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## Year Book Staff Completed and Final Plans Drawn up

Book is to remain same size but will introduce many new features

The full staff for the year book has been selected and each member has been devoting considerable time during the holiday season toward the arrangement of the various sections and toward the gathering of new material and new ideas for this year's production.

In general the whole theme of the book has been changed. We are preserving the title "Pharos" as we feel that no more fitting title could be applied and that it is the wish of all Dalhousians that the name should be traditional. Furthermore the book will be of the same size as in the past two years; many have signified their desire to keep their copies of Pharos as a series and in order that this may be done the size has been maintained. A different color arrangement is being used on the cover.

Regarding the new theme of the book—we have decided not to let you in on that yet, but we feel that it is quite appropriate and we are confident that you will approve of it. It blends well with the general organization of the book in previous years and has thus served our purpose well. It requires a type of art work at which our art editor, Mr. Tom Goudge, seems to excel and we cannot speak too highly of his work thus far. Mr. Potter Oylar, in charge of the Athletic section, reports a new arrangement, a new layout and many new ideas. Miss Lillian Sadler, critique editor, has arrangements made for critiques in every faculty and reports that many were written during the holiday. Miss Peg Sproule, photographic editor, reports that certain individual and group pictures were taken before Christmas and asks that all graduates make their appointments with Gauvin and Gentzel within the next three weeks.

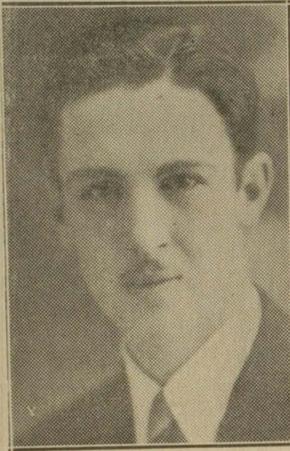
The work of actual publication rests in the hands of Mr. Frank MacIntyre, Managing Editor, assisted by Mr. Jimmie Gray as Copy editor, and they will be getting underway in a few days and aim to have the book in print as early in March as possible.

We wish to thank those who have already passed in their suggestions and ideas to us and we hope for more of them in the next week or so before the final plans are made.

To organize the work of selling the book, Mr. Frank Duxbury has decided that the executive of each class should supervise the sale of books among their class mates.

We ask for the support of every Dalhousian in purchasing a copy of the Year Book, and in asking this we feel that we can guarantee you a production which will not only be of interest at the present time, but which in years to come will vividly recall many pleasant college memories.

## Editor of the Year Book Who Reveals Plans



DOUG. GIBBON

### Graduates Attention

The photographic work for the Year Book is being handled by Gauvin and Gentzel. Graduates are requested to make their own appointments as soon as possible, and thus avoid unnecessary rush in last minute photographic work, and at the same time ensure yourselves of better pictures. Furthermore we ask that graduates select their proofs right at the photographer's and thus avoid further delay.

## Dental Dance Most Enjoyable

Fair sized crowd made dancing a treat

The Dents as usual staged a very successful dance at the Lord Nelson Hotel on January 9th. As it was the first dance of the New Year there was an extra air of gaiety and such questions as, "Did you have a good holiday?" "How did you make out on your exams?" were often to be heard.

About two hundred were present and Joe Mill's Orchestra supplied delightful music throughout the evening. The chaperones were Dr. and Mrs. G. K. Thompson, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Oxner, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Bagnall and Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Crosby.

## Girls Debating Trials To-Morrow Night

Team to go to Antigonish Large number of Candidates assured

Tomorrow night the trial for the Dalhousie Girls Debating Team which goes to Antigonish in February, will be held in the Munro Room at 7.30 p. m.

The subject of the debate is one which should be of great interest to the women of to-day, and is, "Resolved that the Granting of the Franchise to Women in Canada Has Been Justified." Dalhousie will uphold the negative of the resolution.

A promising list of names has already been handed in to the manager including several girls already known at Dalhousie for their debating, and also several new girls who have not yet appeared before Dalhousie audiences. Everybody has a chance! Even if you haven't passed in your name, but would like to make a try for the team, come to the Munro Room on Thursday night and give a speech on the subject. The time limit for each speech is five minutes.

Remember the date, Jan. 15th, at 7.30 p. m., in the Munro Room.

## I. O. D. E. Educational Secretary Explains Special Scholarship

Feels that Province will be worthily represented

The N. S. Committee of Selection of the I. O. D. E. announce the award of a Post Graduate (Overseas) Scholarship to Mr. John W. Denoon, son of Capt. A. W. Denoon. Mr. Denoon is a student at Dalhousie University and will receive the degree of M. D., C. M. this spring. Mr. Denoon was ineligible for the regular Post Graduate Scholarship because of the age limit, and the Daughters of the Empire of Nova Scotia have voted this extra scholarship for him. The regular scholarship was awarded to Mr. Ralph S. Morton, also a Dalhousian. With Mr. Morton studying Journalism at London University and Mr. Denoon studying for his B. A. at London University, the I. O. D. E. feel that our province will be worthily represented next year.

JANET B. WOLFE, Provincial Educational Secretary War Memorial Committee, for N. S.

## Schedule for Basketball Season

The following is a list of the City Intermediate and Senior League Basketball games to be played by the Dalhousie teams with the date and place of the games:

- Jan. 15th, 9 p. m.—Dalhousie vs. Y. M. C. A. Intermediate at Dalhousie.
- Jan. 22nd, 9 p. m.—Dalhousie vs. St. John's Intermediate at Dalhousie.
- Jan. 24th, 7 p. m.—St. Georges vs. Dalhousie Intermediate at Y.M.C.A.
- Jan. 24th, 8 p. m.—Y. M. C. A. vs. Dalhousie Senior at Y. M. C. A.
- Jan. 29th, 8 p. m.—Dalhousie vs. Wanderers Intermediate at Dalhousie.
- Jan. 29th, 9 p. m.—Dalhousie vs. Wanderers Senior at Dalhousie.
- Jan. 31st, 7 p. m.—St. Johns vs. Dalhousie Intermediate at Y. M. C. A.
- Feb. 5th, 9 p. m.—Dalhousie vs. St. Georges Intermediate at Dalhousie.
- Feb. 7th, 8 p. m.—N. S. Tech. vs. Dalhousie Senior at Y. M. C. A.
- Feb. 12th, 8 p. m.—Dalhousie vs. R.C.R. Intermediate at Dalhousie.
- Feb. 12th, 9 p. m.—Dalhousie vs. Y. M. C. A. Senior at Dalhousie.
- Feb. 17th, 8 p. m.—R. C. R. vs. Dalhousie Intermediate at Military.
- Feb. 19th, 8 p. m.—Kings vs Dalhousie Intermediate at Dalhousie.
- Feb. 21st, 6 p. m.—Y. M. C. A. vs. Dalhousie Intermediate at Y.M.C.A.
- Feb. 21st, 8 p. m.—Wanderers vs Dalhousie Senior at Y. M. C. A.
- Feb. 28th, 7 p. m.—Wanderers vs. Dalhousie Intermediate at Y.M.C.A.

