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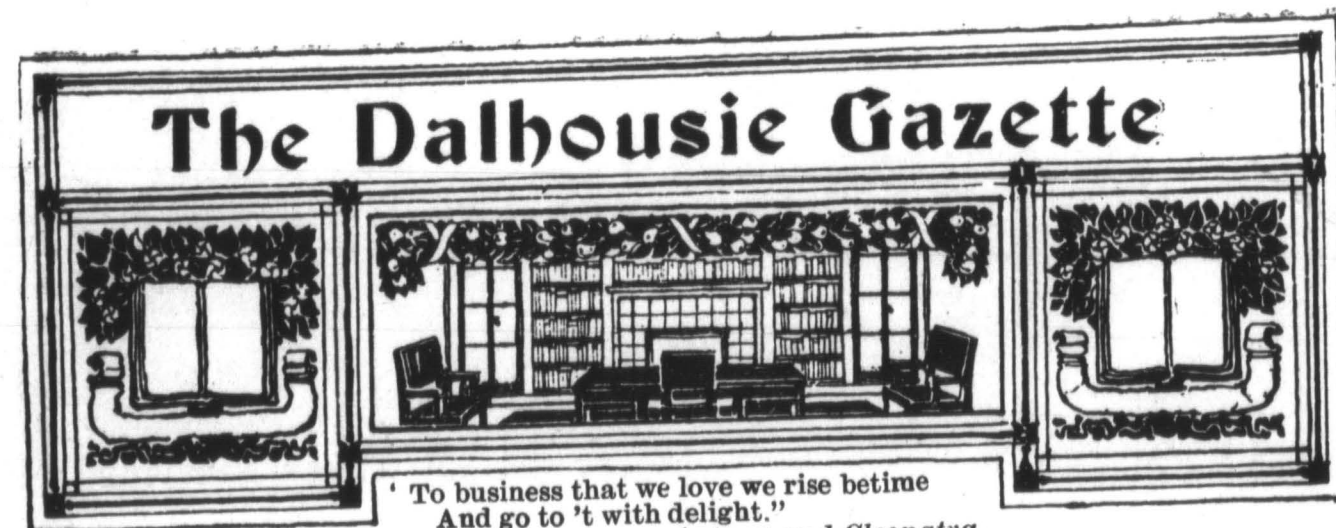
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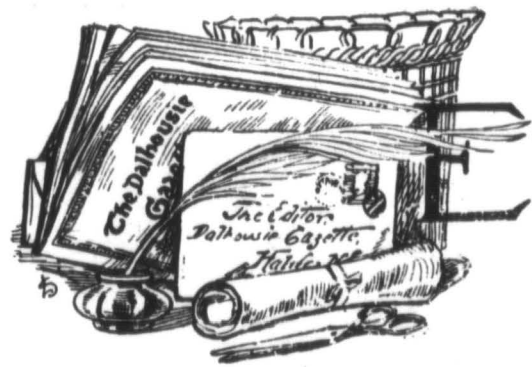
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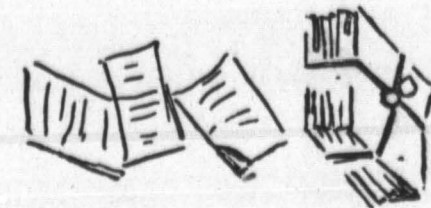


EDITORIALS

THE reform of the constitution of the University Students Council of Dalhousie has been under consideration for some time back, and it now seems as if something definite would be done along this line. At any rate, a notice of motion is now before the Council to do away with the old constitution and to bring forward an entirely new one. Even a chance observer could not fail to see that the old U. S. C. constitution had long out-lived its usefulness. The officers of the Council had little or no power in dealing with student affairs, and the main duty of the President seemed to be to preside at mass meetings of the students. These meetings were usually held when everyone was in a hurry to go to dinner, and consequently the business transacted was not always the result of calm and careful deliberation. It is also to be noted, that unless something very noteworthy was coming up it was often difficult to get a quorum, and when obtained, it was not always composed of the leading and representative men of the university. We might say, therefore, that under present conditions our U. S. C. is under the rule of the minority, and under mob rule at that. While we do not know definitely what the new system will be, we believe that it will be on the basis of responsible and representative government, each faculty to elect a certain number of members to represent it, and these members taken collectively to form the University Students' Council. If the occasion required it, an appeal could be made to the whole student body by means of a mass meeting, but the regular business could be transacted in a fairer and more beneficial way by these elected representatives. Such a system might have its drawbacks, but it would be a vast improvement on the present method of procedure. Under the old system a few carry on the business of the student body, and in many cases it is not the representative few. The proposed scheme would entrust the power to the

