair trees. It is a peril that is growing at the roots of our civilization threatening to overthrow the splendid growth of society. What is this menace? Where is its lair? It is, I say, in our universities, among our college students.

A FALSE IMPRESSION

The above text has been cited in all conceivable forms, not only by earnest preachers, but in editorials, in magazine articles, in addresses at Welfare Meetings, broadcast by the written and the spoken word, so much so that college students are beginning to consider themselves quite a sophisticated and reactionary group. Each class in turn, as it graduates, has come to regard the world as filled with apprehension and obstinately set against the newcomers, despite the words of encouragement and approval offered them at Convocation. The result of so many tirades has not reformed in any way the college students; on the contrary, the only effect has been the creation of an entirely false impression and atmosphere. The leaders of society in the march of civilization look askance at all forms of Student activity, the less educated people think colleges are homes where snobbery and sedition are carefully nursed, and, worst of all, the students are made to see themselves in a wrong light.

Whenever anyone is asked to give a specific example of what he considers "revolutionary" on the part of College men, he hums and haws and generalizes vaguely about "flasks and cigarette-finders, oh, yes! and roadsters, tearing around at all hours of the night, and loud jokes."

CITED WRONGS TIMEWORN

But even admitting that these assertions are true, does that prove that college students are plotting against the "foundations of society?" People have been using hip-pocket flasks since the days when Noah fermented the juice of the grape; people have been smoking since Sir Walter's lucky strike that introduced tobacco leaf into Europe; as for roadsters, most students are happy if they are given a ride in one twice in the session. Our forefathers went buggy-riding and no one likened them to Russian Reds. The only difference between a buggy and a roadster is that a roadster won't steer itself. As for jokes, even a modern med. student would look the

other way from some of the hits in magazines of a generation or so ago. Driven out of his first position, the prophet tries to find other proofs of college revolutionary spirit. "Look at the way they squander their education, money and time on foolish games, in which one man tries to run while the rest are sitting on him! And they pull tram-trolleys off the wires, and shout songs, and even fire guns in the middle of the night!" Then he shakes his head, and prepares to move out the moment the students break into open warfare.

COLLEGE SPIRIT RESPONSIBLE

And so on, as a comic favourite has it "far, far into the night." The trouble with such—I was going to call them "dreadnoughts" because they are afraid of a peril that does not exist—the trouble with these people is that they misunderstand the energy and vivaciousness of youth. The reason that they have never seen it before is that never before has the great army of lively youngsters been united under the common banner of "College Spirit." Youth has always been in rebellion against the wisdom and experience of years but up to now this has caused no serious alarm. Each young man seemed to be striving alone against the rigid yolk of traditional convention but now "the league of youth" has been organized and is banded together by world-wide sympathies. It has everywhere its own Press, its college papers, by which its voice makes itself heard clearly. Thus it seems to the upholders of traditions that youth has united everywhere in a gigantic plot of rebellion.

FEAR NOT JUSTIFIED

They need have no fear. College students today will be the citizens of the world tomorrow and the spirit which today seems to flame in revolutionary colors will tomorrow infuse new life and vigor into society. The college man who is the ringleader in the so-called "college pranks" may become the strong and just leader of the law court; the co-ed who is forever "on duty" for staying out too late, will want her daughter to keep within her leave. The students who today kick hardest against the rules and regulations of the Committee on Studies and Attendance will be the staunchest upholders of university traditions against the ever surging tide of youth. The world and civilization will find as it has found hitherto, that its college men will assume their responsibility and that, far from overturning the edifice of society, they will do their utmost to build it more firmly and wisely, working into it the fresh and healthy ideas that, at college, were feared and suspected as impudent and revolutionary.

A. M. P.

A Wonder

Of all the hours that I love best I dearly say the night,
For then, the fireplace lively glows
With visions sad and bright.
There faces come, there faces go
With many a tale between;
But this one face grows brighter still,
The fire no longer seen.

I see it in the very coals
That dimly start to burn,
A smiling girl, in age so young,
With love in every turn,
There's not as fair a girl that knows,
So much of nature's way,
As little Dela, who is formed
The lily of a day.