## First Basketball Games in Gym Thurs. Evening

Intermediate League starts with Kings vs St. John's--Dal vs Y. M. C. A.

Followers of the popular game of Basketball will be able to see two games played in the gymnasium on Thursday evening of this week. Kings, newcomers to the city basketball league this season, will meet the St. John church team at 8 o'clock, and the University second team will battle their old rivals the Y. M. C. A. at 9 p. m.

This game should be worth going a long way to see, as the association boys have a well balanced team and expect to take a fall from the five who will represent the college in the first games to be played in the gym this season.

Manager Gordon MacOdrum while not saying much is confident that the Intermediate will collect the necessary points to be out in front when the final whistle is sounded, and hopes to add this championship along with the Senior title.

## Medicine Won Softball Championship

Captured double header to eliminate Arts and Theology—last years winners

Medicine won the interfaculty softball championship on Saturday afternoon, when they defeated Theology, last year's champions, by a score of 24 to 7. Medicine were runners up for the title last year, and were champions the season before.

Two games were played on Saturday afternoon. The first between Medicine and Arts, which the former won by a score of 7 to 5, was a nip and tuck affair, with neither team having much of a lead at any time during the contest. Arts won the toss and took the field first. Medicine scored three runs in the first inning and from then on until the end they were held well in check by Ferguson, the Arts hurler. Davidson, pitching for Medicine, allowed only a few scattered hits and was given good support in the field. It was anyone's game until the last man was out in the fifth inning.

Professor Jim McDonald umpired at the plate.

The second game between Medicine and Theology was expected to be an exciting affair, as neither team had lost a game all season and both had defeated Arts in the playoff series. The same teams had met last year in the finals for the championship. Medicine, however proved easy winners, coming out on the long end of a 24 to 7 score. Davidson pitched superb ball and was given splendid support by his teammates in the field and at bat. Theologs could do nothing with the offerings of Davidson, while the Meds were hitting Anderson freely. Medicine scored 6 runs in the first inning and were never headed, adding to their lead each time. Theologs were playing below their usual form.

The new champions lined up as follows:—

Eaton c; Davidson p; H. Handler 1b; Y. Brody s. s.; B. Murphy 2b; B. Miller s. s.; V. Maxwell 3b; E. Ross r. f.; A. Douglas l. f.

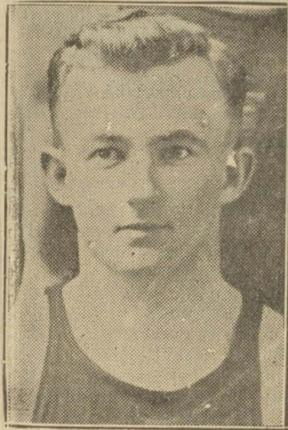
Theology defeated Arts in a semi-final game on Friday afternoon by a score of 16 to 10, in a game which was close and exciting, despite the large score. Neither team had a comfortable advantage at any time during the game and the score was tied at 9 all going into the last inning. Arts were weak in the final inning and allowed Theology to score 7 runs, a number of which were unearned. In their half of the inning the best the Arts men could do was to get one lone count. The final count being 16 to 10.

## Committee Awards Prizes

The committee of award announces that the following prizes have been awarded for contributions to the Gazette in the last four issues: Prose: Miss Florence Brewster for her article "Mans' Youth." Poetry: No award.

Although the call for poetry which followed the last announcement of prizes met with some success the high standard which the Gazette is striving for has not yet been attained. Try and better this situation before we make our next announcement.

## Manager is Looking Forward to Great Season in Basketball



GORDON MACORDUM

## Former Dalhousie Student Called to the English Bar

Percival Allen had most outstanding record of all students

Among the students called to the English Bar recently the record of Mr. Percival Allen of Brownstown St. Ann, Jamaica, West Indies stood out far above that of all other students including those from Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Mr. Allen was a brilliant student at Dalhousie in 1925-26 and in 1926-27 when he studied Arts. His distinctions read: Holder of Certificate of Honour awarded Michaelmas term (1930), LL. B. (First-class Honours) Liverpool University, E. M. Mott Memorial Scholarship (Common Law 1928), University Scholarship (1929) University Graduate Scholarship (1930), John Alsop Prize (Roman Law and Jurisprudence), Hilton Brown's Prize (Common Law), Liverpool Board of Legal Studies (Real and Personal Property), Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Prize (Equity), Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Prize (Coveyancing).

With such a brilliant record the Gazette can but wish Mr. Allen further successes in his chosen field.

### NOTICE.

The first Dal night will be held at the Forum this Friday. The Committee announces that no one unless they present their D. A. A. C. ticket will be admitted except on payment of a quarter—twenty-five cents.

## President of Students Council Awarded Special I.O.D.E. Scholarship

Winner intends to continue his studies in London for F. R. C. S. Announcement a most popular one

Mr. John Denoon, the President of Dalhousie's Student Council, has been awarded a valuable I. O. D. E. Overseas Scholarship. The second Dalhousian to obtain such an award this year, this popular fifth year medical student will complete his education at the University of London, entering upon studies leading to the degree of Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons Mr. Denoon, a native son of Pictou County, secured the first years of his college course at the University of Toronto entering Dalhousie Medical School as a third year student in the fall of 1928. Since that time he has taken a prominent part in the student life of Dalhousie, as well as maintaining a high standard of scholarship. He has held various positions in his class and the Medical Society, and has served as president of his fraternity, Phi Kappa Pi, and this year is filling very capably the office of President of the Council of the Students. Dalhousians will unite in wishing him heartily in his studies in London the success which his fine abilities will undoubtedly bring him in his chosen profession.

James L. Hall, '18-21, now employed as an engineer with the Northern Aerial Mineral Exploration Company with headquarters at Sioux Lookout, is credited with the discovery of a valuable copper deposit in the Northern Hudson Bay District.

## Despite Rumours Results Better Than a Year Past

New departure Initiated when Students requested to discontinue their attendance

The chief question that has greeted us for the past ten days has been, "Well, how did you get on in the Recent Struggle?" or "How did the Profs treat you?" It goes to show what the usual attitude is towards the exams. The majority of the students think exams are a necessary evil, but more of an "evil" than "necessary." Doubtless these people will be astounded to hear that the results of the Christmas examinations this year show an improvement over last year, despite all pessimistic rumours to the contrary; for the general opinion has been that "In such-and-such a class more than half of it was plucked!" and, "Did you hear that 80% of a class failed?" It really is extraordinary how exaggerated rumours fly around.

To give a few concrete figures,—out of the 712 Studley students, 400 or more passed all their examinations. Of the rest, approximately 130 were plucked in 1 subject only; about 70 failed in 2, 40 in 3, and 60 in 4 or more. There were the usual few with outstanding marks—a half-dozen or so, while there are 14 who are discontinuing their courses. Of this last class, it should be understood that last year they made such a poor showing, they were permitted to return this year only on probation. Of those so warned last spring, some did not return, some justified their return by a big improvement in their work, and the rest are now "paying the piper."