leading men in college, to those best qualified to use such a power for the benefit of the students and the university. While we are speaking of reform, it would seem a fitting time to suggest that every student organization should be made subject to the authority of the U. S. C. It must be evident to all, after a moment's serious and fair consideration, that the Students' Council should have the control of all student interests. It is or ought to be, the embodiment of the power of the student body, and as such it ought to have the oversight and the control of every student society and organization.

The reform and re-organization of our U. S. C. is a step that is as fraught with dangers as it is necessary. It has to come sooner or later, and the sooner the better. It is a matter that every student should consider seriously, so as to vote intelligently when the time comes. Let us bring about this most necessary change and reform, let us treat every class and every faculty alike, with special rights and privileges to none, and by thus putting our student affairs on a firmer and sounder basis, we shall do our part in the advancement and growth of the greater Dalhousie.



[Extract from "With the Canadians to the Coronation."]

The Royal Naval Review
and
Presentation of the Coronation Medals.

A more splendid spectacle can hardly be imagined than that of the Royal Naval Review at Spithead, June 24th, 1911.

At 4 a. m. the camp was like a beehive, red-coated bees running hither and thither, each preparing for the start. Breakfast finished, we went on board the special trains that were to convey us to Spithead and the Review.

It had rained all night and was still misting when we arrived at the pier, which dampened not only the uniforms but also the spirits of us all. When, however, we boarded the S. S. "Eagle," which had been placed at the disposal of the Canadian troops, and proceeded down the harbor, the sun came out and the spirits which were before downcast rose to the highest pitch.

The fleet, as it lay moored in the roads, consisted of one hundred and eighty-four ships—Dreadnaughts, cruisers, gun-boats, torpedo boats and destroyers. Of these, seventeen were those of foreign countries. Some idea of the extent of this vast fleet may be had when we imagine eighteen square miles of warships, the most formidable Armada ever gathered under one flag.

As one gazed upon these mighty leviathans of the deep, he realized that it was indeed the Navy's coronation day. They were to crown their King, not with a crown of diamonds, but with wreaths of smoke. Their instruments which were to play the triumphal march were great guns whose deep voices were to speak words of power and courage to their Sailor King.

They were ugly, these dark monsters of the deep, as we first saw them through the fog banks of a misty morning. Yet when the sun came out and the mists were rent apart by the breeze, they were touched with rainbow dressing and had a beautiful appearance.

It was not until two-thirty that the signal for the royal salute was flown, and then as the flags rose to the mast-head of

the Admiral's ship, from each ship came a flash of fire and a white puff of smoke, which was followed by a great crash which seemed to shake the heavens and reverberated from shore to shore like distant thunder.

Twenty-one times did each ship proclaim him its Admiral and King, King of dominions on which the sun never sets, and Admiral of a fleet which engirdles the world with steel.

It was, indeed, a salute worthy of a Sailor King, and out of the smoke crept the "Victoria and Albert," bearing the Admiral of this mighty fleet. As the smoke rolled away, we could see that each ship was manned in royal salute. Hand-in-hand, the sailors of the British fleet, and also those of the visiting ships, stood motionless along the decks, while "the thin red line" of the Royal Marines was to be seen on the bridges.

Past the outer edge of this great Armada crept the royal yacht, accompanied by the royal yachts "Alexandra," "Enchantress" and "Fiergreen." From the mainmast head floated the Royal Standard, while from the foremast head and after staff flew the White Ensign and Union Jack. As they came nearer, we could see that they were led by four torpedo boats, steaming in single line, black as ink upon the snow-white crest of the waves. Slowly they crept up the line, like Sea Queens among these mighty monsters, of the deep, and presently we could see a solitary figure standing upon the bridge of the "Victoria and Albert," with his hand raised to the salute. This was the King, the mighty Admiral of many ships.

Although the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and many other Princes and Princesses of our own and other lands were also on the yacht, yet the eyes of all turned to that solitary figure standing at the salute. As the yacht passed each ship, there came a roar of cheers which was borne on the breeze for many miles.