O wind! Blow not harsh, lest her youth,
In your cruel way speed by,
But blow thou on, so peacefully,
That thy soft breeze may hie
Her tenders years back unto me
The wind, it has no heart,
Straight down the chimney, with a roar,
It tears the coals apart.

Thus was this girl by nature wrought
And thus by nature claimed
All this, I see, as the flames rise high
In flickerings unnamed,
A little breath towards heaven goes,
A solemn tit, (sound)
Some ashes to the cold ground falls
—Another coal is lit.—

The fire, it blazes just as bright;
The wind's more a mother.
Yet, nature keeps this coal alive,
Exactly like the other.
I see it as it grows in warmth
And brightens up for me,
In feature, form, in all my Dela—
In all, but name, 'Tis she.

KURIOUS KARL.

Fantasy

When trees stand gaunt and bare of leaves,
While pails of smoke float on the breeze,
I like to wander along the lake,
Go splashing and breaking against the shore
Casting the spray in the air with a roar
Rolling in shoreward before they break,
In vast concaves.

When birds fly south in broad array
While shorter and shorter grows the day
I like to wander through the woods
To watch the squirrels,
Race up and down the broad tree trunks
While chatting and chirping with gay chipmunks,
Bout varied nuts and different foods,
Now scarce as pearls.

But best of all when shadows fall
While to their mates the woodchucks call
I like to watch the sultry sky
For leaden clouds,
Which float along like dead men's biers
And fill my mind with sundry fears
I think the stars are men who die
And these their shrouds.

A. P. M.

Introducing BERNIE MILLER

Of IV year Medicine, Short, fair, curly-headed, always laughing and talking, that's Bernie.
New Waterford, Cape Breton heard him first. Yes, his father is a doctor and Bernie must have inherited "that professional manner." His B. A. came from St. F. X. Then Medicine Dalhousie.

Bernie is blessed with a remarkable memory which serves him in wonderful stead and often amazes his classmates. One of the few who have ever obtained a distinction in Pharmacology he was the envy of the whole Class in III year.
Bernie is always active in formulating changes in class time-tables and his efforts have been many times the means of bringing in advantageous changes to the workings of his yearly time-tables.

Outside of class work Bernie has always taken an active part in University affairs. Every question of controversy during his stay here has found him firmly implanted on one side or other. Perhaps on the year book his work is best seen. He has been business manager, for the past two issues and this year he is editor and so we are expecting another red letter edition.

In athletics too, Bernie has done his part as manager and as an active participant. One year in University Basketball and two in Interfaculty. He is this year's popular choice as manager of the Medical entry in Basketball.

He never misses any of the real big dances or parties and the banquet tables also are graced by his presence.

His pet diversion is "co-education" particularly the "co-eds" themselves. His favorite expression "Time we're starting a little agitation about that." His Fraternity is Phi Rho Sigma, and his future—

Well, meet Bernie (not Bennie) and judge for yourself.

Suicides.—Fearing that he would not continue to be successful both in athletics and his studies, Frederick H. Ladd, 17, captain of the Puncard (Mass.) High School football team recently shot and killed himself.

Twenty-Five killed.—Twenty-one youngsters were injured at Oak Hill School near Quitman, Ga., recently when a snake was seen and the youngsters crowded onto an old porch of the school building, which fell under the weight.

To be Disinherited?—Lawrence Cohen, Harvard sophomore, has revealed that his father so disapproves of his socialistic political stand that he is threatening to cut him off as heir to a million dollar estate.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY: A "Pied Piper" to find and finish the hidden nest of baby mice on the second deck. Call at Room 228 for clue.

THE MOUTHPIECE

Experimental Station,
Halifax, N. S.
Nov. 29/29

Dear Mr Editor:

In some corner of the paper is a notice about the Student Conference to be held at Sackville, Dec. 30th-Jan. 3rd. As perchance someone might overlook this notice while perusing other letters of wisdom in the pages, I make a suggestion or two why it should be eagerly read and no less eagerly acted upon.