In Medicine also, there are several candidates who are not returning to continue their courses.

It has been found that the average mark for the large compulsory classes is always very near 50, and that usually the percentage of failures ranges between 30 and 40% in such classes.

Now the Committee on Studies must not be considered a body for punishment, but rather as having an advisory capacity. No matter how unwilling a student may be to drop one of his classes at the instigation of the Committee, he must remember that the Committee knows from the hundreds of past cases, that a student in his position—99 times out of 100—has failed to carry that extra load.

If the students really do feel that Examinations are bad, they can always adopt the suggestion of one of the Professors, namely that a petition, signed by every student at Dalhousie, be presented to the Board of Governors, requesting that Examinations be abolished. As usual, such a simple arrangement has its drawbacks, that there actually are some students who would not sign the petition, and that there is no substitute or alternative offered. So what are we going to do!

## Rhodes Scholarship for 1931 Awarded Brilliant Son of P. E. I.

The Rhodes Scholarship selection committee recently announced that Fulton C. Underhay would be the Rhodes scholar from Nova Scotia for 1931. Mr. Underhay came to

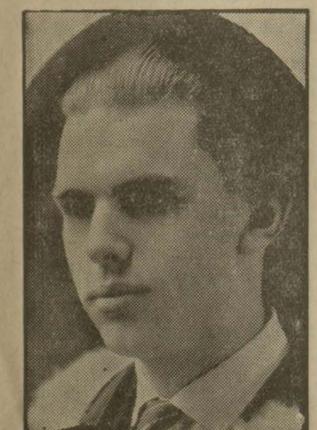
Dalhousie in the fall of 1926 and was awarded a valuable entrance scholarship. The following year he was also successful in winning an award and he completed a brilliant arts course in three years graduating with great distinction and winning the Aveyr Prize. Despite the fact that he took four years work in three Mr. Underhay found time to write a thesis entitled "Sir Robert Borden and Imperial Relations" which won the Overseas Club essay prize.

In the fall of 1929 Mr. Underhay returned to Dalhousie to enter the Law School and during the first year was awarded the Carswell essay prize on the case of Carlisle v. Bragg. He also came well up in his year. During the present term Mr. Underhay has had the distinction of having two of his articles published in the Dalhousie Review and the Canadian Bar Review.

Besides being a clever student he takes an interest in other activities and is a valuable member of the Round Table Club which club is well recognized as interested in current world affairs.

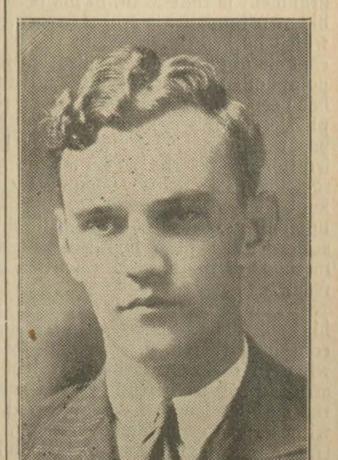
It is Mr. Underhay's intention to enter Oxford next fall. The Gazette takes this opportunity of wishing him on behalf of the students every success and to hasten to add that we feel sure that Oxford will gain in securing him while Dalhousie will be a heavy loser. We see in Mr. Underhay, as do all that know him, a brilliant son of P. E. I., a great Canadian of the future.

## Nova Scotian Rhodes Scholar



FULTON C. UNDERHAY, B. A.

## Awarded Special I.O.D.E. Scholarship



JOHN DENOON.

DALHOUSIE NIGHT AT THE FORUM, FRIDAY, JANUARY 16th.

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## CONFERENCE OF HEADMASTERS.

The Universities of Dalhousie and King's were hosts during three days of the holiday period to the Association of Headmasters of Nova Scotia. This body, composed of heads of Nova Scotian schools met in three day session under the chairmanship of Dr. C. W. Smith. Presidents MacKenzie and Moore took a prominent part in the proceedings of the Association as did Dr. Munro formerly of Dalhousie, now Supervisor of Education for the province. The assembled headmasters, in the consideration of such important questions as co-operation between universities and schools, advancing educational methods in the province generally, and the regulation of inter-scholastic sport had a busy and profitable conference.

Co-operation between schools and universities is a subject which should receive serious attention from the Association of Headmasters as well as the colleges. The subject is very important from the viewpoint of the prospective undergraduate now in the schools of the province as well as meriting consideration by the universities. The distressing number of plucks annually dealt out to members of the Freshman class at the joyous Christmas season must be attributed in some degree to lack of co-operation between the schools and universities. A large number of first year students have no adequate understanding of what college work entails and are confident of sliding through examinations by use of the same methods which they successfully employed in high school. They can't do it, and, as a result, their college careers are sometimes checked at the outset. The high schools could do much to alleviate this painful situation by a more determined elimination of those who are not capable of pursuing successfully a college course and by a full and frank explanation to such of their pupils who are going on to further education just what type of work they may expect in college. On the other hand the universities by such innovations as a short course on how to study could aid greatly in the adjusting process. It is our conviction that many a potential success becomes a failure merely because he or she is not given assistance in the attempt to arrive at proper methods of note-taking, reading of assignments, and studying. This whole subject of co-operation between universities and schools, but lightly touched on here, is indeed worthy of the attention of such a body as the Association of Head Masters. We wish them success in the solution of this and other questions with which they are dealing.

## EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations have one lesson to teach though their value in other directions may be negligible. They serve to bring forcibly to the attention of all students the primary reason for attendance at a university, namely, the acquisition of knowledge, which, if one's college career is to be crowned with success in the eyes of the outside world, must be capped with a degree of some kind or another. In the helter-skelter of college life with its dances, shows, athletics, and societies of all kinds this primary purpose is sometimes lost sight of. But it is brought back forcibly to our minds by the published results of the professor's "pluck-fest." Then it is that the star athlete, the genial "college executive" the popular dancer who has failed to find a place for work in his program must yield place to the serious student. Unfortunately we are prone to forget too soon the adulation heaped upon the one who creditably passes his examinations and slip again into placing too much emphasis upon the transitory things of college existence. So it is that again and again the good resolutions to emulate the achievements of the successful student are shelved and one of the most valuable lessons that exams and their results can teach us is forgotten.

## THE OLD SAVAGE.

Mr. Robert Blaine Fosdick in an article appearing in a recent number of Golden Book challenges thought. He entitles his article "The Old Savage in the New Age" and the theme of his argument is that Man, in his relations with his fellow men and in his own thought, is still a savage, despite the fact that the forces which he has developed in the physical and chemical worlds are capable of destroying civilization if not handled intelligently. He points out the fact that "the advance of the last three generations has been almost exclusively along the line of the natural sciences—physics, chemistry and biology." Man in the midst of this advance has remained as he always has been, emotional, impulsive and irrational. So the social sciences—economics, political science, sociology, Psychology—bound by age-old prejudices, have not kept pace with the development of the forces which man is called upon to administer. Unless intelligent development of the social sciences takes place for which, Fosdick states, we must borrow the methods of the natural scientists, a world catastrophe is liable to result.