The Evening Review was even more beautiful, each ship being outlined with electric lights, so that one imagined he was in fairyland. From each ship search-lights played and the light of these, reflected in the sky, made the harbor almost as bright as day. The United States was well represented, and her ship was especially beautiful, with three search-lights playing

upon the crossed flags of England and the United States. The reflection of these flags in the sky was most beautiful. Hundreds of bands made the air ring with music, and the singing on the different ships excellent. It was indeed a sight to be impressed upon the mind of any witness, and one never to be forgotten.

The day following this splendid review, one of the most interesting and for us the proudest incident of our stay, took place, the presenting of the Coronation Medals. At 9 a. m we were paraded in review order, inspected by Colonel MacLean, and marched to the square at Buckingham Palace. Here also were gathered the troops from the other oversea dominions, over two thousand in all, and as all were in full uniform, they indeed formed an imposing spectacle.

When all had gathered and taken up their respective positions, we were placed in single file, four paces apart, and marched to the royal canopy, under which the King and Queen, with several officers of the army, were standing. As each man came opposite the King, he halted, faced the King, and saluted. The King then presented him with his medal, after which he again saluted, turned to the right, and marched back to his respective position. Arriving in position, he at once pinned on his medal, and stood at attention. This proceeding was gone through by each man, and when all were again in position, the King, the Prince of Wales, Lord Kitchner, Lord Roberts, and many of the officers of the court reviewed the troops and addressed the contingents.

Following this review and address, the contingents united in three cheers for His Majesty, after which we dispersed, each contingent to its respective quarters, having completed one of the proudest days of our lives.



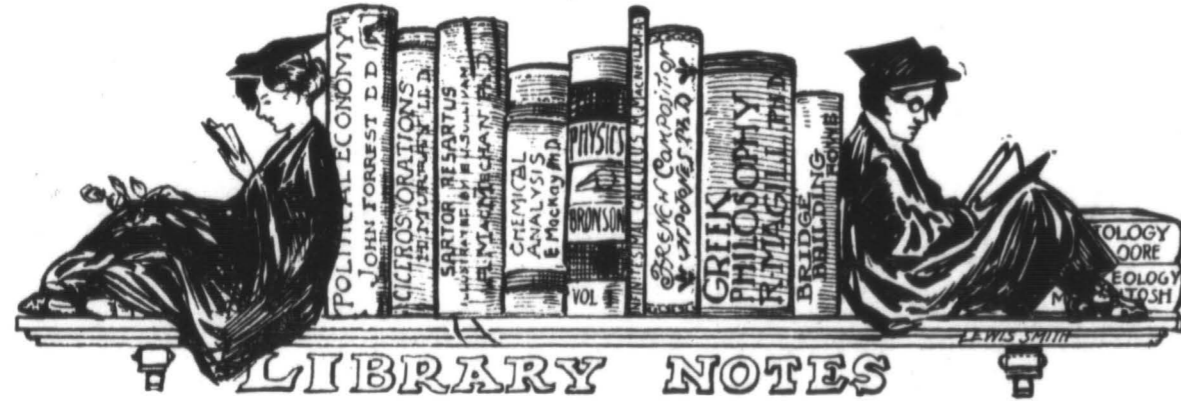
Autumn.

The farmer gazes on his fruitful yield
Of golden harvest, from his copious field.
And round about, afar and near at hand,
Are gathered in the products of the land.
The laboring ant, the busy bee, the squirrel,
Each played his active part, and now the swirl
Of busy harvest ends. That nested hoard
Proclaims to each, the bounty of the Lord.

The summer songsters from their nests have flown,
And all the fields are clad in sober brown.
The summer time has vanished as a care.
And straggling snowflakes flutter through the air.
Those tinted leaves that rustle to the earth
Weave there, a glorious carpet. While the hearth
Of every home reverberates with cheer.—
O happy time! The climax of the year.

The autumn wind in many different keys,
Discourses music in the leafless trees.
And borne upon the frosty woodland air,
Full many a joyous sound comes to the ear:
The gabbling wild-geese scream and southward float.
The partridge drummer beats his muffled note.
The woodman's stroke doth mock both loud and clear,
The call of moose and snort of frightened deer.