We Dalhousians are a pretty poor lot. For the most part we sit at the feet of good men who provide ready made ideas which we take note of and reargitate on examination papers twice a year. In this we are not unlike other alleged students in North America.

How many of us are forming tastes that will dignify leisure or guide intelligence? You can count them on your fingers, Mr. Editor.

How many students are there on whose shelves rest a score of books, old or new, that show evidence of constant and devoted reading? Not many! How many can write an intelligent letter? Ask the home-folks! How many can converse with assurance on politics, or religion or birth control? I have yet to hear them at Sodales!

We are intelligent providing your yardstick is the principle that it takes more intelligence to ask a foolish question than to answer it. Our interest in world affairs seldom goes beyond a hasty scanning of the daily press. So Mr. Editor, to call us students is a travesty on a once significant word. Nit-wits is more appropriate.

By day we eat and sleep, to seek by night ready made amusement. We follow truth with all the enthusiasm of the prehistoric dodo. And withal, we haven't the guts of a well stuffed cockroach.

Matthew Arnold once said that the basis of his religion was a profound faith in the Almighty's well known preference for University men. The epigram is unfair like most of the best epigrams. But is the logic good today!

When one looks around at some of the men who are to lead in the medical and in the political and especially in

the religious thought of tomorrow. One cannot restrain a shudder. The world is not and never will be ruled by specialists. But if there is going to be progress, the leaders of humanity must be the men who have retained, thru the monotony of work a day life, "the power to see life steadily and to see it whole." And this is the backbone of the conference.

In the four days at Sackville one will meet personally a man whose word carries more weight in India today than any other person in the British Empire. That is C. E. Andrews Andrews preaches a new philosophy—Majatma Gandhi's. To be able to think with him on problems vexing the world and the British Empire is no small privilege.

It is said that the churches are failing, that there is too much of receiving and none of giving on the part of congregations and that only group thinking can swing back the pendulum. Dr. Bruce Curry, considered the ablest group thinker in America today will present his subject at the Conference. Our own H. L. Stewart hopes to attend. Dr. Bronson will be there. All good men and true. It is going to cost you money. \$18.50 will cover everything. If you decide to go tell someone who can tell you more about it. Bob Baird, Douglas Gibbon, Jimmy Muir, Isobel Matheson. There ought to be at least 60 from the Little Colleg by the Sea.

If ever opportunity came knocking it is at the postern now.

GEORGE WHITELEY, Jr.

HOME BEST LABORATORY

Toronto—(IP)—Ten years of teaching has finally convinced Dr. E. A. Bott, head of the department of psychology at the University of Toronto, that the best psychological laboratory in the world is his own fireside, and that a faculty meeting is the second best.

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Jest for Fun

Those gentle hands, outstretched and still,
Silent and white and cold.
O friends the agony I felt,
Can never half be told
We'd lived together but a year
Too soon it seemed to be
I woke to look upon a face
That toiled so much for me
My awakening thoughts had been of one
Who now to sleep had dropped
'Twas hard to realize O Friends
My dollar watch had stopped.

Freshman to Professor (during intelligence test) "A lie is an abomination in the sight of the Lord, but a very present help in time of trouble."

The number of questions a co-answers in class varies inversely as the numbers of times she answers the phone at Shirreff Hall.

First Co-ed (in dining hall)—"It's hard to think that a poor horse should be destroyed just to satisfy our appetites."
Second Nit-Wit (Struggling hard)—"Yes it is kind of tough."

E-l-z-e-h M-r-r-y may only be a tender hot house flower but she is certainly well Potted.

Girl (returning from leave to Hall)—"Geel ain't it a hell of a windy night."
Miss L—"How many times have I told you not to say ain't—"

Co-ed—"Wou d you like to see where I was vaccinated?"
Collegian (all enthused)—"Sure."
Co-ed (pointing to house—"Right in there."