This same theme is developed at greater length by Fosdick in his book "The Old Savage in the New Civilization." The thoughts contained therein are particularly pertinent at this present time when in reviews of the year just passed it is found that great strides have been made in the field of the natural sciences while the social sciences have appeared hopelessly inadequate to cope with serious economic depression, rising barriers to international trade, and organization of nations in militant alignments, Fosdick is then sounding a proper note when he calls for more emphasis and a more serious, intelligent study of the social sciences.

## Something to Argue About

(A column inviting comment and controversy).

### The Freshman Fiasco. The Happy Hagiographers. The Old Classics Conundrum.

According to time-honoured custom, the Christmas skirmish between faculty and freshmen deplorably demolished the latter. Recent reports relate that more than two score of the verdant ones were badly riddled by the riddles set forth on the examination papers. And so once again, a small, sad squad of disillusioned youths are trekking their way back to the bushes, resigned to the ungenial conclusion that a college career is not for them. It is rather regrettable to see this annual annihilation occurring with such relentless regularity. Every year a certain number of freshmen who make a miserable mess of their work, are consequently compelled to discontinue their courses, and return from whence they came. Now obviously it would be far better if these few had never been allowed to enter the university at all. Considerable time, money and energy would be saved, if Percy were persuaded to pursue a plough, rather than encouraged to exercise his inadequate intellect in the attainment of higher education. Surely the matriculation requirements could be made stringent enough to exclude those who have only slight possibilities of success. Such a procedure would be preferable to the present practice. The only possible alternative would consist in corralling all the new students in a residence of some sort, and enforcing high-school discipline among them. And this is highly undesirable at a university. At all events, some steps should be taken to eliminate and correct in however slight degree, the hopeless failures which annually occur among the freshmen.

One of the most remarkable revelations of the Christmas examinations, is the intense interest which the fifth year Medical students have evidenced in Biblical Literature. Influenced no doubt, by the fact that, "the Bible is still the world's best seller," "four hard-boiled, battle-scarred Meds" are engaged in the esoteric mysteries of the Pentateuch and the Hexateuch, and are devotedly delving into the literary merits of Ancient Israel. Indeed, it is reliably reported that the spacious halls of the Victoria General Hospital are resounding daily with learned discussions of the pre-exilic and post-exilic Prophets, and every interne has a favourite Hebrew aphorism which is unctiously quoted upon each appropriate occasion. But the crowning glory of all belongs to a former Dal football star, now in the graduating Medical Class. This worthy not only passed his examination in Biblical Literature, but reached the supreme heights of scholarship by obtaining a first class. And it is reported that this phenomenal achievement temporarily unbalanced his mind because for days he could think of nothing, but Apocalyptic Literature, the Rise of Wisdom, the Decline of Prophecy, and Hebrew Poetry. However, we rejoice to say that he is convalescing slowly, and will resume his abstruse study shortly. But in the future, the Registrar ought to be extremely careful in allowing Medical students to enrol in such difficult courses. They might ruin their delicate constitutions.

The perennial problem arising from the teaching of the Classics in universities is one fraught with considerable interest. Many modern educators advocate the absolute abolition of Latin and Greek from college curriculums, while some thoughtful thinkers adopt the opposite attitude. Since it is unlikely that either view is absolutely correct, we might venture to note a few points which seem indubitable. In the first place, Latin and Greek are dead languages and as such they possess little interest for the vast majority of students. Only rare persons with peculiar aptitudes are attracted to them. Possibly this is because of the way they are presented. At all events the Classics continue to be forced on a great many to whom they become the most uninteresting drudgery. The Dalhousie Senate for example requires each candidate for a B. A. to endure two years of Latin or Greek before the degree will be granted. The inevitable result of this, is the development of a feeling of antipathy towards all Classical studies, for, after a person has been compelled to wrestle laboriously with every line of Homer, Horace, or Vergil, his ardour for these immortals will have been somewhat dampened. In the majority of cases, the works of such writers will never again be opened, after the graduate has left the university. And this is a great pity. For the Classical Age has much in common with our own, and its tremendous literary masterpieces cannot be ignored without a serious intellectual loss.

The obvious solution to this rather unfortunate state of affairs, is some sort of a revision of the methods of teaching the Classics. At present, emphasis is primarily laid on Latin and Greek as languages. And it would be ridiculous to deny that there is value in such a procedure. But it is undoubtedly superficial. The significant factor for the student, is not how Horace or Homer wrote, but what they wrote. Most persons are interested, not in the nicely-turned phrases or flowery verbiage of these great men, but in the ideas they had on life, the way in which they reacted to the glorious civilization round about them, and their thoughts on human destiny. After all, these are the important things for us. And they cannot be properly appreciated as long as the student is

## Canadian College Comment

### SCIENCE AND THE CLASSICS.

Canadian and American literary periodicals recently have been carrying many articles favoring the wider study of Greek and Latin Classics in the schools and colleges. Although Arts students at Dalhousie are compelled to include at least one of the Classics in their degree work, many students in Science are apt to look upon Greek and Latin classes as being quite foreign to their curricula. The following extracts from *The Sheaf* (Univ. of Sask.), advocating the Classics to Science students, are the unqualified opinions of several eminent North American scientists and educators.

### Lewis Buckley Stillwell (Past President of American Institute of Electrical Engineers):

Experience and observation during thirty years' practise as an engineer have convinced me that the study of Latin is of great practical value to the young man who expects to be an engineer, and who possesses sufficient innate ability to become in any sense a leader in his profession.

### William Francis Magie (Former President of American Physical Society, Dean at Princeton University):

Next to mathematics for early training (of physicists) I rank the classical languages. The elementary study of physics or chemistry is of no importance in comparison.

### Charles P. Steinmetz (Consulting Engineer, General Electric Company):

It is my opinion that this neglect of the classics is one of the most serious mistakes of modern education, and that the study of the classics is very important and valuable, and more so in the education of the engineer than in most other professions, for the reason that the vocation of an engineer is specially liable to make the man one-sided.

### W. J. Mayo (Surgeon, Rochester, Minn.):

A moderate classical education is essential to a proper understanding of the sciences, and it is necessary for clear, accurate and incisive recording and transmission of scientific thought.

### Herbert Hoover (Engineer, President of U. S. A.):

I am of the opinion that the value of classical studies is seriously underestimated today. The usefulness of Latin and Greek half learned and soon abandoned is another matter.

### Sir Robert Falconer (President of the University of Toronto):

Classical studies afford a unique mental discipline in the realms of thought and language. One of the most pressing intellectual and moral needs of the modern world is precision in thought and an exact use of word. Hitherto no better means have been devised for providing such a training in the use of language than the study of Latin and Greek.

## REST CURES AT COLLEGES.

Following the grim ardure of writing the Christmas Examinations, the strain of the recent two weeks' social activities and the nightmare of scanning the past-lists, this scheme reported in the *Montreal Daily Star* would appear a peculiarly sensible one to us all.