The evening sun sinks slowly toward the west,
And kissing earth and cloud, sinks down to rest.
From out the west the moon with mellow light,
Brings forth the beauty of Autumnal night.
The mist that drapes the valleys like a pall;
The owl that hoots, from out the pine tree tall;
The northern-lights that tremble as with fear,
Speak forth thy praise, rich season of the year.



"*Bibliotheca valde desiderata.*"—MECAN., *De omn.* REB.

BEGGING.—According to the Red Queen it is not respectable to beg,—even to beg pardon. Respectable or not, it is sometimes profitable. The appeal in the last issue for extra copies of the *University Magazine* touched the hearts of two good friends of the college, who sent the missing numbers at once. Many thanks!

IDEA MERE.—The late Professor Lawson was always associated with medical men and the medical profession. He came to Dalhousie from the medical faculty of Queens; and he had not been long at work here before he suggested the advisability of training our own physicians in our own province. Before that time, the local doctors were trained abroad. The late Dr. Parker and Sir Charles Tupper (one of our Governors, by the way) were fellow students at Edinburgh together many years ago. In the newly organized faculty of medicine, the name of Lawson should have an honored place.

DALLUSIANA.—An old graduate told this tale. "In the high and far-off times when Dalhousie was a small, but dignified building on the Parade, depraved persons who called themselves students used to bring literal 'stones' in to the building for the purpose of 'curling' them down the corridor. One day De Mille found a pile of them just beside his door, and to prevent disturbance during the class, kicked them carefully into the room. The students resolved that they would retrieve their property, and when the lecture was over, each slipped a stone under his gown as he went out the door. One ambitious person returned for a second stone, and seeing a figure in a

gown, a brother student stooping over the dwindled pile, smote him in the neck with his note-book—hard. Up rose the stately figure of the Professor himself."

OLD MSS.—Mr. G. R. MacKean has presented the college with two interesting old documents. One is a "Jánfschein" of Catharina Elizabeth Hollandin (*nee* Loeffler). It is signed by Gottlob Neumann, and dated August 3rd, 1788. The other is the original grant by Governor Parr of 3160 acres of common land to John Creighton, Dutlief Christopher Jessen, John Christopher Rudolf Esquires, Caspar Wollenhaupt, Andreas Jung, Phillip Herman, Senr. and Henry Ernst and their successors in the county of Lunenburg. It is dated February 7th, 1785, and is fortified by the great seal of the province in red wax, as big as an ordinary hot-cross bun. The motto reads *Terrae Marisque Opes*. Mr. MacKean writes:—"I thought it might be an interesting souvenir for the Library, and if you deem it so, I think I can send two others, one older and the other more recent, dating early in 1800. It seems to me a shame that these documents have been allowed to spoil or become lost. There ought to be a public place where they could be preserved and be used by students or others who would care for these things."

THE RIGHT SORT.—This is the kind of a letter which causeth the heart of the Librarian to wax fat and his eyes to shine:

DEAR DOCTOR:

I have boxed up and am sending you to-day the following books:—(List follows, all first-class and valuable). I trust these books will arrive in good order, and that none of them will duplicate any now in the Library.

I am enclosing \$5.00 to pay the truckage in Halifax, and expressage on book you sent me. The balance, if any, please turn into the Library Fund.

Yours truly,

W. CROWE.

Comment is unnecessary. The fear expressed regarding duplicates is groundless. The greatest difficulty is usually the insufficiency of copies of a given work to be consulted.

DOINGS.—The books on Poly-Con presented by Dr. Forrest have been labelled and listed, at least all that could be reached without taking the elevator. The last two boxes of the Fraser collection have been unpacked. All were in good condition. There are several varieties and good bindings among them. A special book-plate has been ordered for them.

BENEVOLENCE.—The reading-table (no reading-room) has been supplied with *The Independent* and *The New York Evening Post* through the kindness of Mr. D. Macgillivray of the Bank of Commerce. This table is never without readers.

The Place of the University in the Life of the Canadian People.