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Hall Girls Acquaint Santa with Some of Their Many Needs

Petition to Christmas donor discloses lack of many pre-requisites to true happiness

Shirreff Hall,
November 27th, 1929.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been delegated by the girls of Shirreff Hall to write and tell you what we would like for Xmas. As you know, we are a pretty snappy looking bunch of girls, brimming over with pep, and full of "it". For this reason we should get the best you have to give, because "To him that hath, shall be given" and we "hath."

To proceed with the main issue of this letter, I will give you an idea of what we would particularly like. First of all, forty of us want boxes of paint, powder, and lip-stick, and vanity cases containing "same." We all want permanent waves, huge boxes

of candy, fur coats, and if you could possibly manage it, a roadster each. The remaining fifty, who are not quite as gay as we are, would like books suitable for high-brows like Archie MacMechan; woollen scarves and stockings, new Bibles and hymnals, and anything that would feel at home with these things.

The most important thing is to give us "passes" in all our exams, and if it is not asking too much, we would like lots of handsome sheiks, and in vitations to every dance and show after Xmas.

These are the modest requests of the noble women who are seeking higher education at Dalhousie University.
"ONE OF THEM."

Reminiscences

It is Xmas Eve and I am tramping over the old familiar road once more. It is twenty-five years since I left my home, and this Xmas season I had the inexpressible longing to see the house where I spent my happy boyhood.

It is a cold night, and the howling wind drives the snow in gusts across my path. I walk slowly along and come to the turn in the road, from which I can see, but dimly the now desolate house, that was once my home. There it stands in its solitude, on the summit of a cliff overlooking the sea.

For a moment I stand and gaze at it, as it lies under its blanket of snow. Then I walk through the gate, and up the long driveway to the house. It is void of life. The willow branches brushing against the window panes and the wind whistling through the trees, gives to the whole scene the appearance of gloom and mystery. The door-step is sunken, and the door is slightly ajar. I creep in, and feel my way through the dark to the hall window. I look out. The sea is in angry black, and is beating mercilessly on the rocky shore. The surf ascends high in the air, and I can hear it dashing against the side of the cliff, seeming to boom out the past history of love, joy, and sorrow of this old house. I watched the scene, fascinated by the utter greyness of it all.

I dream of the Xmas now twenty years past. I can see again the bright lights, the holly-wreaths at the win-

dows, the huge logs burning in the fire-places, the happy faces of the family, and the mirth and good-will of it all.

But, all is gone. The house is left to die alone. I stay before the window until the cold forces me to leave, and as I turn from the shady, mysterious driveway, I catch the last glimpse of the sad old house, and hear, for the last time, the sound of the angry sea.

Medical Society

A meeting of the Dalhousie Medical Society was held in the Health Centre, Tuesday evening, November the twenty sixth. President Eddie Ross was in the chair.

The main business of the evening was a discussion as to whether the Medical Dance should be held at the Lord Nelson Hotel or in the Gym as formerly. The majority decided in favor of the Gymnasium. John Budd was elected chairman of the Dance Committee. The dance will be the first dance after Christmas.

Don Campbell of the fourth year and Ian MacDonald of the graduating class, presented interesting case histories.

A COSTLY BLAZE.

Los Angeles—(IP)—Fire resulting from a defective flue, caused damage estimated at \$45,000 to the Sigma Epsilon fraternity House at the University of Southern California recently. Two other nearby fraternity houses were damaged by the blaze.

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Dalhousie 10 Years Ago

(Glancing over the files of the Gazette of 1919).

Freshman (colliding with Dr. Bronson in library, at registration): "Sorry Mac."

Capt. J. S. Roper, B. A. ('10), M. A. ('11), LL. B. ('13), M. C., is now secretary to the Minister of Overseas Military Forces of Canada in London, England. Roper sends his best regards to the Law School and its Alumni, and expects to be back on his old job in Halifax early in November. "Johnny went overseas with the N. S. Highland Brigade and served in France with the 85th where he won his M. C."

Among Dalhousie's Ten Commandments:

1. Thou shalt not wear a sweater in Archie's English Classes, lest thou get bawled out; neither shalt thou chew therein.
2. Thou shalt not use a key or crib in Howard's Latin lest the Hand of the Law descend with crushing force on thy head.