It may sound incredible, but it is an undeniable fact that one eminent American University has established a course of open-air classes in rest and relaxation—not, be it noted, for the overworked and underfed and tollworn labourer, but for its girl students who find the business of study too exhausting, when taken in conjunction with the high pressure of living, which involves parties, dances, and similar social duties that are as much an essential of their lives as their studies.

After all, it may not be such a bad idea. All talking and reading is prohibited during the rest classes, and those attending them are encouraged to sleep.

If the Varsity were to extend this course and make it available to the general public on payment of a nominal fee, there might be a very large clientele built up in a short time. The number of people who do not know how to rest properly nowadays is incredibly large. The art of relaxation was lost when the twentieth century dawned. Yet it was an art that added greatly to our forefathers' enjoyment of life, and it would add just as much to our own, if we could find time to cultivate it. The University may yet lead us into the light.

Gretchen Brown of Bermuda was the guest of Dorothy Webster, in Pictou, for the holiday.

tortured by the aberrations of irregular verbs, and perplexed by the fiendish puzzles of abnormal adverbs. To our mind, the correct procedure would be the studying of the Classics in some worthwhile translation, of which there are not a few. If this were done, many more students would come to appreciate, respect, and love the immortal Classics, than do so under the present system. As it is everyone employs a Latin or Greek "key" of some kind, to help lighten their weary load. Why not have everyone reading good, authorized translations, through which they may gain some little insight into the Masters of Classical thought?

## Through the Looking Glass

The New Year's Resolutions.  
Thank You.  
A Bright Spot.  
Wanted—A Humourist.

Nearly everyone makes resolutions at the beginning of a new year. Probably in the case of a college student it would be quite safe to say that everyone makes a resolution beginning with the first of January. Especially are we led to this conclusion after looking over the results as recently published. And the old resolution, the same which has been made for countless years, is "Resolved that I shall study more this term than last."

It is a good resolution but unfortunately too often it is neglected. In some cases the student at the very time of making it has no intention of keeping it. It is merely to silence the family, disgusted at the Xmas results. Quite often, however, the student has good intentions but that is as far as it goes. For the first class we have no sympathy. They will merit the reward which will rightly be theirs in May. But for the latter we have this word of advice, this bit of caution founded on personal experience but which has been the experience of all man down through the countless generations.

In making a resolution one must realize that it is much easier to make it than to keep it. To make it only requires a few seconds, a few words rolled glibly from the tongue. To keep it requires a strong will coupled with the earnest determination. We can receive little help in keeping it from others. The effort must come from within ourselves. That is what goes to building what we commonly determine as character. We come face to face with this fact not only in striving to keep New Year's resolutions but in all our walks of life. That is what makes our stay on this earth so interesting. Because we are continually faced with a struggle going on within ourselves. Are we to yield to temptations which confront us, are we going to take the easier road or are we going to take the hard more difficult one? That question is continually confronting everyone. The decisions which we make often are trivial, often of great moment, but great or small they all help to build our character.

Every student therefore when making the annual resolution to study harder in order to wipe out the Xmas record should see to it that he or she keeps it in the face of all temptation. Do not put off, remember "procrastination is the thief of time." On each occasion that you are persuaded not to study you are taking the easier road. Remember that you are building your character, the big essential in your future life. After all, college is but a preparation for the years to come. Think of it as such. Do not take the easier road. Gain your end although it may be a hard struggle. Keep your New Year's resolution.

The Gazette, as official organ of the student body takes this opportunity of congratulating the proper authorities for their decision to keep the library open evenings during the term. It is a wise move and one which the student body will greatly appreciate. We understand that so many letters were sent out from the University office after the exams that the staff had to work overtime. It is a new departure but there is this to be said in its favour. You can get the refund on your return ticket and you don't have to shiver in your shoes at the

## Letters To The Editor

158 South Street,  
January 7th, 1931.

The Editor,  
Dalhousie Gazette.

Dear Sir—  
I wish to call the attention of the students to the fact that notices for basketball practices are put up on the notice boards in the Arts and Forrest Buildings. The first game of the Halifax Senior Basketball League is on the twenty-fourth and the first game of the Intermediate League is on the eighth. Dalhousie has got the material for a winning team this year, and in order to have one, everybody who is interested in basketball should turn out. A good practice should have a large number of students out.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, I remain,  
Yours sincerely,

R. W. MacLELLAN,  
Asst. Mgr.

Sport Editor,  
Dalhousie Gazette.

Dear Sir:  
Realizing that all Dalhousians are awaiting the opening of the City Basketball League, permit me, through the columns of your paper to acquaint all and sundry with happenings at the Tiger's camp.

The boys are putting many long and hard hours of practise endeavouring to round into form before Jan. 24th. This Senior schedule, when the Tiger's 1929-30 Champs play Y. M. C. A., runner's up of last year.

We are especially fortunate in having last year's team intact, with a further valuable addition in the person of Dunc MacKenzie, stellar forward and former captain of Acadia's Eastern Canadian Champions.

Perhaps it would not be amiss to stress the fact that Dalhousie students are admitted free of all city league games, played at Dalhousie. It is to be hoped that all students take advantage of the paid for privilege.

Thanking the Gazette and student body for the support rendered to the team of last year and trusting that we may look for an event larger and louder support in the present season. I remain,

Yours truly,  
C. G. MacODRUM,  
Manager.

prospect of an interview with the college dictator.

Now that college has opened when are we going to have a Glee Club show? That society should make a strenuous effort to show a little more activity this term than last. There is one thing sure they can't show any less.

The Gazette is badly in need of a good humourist. We have been repeatedly criticised for our lack of humour and we are aware that the criticism is just. Unfortunately "true humour springs not more from the head than from the heart. It takes a genius to provide good humour and we have not been able to find any of that class on the Gazette staff. The Gazette is not only our paper but the students' paper and in an effort to provide good humour we are calling for applications for the staff to fill this long felt want. Please give this matter your earnest consideration and if you have any talent in this line do not hide your light under a bushel.

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# The Findings of the Royal Commission Appointed to Inquire into What's Wrong with Dalhousie Anyway

As Reported by the Secretary, G. Howe Dumb.

### Forward

It was all the Committee of Seven's fault. They were meeting one night in the Committee of Five's room, which made them feel in a rather nasty disposition, for the Committee of Three were using the Committee of Ten's own room and so the Committee of Five had to use the Committee of Seven's Room, then the Committee of Seven turned around and used the Committee of Five's room, and that how it all happened.

It was a very important meeting. The President was there. After the members had quieted down and discontinued their abuse of the members of the other committees, the Chairman gravely got to his feet, cleared his throat and began: "Gentlemen, he said, 'the committee of Seven has arrived at a crisis in its valuable history of service to the University. We are at the parting of the ways. The matter under concern is a serious one and effects the very life blood of our alma mater. In short gentlemen, the business of this meeting is just this—that we have no business, the Committee of Seven has completed all its work and unless we can arrive upon a happy solution to our problem we shall be forced to disband.'"

He then sat down. A younger member jumped to his feet, "But the Committee of Eleven," he shouted, "they are supposed to supply us with business."