On Friday evening, December 15th, 1911, the Assembly Room of the School for the Blind was the scene of a gathering of Halifax citizens, all eager to learn more about the life and education in the Universities of Canada. It was a distinguished gathering, containing among its number the Attorney-General of Nova Scotia, the Commissioner of Works and Mines, and many of the professors and lecturers of Dalhousie University. It was essentially a meeting together of the friends of higher education, and though the night was stormy, the hall was well filled. As the meeting was under the auspices of the Canadian Club, the newly elected president of that Club, Mr. D. Macgillivray occupied the chair. The speaker of the evening, Dr. A. S. MacKenzie, President of Dalhousie, made his first official appearance as head of that institution on this occasion.

Mr. Macgillivray introduced Dr. MacKenzie to the audience in a warmhearted and cordial manner. He had not attended classes, but nevertheless, he had the advantage of the university—in contact with college professors, men with the highest personal and professional qualities. These qualities

could truthfully be said to be possessed by the lecturer of the evening. President MacKenzie was a man of strong and manly character, fine educational ideals, exceptional college experience and academic standing, a worthy successor to President Forrest who deserved to be remembered as one of the really distinguished men of Nova Scotia. President MacKenzie, the chairman said, assumed office not at a critical time, but at a time of great importance to Dalhousie. A heavy responsibility rested on his shoulders—a burden the people of Halifax would loyally help him to bear.

Dr. MacKenzie arose to his feet, greeted by a welcome which left no room for doubt as to the popularity of our genial and scholarly chief. After pointing out the importance of Halifax as an educational centre, he proceeded to show that the position of the University in the life of Canada is somewhat different from that in older communities. This was due to many causes, chief among which are the following:

1. Our social division of country.
2. The enormous extent of our territory, and the scattered nature of our centres of population, so that the conditions favorable for the best University influence are not always existent, and convenient facilities for higher education are difficult to provide.
3. Our proximity to the United States, and our lack of a scheme of defence.
4. The newness of much of our country and its freedom from old, traditional ways. On account of this, we are freer to start aright and to profit by the mistakes of others. The oldest of our colleges is yet young, and in the foundation thereof and the management there has been too great a tendency to follow old country methods, the classical tradition predominating. Surely the new countries demanded new or changed modes of education, different from those of the older states, but surely they did not succeed in getting a start along new lines.

He remarked that it would not be far wide of the mark to say that all of the early colleges were opened with the avowed purpose of training men for the church. This method gave rise

to a spirit of sectarianism from which our maritime colleges have never fully recovered.

At the present time it is recognized that there is nothing in the life of a nation which the true University can regard with indifference. The University must touch every sphere of human activity, and must aim to produce leaders for the nation in every department of thought and activity.

We have in these Maritime Provinces, instead of one or two strong institutions, which there is room for, nearly half a score of feeble bantlings, each crowing on his own dust heap, with ten chairs of Mathematics, where two would do, and so on, and each unable to offer the courses modern activity demands. The methods of the much-maligned Trusts are needed in our educational world in order that a merger may be brought about.

In politics we must aim at inculcating British ideals and British justice into the minds of our mixed population. The University has been a vast factor in the progress of the State, and it is only fair that the State in its turn should bear some of the expense. It is the cost which keeps the University from broadening out, and once they get the wherewithal, the old methods will soon give place to more up-to-date ones.

The common school and the high school are the stepping-stones to the college. The instruction there must be sane and in no way weaken the standard of the higher institutions. The primary schools, the high schools, and the colleges are component parts of one very complex system, and a serious defect in one part has its immediate deteriorating influence on every other part.

Some of the work of the University must be done by outside agencies, and some of them have attempted to meet the obvious want in different ways.

- (1) By extra mural or University extension lectures.
- (2) By correspondence courses.
- (3) By acting simply as an examining body.

Every college and university is in duty bound to provide courses of lectures in the local centres in its neighborhood. Not the so-called popular lectures, but where classes are formed and serious study is given by the members of these classes,

Finally comes the function of the University in the life of the country, that is perhaps its most vital one, to act as a barrier against the march of materialism. It must ever be an insistent protest against the worship of money for money's sake, and against the estimation of the value of things by their money making power. The training of the student is badly done if he has not learned how to spend fitly his hours of leisure. The University must hold fast to its old Art's course, because by it we teach that there are things worth while in themselves; through it can the student best acquire the taste and that appreciation of the finer things of life, and that love of the true and the beautiful which will give richness and flavour to his freer hours and make him ever, when alone, surrounded by his friends. This then is the University's finest function, to teach the Art of Living.

Nova Scotia must have some sort of amalgamation of her various institutions of higher education.