Dec. 1, 1919 Headlines: Prince of Wales Visits Dalhousie.

(Editorial on Dec. 8, 1919): It is with pleasure that we note the presence of Miss Shannon in the library. Miss Shannon has just completed successfully a librarian's course in Toronto and after an extended leave is back again at Dalhousie.

Prof. Nichols: We will now translate, "The boys accompanied by their companions." What is the Latin word for "companions?"

Male Student: Puellae.
Prof. Nichols (kindly): Your logic is correct but your Latin is wrong?
J. R.

TRAFFIC TIED UP.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—(IP)—Traffic was so jammed in this city after the Ohio State-Pittsburgh football game that traffic commissioners were forced to turn out traffic lights and let policemen direct the flow of automobiles.

A Near Tragedy (In One Act)

Time 4.35 P. M., Monday, November 18th.

Place Forrest Building.
Enter Cassius: "Hail Theopholus—quo vadis?"

Theopholus "To visit Howardus, in the land of Studli."

Cassius Hark! What is nappening; walls shake and tremble like the turf when Archie plays golf.

Theopholus 'Tis Walter MacKenzie tiptoeing down the stairs.

Cassius Nay 'tis too heavy even for him; Marry! the very floor heaves with pent up fury 'neath my daisy crushers.

Theopholus Behold! yon mob of students descending the stair led by a man brandishing a scalpel in one hand and a "leettle book," in the other. Verily he must be a high priest.

Cassius Jockolus he is by name and a follower of his has just whispered hastily to me that before leaving his den of horrors he insisted on covering up all his specimens.

Theopholus Marry! Forsooth! what manner of man can he be— But Cassius, the upheaval grows apace let us away ere we perish in this earthquake.

Cassius Vale!
Theopholus! Vale!
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| Sat. | " | 7th | " | " | " | B Theology vs Engineers. |
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With these words Mr. C. F. Andrews of the Delhi Brotherhood of India challenged the attention of a group of students in Pittsburgh recently. An ordained clergyman of the Church of England, a graduate of Cambridge, he went to India over twenty-five years ago to teach in the Cambridge School there. Becoming convinced that he should identify himself more closely with the people he resigned some years ago and has been living as an Indian. He is one of the teachers in Tagoor's school, is a personal friend and confidante of Chandi, has travelled extensively in India, and in those parts of Africa and South America where Indians are found in large numbers and is today probably the best authority in the world to tell students. What is tugging at the heart of India? At the present time he is spending a couple of years in the English-speaking countries at the request of the people of India to explain their position. He will be one of the leaders at the Student Conference which is to be held at Sackville, Dec. 30 to Jan. 3rd.

For a number of years a Conference has been held in June at Deep Brook and Dalhousie has always had some students registered there. But in order to bring the privileges of such gatherings within the reach of a larger number of under-graduates the S. C. M. and S. V. M. are uniting to hold this assembly of students and leaders during the Christmas vacation. In addition to Mr. Andrews, there will be several other speakers with an international reputation. Prof. Bruce Curry of Union Theological Seminary, New York, author of "Jesus and His Cause," and other study books for group use, will lead the morning discussion period. He is regarded as the most expert leader of large group discussions in America, and has had long experience in his chosen field. Prof. W. J. Rose, Professor of Sociology at Dartmouth University was at Deep Brook last summer and later at Elgin House. Having spent four years interned in Poland during the war and then having agencies during the period of reconstruction, he is uniquely qualified to explain the situation in the part of Europe most affected by the Peace Treaty. Mrs. Induk Kim of Korea is the President of a Women's College in Seoul. She came to America to attend the Detroit Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement two years ago. Since then she was a delegate to the Jerusalem Council and is now acting as a travelling Secretary for the S. V. M. She speaks simple, idiomatic English, has a very attractive personality, is a devout Christian and has a message.

Enrolment blanks and all information about this Maritime Conference are in the hands of the officers of the S. C. A. It is said that Dalhousie will be limited to fifty delegates and all those interested are invited to communicate with the leaders of the study groups in the colleges or with the members of the S. C. A. cabinet.