"The Committee of Eleven have refused to carry us any longer," was the crisp reply. "We must seek our own Salvation."

After two hours of debate, in which most members pointed to a gloomy future for the committee, one intelligent looking professor (you could easily distinguish him from the rest of the professors), made a short speech and then jumped upon them with the unique idea.

"Why bother with the Committee of Eleven. Let us find our own business!" he cried. "We must push out for new markets!"

"Bravo, Big Jim!" came back the President.

"I see no precedent for such a move. Nemo dat quod non habet, you know as we say in the Law School in the minute that has gone," Dean Smith interjected.

"To H-I with precedents. We must be kept busy," interspersed Prof. Maxwell. "We have had only a few hours work since the Christmas exams. That I enjoyed immensely, I might say that I never enjoyed a more successful season of plucking. But we can't be laid off now like common workmen. Why not an extra set of exams in a month's time?"

"Not logical," grunted Herbie Stewart.

"Well then—let's appoint a royal commission, or something."

"What for?" asked the President stupefied.

"Don't be a fool, you fool," came back Maxwell as quick as a steel trap "You don't need to have a reason for appointing a Royal Commission. We could inquire into what is wrong with Dalhousie."

"But is there anything wrong with Dalhousie anyway?" the other six asked in unison.

"Of course not—that's just why we need a Royal Commission."

"All S is P—since S is not P—mmm yes that seems logical," grunted Herbie Stewart once more.

Having made this momentous decision, the committee decided that the Royal Commission to investigate into what is wrong with Dalhousie should have a secretary and as I am the only living student who ever went through Dalhousie without being plucked in Economics I never having taken that class, and as the two Murrays—McNeill and Rankin—were both busy writing to Freshmen the first inviting them to come to college and the second writing to them to stay home; I was unanimously chosen for the position.

After months of awful research the Royal Commission are enabled to make their first report. Sitting at the basic principles of depression as we found it, at Dalhousie and on the Stock Market we first inquired into the relativity of humour to the college and we are pleased to hand down our findings which we feel sure will be preserved through the ages to come on the ninth floor of the Archives Building.

### Report No. 1.

#### The Royal Commission's Inquiry Into Has Dalhousie a Sense of Humour?

The Committee found humour at a very low level, they regret to report. To ascertain the relative standing in Humour we were forced to divide Dalhousie into three parts, knowing how successfully Gaul had been done in that way, the 3 parts being—1. Faculty; 2. Employees (including Librarians); 3. Students. A test of Humour was submitted to each group with the following results in order of merit:

- Group 3. Poor.
- Group 1. Very poor.
- Group 2. Zero.

The test and the answers given by the various groups are respectfully submitted and any who doubt the examiner's marking are asked to call in at my office and go over their paper with me. (Just try and get a higher mark!)

#### The Students' Exam (Humour 2).

and the average answer given—

1. Do you like the jokes in Philosophy 1? Answer: I haven't met them all yet.

2. What is your opinion of this year's Glee Club? Answer: Would rather not say.

3. What great literary periodical resembles The Dalhousie Gazette? Answer: Maritime Baptist.

4. What do you consider the best jokes of the last term? "Now this exam is really quite simple and I see no reason why you all can't get through,

Professors Exam (Humour 20).

1. Would you consider it funny if your chair was pulled from under you just as you were about to sit down? What would you do? Answer: No. I wouldn't sit on the chair.

2. Would you consider it funny if everybody got through in your class? Answer: Extremely.

3. Have you stopped beating your wife? Answer: Yes and no.

4. What is your opinion of the most unusual happening in your class and give the reason for its occurrence? Answer: Once while I was lecturing I inadvertently kept the class twenty minutes over the hour and no one walked out on me. The reason was I presume that everybody had fallen asleep.

#### Librarians' Exam (Elementary Humour).

1. Why don't you improve the service of the Library by cutting out some of the red tape? Answer: The Head Librarian objects.

2. Why don't you place the new books around the reading room instead of Latin and Greek Classics so as to encourage the students to drop in and browse around? Answer: The Head Librarian objects.

3. What do you consider the most heinous crime ever committed at Dalhousie? Answer: Once a student took four books at one time when the regulations distinctly say only two may be procured at once.

4. How long do you consider students should be kept waiting at the desk for books? Answer: Anywhere's between 20 minutes to 40. (A. S. T.).

By a close study of these tests and the answers given by the three groups at Dalhousie one can readily realize how low humour has sunk at our beloved College. In fact the Editor of the Gazette has told me that so desperate is the situation that he has been forced to accept articles of this sort in lieu of reports of the Students Council meetings which in the days of Len Miller and the Great God Soe used to make us double up with laughter! What is wrong with Dalhousie? What is the remedy? The answer will be found in the Royal Commission's Report No. 2, which will be released next week in this paper, on sale at all news stands.

In the meantime will those two groups who failed in the Humour Exam, namely Professors and Librarians bear in mind that they are only remaining at the University conditionally and unless they do better in future we beg to advise them that they will be forced to leave the university as per the regulations as set down in the Calendar page 276, section F, subsection 24 B (iii).

Respectfully submitted,  
G. HOWE DUMB,  
Secretary.

### Inter-Class Basketball

The last game in the girls' Inter-Class Basketball League has been played, and the cup for the first time has left the possession of Class '31 to find an honored place among the Lores and Penates of the King's Co-eds. It is the reward of three months of hard fought victories, achieved by the splendid work of the King's "A" team, which did not lose one of the six games played.

The hitherto victorious Class '31, though scoring a greater number of points than any of the other teams lost to King's by two points in perhaps the most strenuous game of the League. The members of the winning team are—Anne Allison, Hamlin Fairweather Virginia Spangler, Phyllis Gardner, Lois Hudson and Irene McAlder. Substitutes—Margaret Rehffuss and Muriel Hibbard.

### THIS WEEK'S LIMERICK.

There was a Young Dent at the Dance,  
Hair sleeked, full dress and correct stance;  
Who suddenly slipped on the floor,  
And my! what he tore!  
No wonder he left in a trance.

### TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT.

Burr.....our physical instructress must be strong. Four noisemakers were quickly bounced out of the Library during the Christmas Study Nights.

## Many Old Stars Turn Out For Girls Basketball

The prospects for a winning team for the basketball season of 1931 are good. Most of the old players are back and getting in trim for the intercollegiate matches. "Issy" Wood, the star shot, "Mac" MacDonald, Gwen Curry, Kay Doyle, "Lib" Sanderson, Marion Morton and the rest of the old team are to be seen regularly in the usual practise scrambles. The newcomers are progressing rapidly and it would not be a surprise if at least one or two of them made the Varsity team.

The Kings won the first inter-year tournament held before Christmas. The girls are turning out well and the play is speeding up. The players are doing their best to bring victory to Dal but they cannot do it all, they need the support of one and every Dalhousian in the forthcoming games So here's for success!