He had no hesitation in predicting that the focus of this co-operative scheme must be at Halifax, that is, if Halifax can retain her place as the centre of population, of government, of law, of commerce, of banking, of defence, of art, and of natural strength and beauty; not because Dalhousie is in Halifax, but because it is there where the stimulating, opposing currents of national life and activity meet and cross that the student should be brought to find all those influences that, with his class-work, go to develop the fully-armed scholar and member of the State. The new modern colleges and Universities are being placed in the centre of population; it is an exploded notion that education consists in putting the boy where he sees nothing but his books and his fellows and his professors; that his best surroundings are a glorious expanse of primitive and picturesque scenery, especially to be unbroken by the swaying of a hobble or the flutter of a willow plume, and with the silence undisturbed by the hum of man's busy strivings and activities. If we are to make him a man of the world, and imbued with its aims and its impulses, and its hopes and its fears, then train him in that world. If we destine him for the church, we do not carefully

surround him with the influences of the church. It is a confession of the weakness of the home influence when a parent will not send a son or daughter to a city college, because of the things they may hear or see. Experience does not teach us that the incubator-bred college man is more manly than his fellow who has been brought up in direct sight of the world, flesh and devil he has thereafter to live with, or that a greater average fell by the wayside in the latter case. Halifax is a great educational centre now, whether its citizens appreciate that fact or not; the logic of its situation will make it a greater centre, whether its citizens consciously make for that goal or not.

In conclusion, can we sum all this up in a picture? What are our Canadian Universities to be? And what are they to do?

If we are true to ourselves, they are not to be an Oxford, or a Cambridge, an Edinburgh or a Berlin, nor yet a Harvard, rebuilt on Canadian soil.

There is to be a chain of great national fortresses with a wise and natural geographical distribution; one for the Atlantic provinces, whose manifest location is Halifax; one for each of the two great races in Quebec; two it must be for the rich and populous Ontario; one for each of the broad Prairie provinces; and one for Canada beyond the Rockies. On these will primarily fall the task of fostering of research, and of training for the highest degrees; and they must evolve that new type of University, THE REAL CANADIAN UNIVERSITY. Is it too much to expect that the institutions we are now seeing grow up in these centres will mould out of the raw material of the Bluenose and the Habitant, the man from Glengarry and from Cobalt, the Teuton and the Celt from wherever drawn, that coming masterpiece of the human breed, THE CANADIAN, partner in his Father's house, but Master in his own?

Is this too much to expect? We have the stock, we have the climate, we have the wealth. Have we the temper? Have we the vision?

Alumni Notes.

EXECUTIVE MEETING.—The Alumni Executive met on December 1st, to discuss the policy of the society for the year.

Attention was called to the vacancy in the board of governors caused by the death of H. MacKenzie, Esq.

President MacKenzie who was present gave a short informal review of the work which has been done up to date on the forward movement, and an outline of what is proposed.

In accordance with their policy of the last few years, the society will make special efforts to increase the membership. An effort which has been very successful of late.

ALUMNI AND ALMA MATER.—Surely the idea must not be entertained that the aim of the society is merely to raise money for the University. Is it not rather an association for mutual co-operation between the children and their fostering mother.

GETTING NEWS.—We wish particularly to ask the officers of the various graduating classes to keep us informed about the movements of the members, because their organization is the one which is in closest touch with the graduates.

We also send a general appeal to every Alumnus for news. It is hard for the Gazette Editors to obtain information about persons who are scattered over all parts of the world. When you hear something interesting about any Dalhousian, please write a note to the GAZETTE, otherwise, ten to one we will never hear about it.

DISCRIMINATION.—We may be permitted to correct a mistaken impression which some may have about the disposal of the funds of the Association. The money of the Alumni Society at present goes to support the chair of Biology in the College which the Alumni founded.

The annual Dalhousie dinner at the end of the session has not now and never has had anything to do with the finances of the Alumni Society. It is paid for by subscription of those who attend, and is a purely voluntary though thoroughly enjoyable affair.

GIFTS.—Mr. J. Walter Allison has donated to the University a very valuable microscope, which has been handed over to the Biological department, where it will be of great service.

The University is also indebted to Dr. W. H. Eagar, for a gift of valuable hydrometers to the physical laboratory.