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Mgr Sutherland Prepares for Hockey Season

With the first flurry of snow, Dalhousians interested in hockey, have realized that the season for the "big game" is but a week or so away. Manager Harvie Sutherland has already been making preparations for Dal's initial work-out and there is little doubt but that the boys will have an opportunity to show their wares at the Forum between the first and seventh of December. From casual observations it appears that Dal should this year have a first class team as there seems to be plenty of A1 material available. This year "The Tigers" will not be entered in any league, but will confine their efforts to producing an exhibition team which will be able to match wits and brawn with the best college teams in the Maritimes. With such men as Hughey Martin, Kenzie McNeil, and five of last year's team available, prospect for a real team are good. Rumours of a long trip have been prevalent for some time but nothing definite at the present time can be ascertained. Suffice it to say that Dal expects as good a hockey team this year as she is supposed to have had "in the old days."

Juniors Win

Continued from page 1

actors and orchestras, and anyway our local orchestras are not as good as those in the talking pictures. In them Grand Opera finds perfection. Conversation adds color to actions and comes quite naturally. This overcomes the break in continuity entailed in the silent pictures. More dramaticism is possible and the educational advantages are wider.

Mr. McCarthy and Mr. MacDonald then engaged in rebuttal and the floor was opened to the audience to speak. Mr. Ganesh Sawh, spoke in favor of the talking pictures particularly because they tended to promote international peace and understanding. They tend to encourage an international language.

Mr. Louis Dubinsky showed the importance of movies in education. Formerly moving pictures only applied to sense of sight but now they apply to sense of hearing. The talkies also eliminated official explainers.

Mr. Fred Jennings discussed moving pictures generally as a sign of advance and remarked that people kept wanting more, so the talkies were produced.

Mr. Howse then asked Professor Mercer if he would favor Sodales with a few remarks. Professor Mercer said that he was deeply interested in the subject and that American producers boasted that they would make English

Big Jim



Jim McLeod, who will play centre or guard for Dal. Basketball team

the international language. American talkies were shown in Germany and the Germans liked them.

He commented on the honor of being a judge in the Bennett Trophy debates and how much he had enjoyed it. Professor Mercer stated in closing that the present day kind of debates are much better than formerly, when Sodales had no speakers from the floor.

Mr. Howse expressed his appreciation to the judges, Dean Smith, Dr. George Wilson, and Professor Mercer, for their kindness in acting in that capacity for the Bennett Trophy debate.

It was announced that Dalhousie's debate with the University of New Brunswick will be held in Fredericton, and the trials for the team will be held after Xmas. The subject will be "Resolved that it is in the interest of society that the truths of history be sometimes suppressed."

Books for the winners of last year's Sodales meetings were presented to Mr. Louis McKenna and Miss Doris Margeson.

Mr. Howse then rendered the decision of the judges which was unanimous for the affirmative and thereby giving victory to the Junior Class. The Shield is to be hung in the Library. Book prizes were presented to the winning team and so ended the last Sodales debate before Xmas.

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However, the Management Committee of the D. A. A. C. has succeeded in persuading no less a man than Gordon MacOdrum to look after the interests of the basketball team this year and under his enthusiastic and capable management Dalhousie will undoubtedly have a basketball team of which she may well be proud. It will be remembered that Gordon MacOdrum has been one of the "mainstays" in this line of sport at Dal in years past and it was in no small way due to his efforts last year that "The Tigers" found themselves playing off with the "Y" team for the city championship.

"Basketball enthusiasm" has been at a high pitch for the last month and a great number of boys have been availing themselves of the splendid opportunity of getting rounded into shape before the season officially opens, by short work-outs in the gym.

Manager MacOdrum stated that regular Basketball practises would begin this week and the hearty cooperation of all those interested in this line of sport is desired.

The team this year has been promised novel uniforms and home games! Among those turning out to date are:

G. MacOdrum, D. McRae, McClellan, Jim Macleod, H. Davidson, Fairstein, Geol. MacLeod, A. Nickerson, Ian Fraser, Anderson, McIsaac and MacInnis.

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