### GIRLS' BADMINTON.

A ladder tournament has been arranged in Badminton for the girls and it is hoped that as many as possible will turn out to play. Those names already signed on the list have been arranged on a scoring board and each girl will challenge the one whose name is above hers. Thus an equal opportunity is given to each player to enter a contest with the remaining participants. Come on girls! Now is the time to get in that much needed practice before a team is chosen to play against outside clubs.

Let us hope for snow and a great deal of it because a Dalhousie Ski Club has been formed among the girls. The members intend to take advantage of every snowfall there is and great plans were made at the meeting on Jan. 8th, for a varied programme of tramps across the Arm. Trips to Ashbourne and Gorsebrook. Helen Murphy was elected president of the Club and Teddy Dorman manager.

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## Pen Pictures of the Boys to Represent Us In Basketball

Turn out and Watch them

Don MacRae—Captain, veteran of three seasons. Dark—John Gilbert type and uses his 6 ft. in a dashing, effective manner at centre position.

Davidson—our own curly headed Davy—true and tried veteran of the football and basketball, one of the deadliest shots in Nova Scotia basketball, plays forward.

Sam Fairstein—possibly the nearest ball handler that Dalhousie has had for many a year, plays forward, combining speed with clever passing. At all times a dangerous opponent.

Harrie Shandler—known as Sam's buddy—sharing with Sam the distinction of being a clever, neat ball handler, rated by those who know as the most effective guard in the Maritimes.

Charlie Anderson—Pine Hill's representative—though said, plays guard, possesses an accurate long shot and plays the position of back guard in effective fashion.

Dunc MacKenzie—known as Dunky, former capt. and member of Acadia's team for three seasons, one of the cleverest basketball players in the province and a decided asset to this year's Dalhousie's aggregation of ball-handlers, plays forward or defense.

"Big Jim" MacLeod—uses his six feet three to good advantage at centre position, a strong, aggressive unselfish player of whom big things are expected this season.

Norman Brittain—a product of Saint John High School and a fast tricky forward, with the ability to shoot at top speed.

Hugh Kennedy—another Saint Johner, a steady, effective blocking guard.

"Ernie" Richardson—Ernie hails from Halifax County Academy and the Freshman class, a curly headed blond forward, possibly the fastest floor man in the university.

Murray Lloy—another Freshman candidate, plays forward or center with equal ease.

Russell MacLellan—the little blond boy from Sydney. Russ plays forward, noted for his speed and scoring ability in pinches.

Alex Nickerson—makes the Siamese combination of MacLellan. Nickerson complete, also a fast forward, plunger from start to finish.

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## New Club At Dal.

The girls have lately formed a Ski Club at Dal which should prove successful. The initial meeting was held last Thursday in the gymnasium under Miss Harris's guidance. Two officers were elected—Helen Murphy, President, and Teddy Dorman, Manager. Already the list of those who ski or want to ski is large; the only thing lacking is the proper weather. The Skiers plan to have hikes every Saturday afternoon if the weather permits.

Ian Fraser spent the holidays in Sydney, the guest of Russel McLellan

## Girl's Hockey

The girls held their first hockey practise on Saturday, January 10th at the Forum. Great interest is taken in this sport as is evidenced by the number who turn out and enjoy the practise. Miss Harris coached the girls and everyone is hoping that later on there will be some matches with outside teams.

Kathleen Killam, class '30, was the guest of Carol Sandford for a few days.

Helen Sexton, '28, who is now attending Wellesly College, was in Halifax for the vacation.

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### Luck

## A Feature From The Pen Of The Campus Mystery---R. G.

It was three o'clock in the morning after the Med dance. I was prying my stiff collar off the shirt band while Darty, sprawled upon my bed, made known his impressions of the affair that just passed into history. Jim was already tucked between the sheets Mike had perched himself upon the radiator.

"By the way," exclaimed Darty, "breaking off his eulogy on the little blonde with whom he had danced last but one," where's McPherson? He left before any of us did, and I don't think he's in his room."

"He isn't" corroborated Jim. "I looked in when I came by."

Mike laughed, and launched a dense cone of cigarette smoke at the ceiling. We all looked at him inquiringly.

"McPherson," he said, "is probably at this very moment sunk deep in thought in a far part of the city. And the question that perplexes him is this: How in the sacred name of a Rolls-Royce could a Ford coupe burn five gallons on gas in twenty miles?"

"Well," I demanded, after a moment's silence, "how could it?"

"It couldn't" replied Mike. He looked into our mystified faces in turn and laughed again.

"Out with it, man" said Jim at length. "Don't be so damn cryptic."

"Tell no tales?" demanded Mike. We promised.

"I'm not a jealous man," he went on, "nor an unreasonable one. But when a guy dates up my woman for the biggest dance of the year after I've taken her to every previous one, I just naturally don't like it. I left him as much gas as I calculated necessary to get Molly home. I drained the surplus."

"What a hell of a trick," said Jim. "Serve him right" said I.

"Cast the deciding vote Darty. Was it a dirty trick or a just revenge. Mike waited expectantly for an answer.

"It was neither" responded Darty. "I mean, in effect." He paused. "Did you ever see rain run off a duck's back? Well, I've known McPherson ever since we were knee high to that same goose, and that's the way revenge runs off McPherson."

"It was a hell of a trick" reiterated Jim more vehemently. "You're not engaged to the girl, Mike, and you know that poor sap has stewed enough waiting for him tomorrow. You might have let his last hours be peaceful. Speeding, driving without lights, ditto a license, ditto on the wrong side of the road." He ticked them off on his fingers.

"What!" we gasped the word as in one breath and stared at Jim incredulously.

Jim nodded. "What, with the dance and all," he said, "I forgot to tell you. It happened just before supper."

"Had I known that" conceded Mike "I'd have commuted the sentence."

"It wouldn't have mattered" said Darty.

"What do you mean?" Jim demanded.

Darty didn't answer him. Instead he asked, "Who wants to bet five dollars against my prediction that McPherson will ride home tonight without paying, and that by tomorrow night he'll be quite free of legal entanglements also without paying?"

I was the only one who took him up. The others thought there was something fishy about the whole business.

Darty went on: "As I told you before, McPherson and I have gone to school together from Grade I up and I wouldn't swear by Mike's moustache as I'd swear by that man's luck. It's surer than a pluck in Anatomy. He has a faculty for turning intended evil into unintentional good that's worth more than an M. D. and L. L. B. combined. While we're awaiting his return, I'll give you just one little instance of it."

Jim forsook the radiator for an armchair. I had reached the pajama stage so I wedged myself under the sheets and Darty, Mike shuffled into a more comfortable position. Darty's stories are sometimes good.

"It happened at dear old Pinkton," he began, "when we were in our final year. Pinkton as you know is a Boarding-High School. Every year we were allowed one big dance. Now in those days, kids were kids; (gosh! I can remember wearing knee trousers as late as Grade XII) and while most every chap looked upon some particular girl as his special attachment, we didn't waltz 'em round as much as they do in the same sphere now-a-days. We let the girls go stag, if you know what I mean, and confined our attentions to dancing with them and taking them home. Maybe Pinton was a bit more of a he-man school than others; Anyway that was the usual procedure. Well, on the night in question McPherson went to the dance with the rest of us. McPherson didn't lay claim to the affection of any one girl—he was always something of a free lance. About eleven o'clock I saw him dancing with my girl and next dance I couldn't find her. Neither could I find McPherson, but some of the boys informed me he had taken Mary home. I'm a peaceable man generally but that naturally got my nanny, so I trotted back to the Residence to wait for the bouncer. He didn't show up as quickly as I had expected him too, but around twelve fifteen my room mate came in with a face like a thunder storm.