The following is the copy of a letter recently mailed to the Dalhousie Alumni :

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY.

Halifax, N. S., December 5, 1911.

TO ALL FELLOW ALUMNI,—

In connection with the annual announcement now being sent out by the Executive of the Alumni Association, I thought it might be of interest to the Alumni scattered over the world to know what the Governors of the University are doing and propose to do.

When the news went forth some months ago that the Governors had purchased the beautiful "Studley" estate of over forty acres as the site for the home of the new Dalhousie, it brought a cheer from every one of us, for we felt that at last the long delayed marching orders had arrived. No move since George Munro began his series of princely gifts to the College, has aroused so much enthusiasm, and given so much satisfaction to the Alumni and friends of the College. How wise a selection the Governors made is evidenced from the statement of Professor Mawson, the landscape architect and expert in town planning who came over from the University of Liverpool to deliver a course of lectures at Toronto, and who has at the invitation of the Board examined the "Studley" site. He claims it the finest University site he has seen in Canada. Mr. Frank Darling, the architect for Toronto University, has thoroughly studied the site, and is to prepare a plan for the location of all the buildings likely to be put on that site for the next fifty years, so that whatever is done in the near future, whether much or little, will be part of a prospective general scheme, and so that nothing will need to be undone. This plan is then to stand the criticism of Professor Mawson. In this way, it is hoped that by following a consistent and comprehensive plan the new Dalhousie will be beautiful and attractive, even if plain and simple to suit our purses.

Last spring, when it was feared that the Halifax Medical College might go out of existence, the Governors who had already assumed the enormous responsibilities incident to the transfer of the College to "Studley," had to go a step further along the same path. As the ones chiefly responsible for the progress of higher education in the Maritime Provinces, they had to take over the Halifax Medical College, and establish a complete teaching Medical Faculty. This required the appointment of three full-time Professors, namely, of Anatomy, Pathology, and Physiology, in addition to other scientific professors of the University, and the part-time instructing staff appointed from the resident medical men. This has entailed a very serious financial burden.

The Governors have started on a campaign to raise the sum of \$350,000, which will be devoted to the purchase of "Studley," to the erection of a Science Building, and the Macdonald Memorial Library, and to the endowment of the salary list both in Arts and Medicine. This campaign was launched by the announcement of a noble gift of \$25,000 from Mr. J. H. Dunn, of London, an old Alumnus, who spent from 1894-1897 in the Dalhousie Law School. It is hoped that this may show other Alumni the way to good deeds as well as glory.

We are now actively engaged in making a canvass of the City of Halifax, for it was felt it was but right to show our friends outside the city how well the community here appreciated the University. The response has been quite encouraging; by the end of this week, when we shall stop for the holiday season, it is expected that the pledges from citizens of Halifax will have amounted to \$75,000, and will leave many who have not yet been approached. This, with Mr. Dunn's gift, makes the first \$100,000. After the New Year the campaign will be completed in Halifax, and at the same time carried into every part of the Province, and to the other Provinces and countries wherever our Alumni and friends are scattered.

The future buildings which Mr. Darling is to arrange for, are an Arts Building, (which is badly wanted even now, and will require another \$100,000), a women's dormitory, (\$25,000), a Student's Union (\$35,000), a gymnasium (\$35,000), a quadrangle of men's dormitories, a Convocation Hall and offices of administration, a chapel; and there is the immediate need of an athletic field (\$5,000) to (\$10,000).

If you know of some one who wants to donate to us one of these necessities, you can assure him of the great good he will be doing to Dalhousie and its students, and of the permanent association of his name with an integral portion of the University.

The present session is proceeding most satisfactorily; the enrollment to date is 407, the largest on record at this period of the session, and there is every promise of a successful year academically.

Faithfully yours,

A. STANLEY MACKENZIE,

President of the University.

The Alumnae and Alumni.

["We are an interesting class of people. We should know about each other."]]

Dr. Alfred Thompson has been elected M. P. for Yukon Territory. Dr. Thompson is now on his way to Ottawa for the third time.