"That damn McPherson went home with my girl!" he howled.

"What!" I yelled. "Why, he went home with mine."

The son-of-a-gun had come back and cut out poor old Willie.

Well, we sat there and contemplated murder and what-not until about half-past one when Greeves, a mutual friend, hove in sight. He too looked as though he'd spent his last nickel for a wrong number.

"What's the matter with you?" I demanded.

"That damn McPherson—" he began.

"You dont mean he took your girl home?" we shrieked in unison.

"Yes, he did," replied Greeves, in a deadly calm voice, "but when he comes home....." Sometimes words are awfully inadequate.

By that time the dance was over and the rest of the fellows were wandering in. Most of 'em knew our troubles. Some were sympathetic, others were amused; all promised to help. We waited for him in the upper hall. Greeves held a potato sack. The lights were out. At last we heard him coming; he drew near. The sack fell into place, pinioning his arms down nicely. I was beating a tattoo on his ribs; my room mate was trying to obliterate his facial features; Greeves was using his shoe."

"Shh!" We heard steps on the stair, "Its the House-Master" said some one.

We scattered—some to their rooms others to the attic. I threw myself behind a bench and trusted to luck. Our victim escaped from the potato sack in time to see the last boy race down the corridor and he leaped after him. The House Master appeared just in time to see our victim disappear and he darted after him. They returned puffing like steam engines and each with a rattle-hold on the other. I was watching them, terrorstruck when suddenly I became aware of another step on the stairs, and a cheery whistle. The new comer reached the hall. The lights came on and revealed—the House-Master and our Latin teacher struggling in deadly embrace.

"Hello!" exclaimed McPherson. "That's nice work for grown up men!"

They recognized each other, and let go their death grips. The House-Master took it in a second.

"McPherson," he said, in an earnest voice, "you will keep your mouth closed about this—er mistake, you understand."

"Oh yes sir," replied McPherson. "And by the way, Sir, I'm forbidden football because of my last year class record. Do you think its fair to hold past history against a chap?"

The house-Master stared at him. McPherson never flinched "I think it can be arranged, McPherson," he said at length.

"Thank you, sir. Good night!"

Darty yawned "and that, he said, is one of the many reasons for which I swear by McPherson's luck. Listen!"

Some one had come into the house. We heard footsteps along the hall. The door opened. McPherson came in.

"Hello, you chaps," said he. "Ain't you in bed yet?"

"Er— what kept you, Mac?" asked Mike rather weakly.

"A slight accident my children," replied McPherson. "The Juggernaut went dry just as I hove abreast of Forsytes jewellery store. I frightened two jannies who were going to make some purchases on extensive credit. In fact they had just gotten in, I had to get in touch with the Chief of Police. He drove me home. Those my children are the summonses I once had to answer to-morrow."

I pulled out a Five.

**HEY! HEY!**

An interesting fable comes to our attention. Once upon a time a freshman attended a University and at Christmas passed in all of his examinations. But the poor fellow died next day due to nervous shock and for fear of similar results, College Professors far and wide have been picking marks of the freshies.

Speaking of exams, the funny part of it all is that if you get through in the exams, not a single soul even asks you how you got along, but just the moment you get ploughed in one, maybe two, possibly three and more likely four or five subjects, it becomes an International Affair—a miniature League of Nations. To the four corners of the city, yea even of the province are relayed the facts,—and speaking of relaying news it is said that there exist three speedy methods; Telephone, Telegram and Tell a Woman.

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### Personals

Irene Bennett of Newfoundland spent the holidays in Garden of Eden with Marjorie Ball.

Barbara Barnhill, '32, spent the Christmas vacation with Elsie MacLachlan, in West Bay Centre Cape Breton.

Margaret Cowperthwaite, popular Dalhousie graduate, is spending a few days in Halifax, the guest of Miss Jane Graham.

Phyllis Skeen, of Hamilton Bermuda, spent the Christmas holidays in St. John with Muriel Langstroth.

Jean Mackenzie, well known graduate of class '28, spent her vacation in Halifax.

The many friends of Bingo Harrison and Ken Purtill were sorry to hear that they spent the Christmas holidays in the hospital.

Jack Mahar, of McGill University, and former undergraduate of Dalhousie, spent his holidays at his home in Halifax.

Ailene McCurdy, former Dalhousian, and now attending McGill, spent her vacation with Mrs. Albert Smith in the city.

Grenfell Zwicker, of Bridgewater, and graduate of class '29, spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. G. W. Zwicker in Halifax.

Margaret MacRae of Newfoundland spent her vacation with Evangeline Crouse in Bridgewater.

Ward MacLean (B. A. '30), is in charge of three Wesleyan Methodist churches in Bermuda, where one of the boys came across him in Hamilton during Christmas week. He is preaching at the Grace, Warwick, and Emanuel Churches for a year, having succeeded Grenfell Zwicker (B. A. '29) who is now at a Theological College in New York. Ward asked to be remembered to all the boys, especially the Pine Hillers.

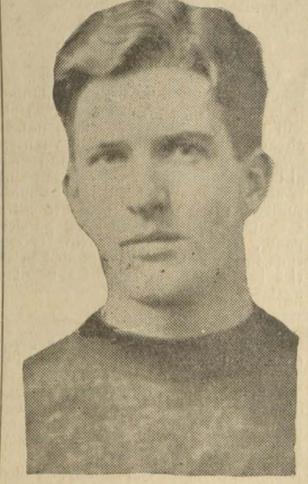
### Medical Briefs

**Fifth Year:**—Banquet staged downtown shortly before Christmas.

**Fourth Year:**—No plucks, no passes, no exams. One of the fourth year boys distinguished himself recently by walking a mile and a half on a snowy wintry night with a suit case full of old sneakers shoes and empty cod liver oil bottles.

**Third Year:**—Few exams and few plucks.

**Second and First Years:**—Epidemic of plucks raged through these classes leaving several fatalities in its wake. Post mortems attribute main symptoms due to previously unknown organism producing very severe infection with high fever and excitability, and patients passing out due to generalized infection from secondary invasion by other organisms. Many cases still in state of delirium and coma. Some faint hope held out for recovery in a few cases.



GERALD GODSOE, L.L.B. whose many friends are glad to note his gradual recovery.

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### Campus Tragedies

And then there's the fellow who called at Sheriff Hall and expected Madame Queen to be ready at the appointed time.

John: Loan me a few dollars please?  
Doe: Why don't you ask Don, his check came in this morning?  
John: I can't do that, he's a frat brother.

Shakespeare, three centuries ago said: 'Tis a wise father that knoweth his own son.

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