The University suffers a loss in the departure of Gilbert S. Stairs permanently for Montreal. Mr. Stairs is best known to Dalhousians as Dalhousie's first Rhodes Scholar. He was the efficient Secretary of the Board of Governors, and was a representative of the third generation of a family which has been intimately associated with the life of the University. His father, John F. Stairs, was for years Chairman of the Board, and his grandfather, Hon. William J. Stairs, a generous supporter of the college. Mr. Stairs is succeeded in the Secretaryship by W. E. Thompson, the energetic head of the firm of Thompson, Adams & Co., insurance brokers, and an enthusiastic Dalhousian, who will bring to his duties in this field the same vigor that made him famous on the football field.

C. H. Cahan, LL. B., 1880, B.A., 1886, recently delivered an address before the Canadian Club of Montreal. Mr. Cahan's subject was the loyalty of the French-Canadians.

Dr. John R. Collie, '11, has been appointed a medical assistant at the Nova Scotia Hospital.

Dr. Eliza P. Brison has secured a position on the staff of the State Hospital, at Northampton, Mass.

Dr. W. P. Reynolds, 1900, and Mrs. Reynolds (Miss W. B. Braine, M. D., 1900,) have recently opened an office at Harlowton, Montana. The friends of Dr. Reynolds will be pleased to hear that he is again able to take up his work.

Miss Mary E. Smith, B. A., '10, is this year attending the Normal School at Truro.

The marriage took place at Eureka, in October, of Mr. Andrew D. Lynch, of Yonkers, N. Y., and Miss Mary Estella Kerr, B. A., '07.

On December 2nd, at Springfield, Mass. Miss Rebecca Miller was married to Dr. Edward D. Farrell (H. M. C., '99).

At New Carlisle, in November, Rev. G. B. Tattrie, B. D. (B. A., Dal., '94) was married to Miss Mabel Louise, daughter of Rev. J. M. Sutherland.

The marriage of Dr. John M. Murdoch, of Sherbrooke, one of last year's medical graduates, to Miss Laura M. Maxwell took place on December 14th, at the home of her brother, in Halifax.

At Kentville, early in December, Rev. C. D. MacIntosh M. A., ('07) to Miss Murphy, of Kentville.

At Winnipeg, November 26th, H. W. Menzie, LL. B. ('09,) a former GAZETTE editor, to Miss Hattie M. Clarke, of Tatamagouche, N. S. They will reside at Lethbridge, Alta., where Mr. Menzie has a flourishing law practice.

College Notes.

U. S. C.—December 8th. A special meeting of the Council was held on this date. In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, J. P. McQueen was appointed chairman. The report of the committee in charge of the Thanksgiving dance was read, and a small deficit was on motion of Messrs. McGregor and Graham ordered to be paid by U. S. C. It was moved by Messrs. Bell and Hawkins that in future the U. S. C. should not be held responsible for any deficits on subscription dances. The motion was carried unanimously.

It was decided to have the Christmas break-up dance on Friday evening, December 22nd, and a committee consisting of Messrs. H. P. Bell (chairman,) F. Layton, C. L. Gass, C. R. Hawkins and R. D. Graham were appointed to have full charge of this dance. The meeting then adjourned.

Y. M. C. A.—November 25th. On this evening the first Union meeting of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. for the session 1911-12 was held in the Munro Room, with Mr. C. L. Gass, B. A. in the chair. Miss Mary I. Davidson read an excellent paper on the Muskoka Conference. She sketched the trip, the various amusements, and then dealt with the religious aspect, in which consecration, prayer and service were emphasized. Mr. J. C. MacDonald, B. A., followed with a very interesting address on Northfield, and gave a report of the Conference. He described the sports, the various addresses, and claimed that the inspiration and experiences gained there would materially aid anyone to make the best out of his life. Miss Butcher, accompanied by Miss MacKinlay, sang a much appreciated solo.

December 2nd. Mr. A. P. McIvor of the Senior Class was the leader for the evening. The subject was "The Victories of Courage," and it was dealt with in a clear and interesting manner by Mr. McIvor and several others who spoke from the audience. The attendance was very gratifying considering the state of the weather.

December 3rd. This was the third of the Sunday lecture series, the speaker being Professor J. W. Falconer, B. D., of the Pine Hill staff. His subject was "College, Twenty Five Years After." After the opening exercises, and a pleasing solo by Mr. Farley, Professor McKay who was presiding, introduced the speaker for the afternoon. Professor Falconer first spoke of his own college life at Edinburg, and of the changes there since his student days. He then reviewed the origin and work of the Student Volunteer Movement, and spoke of the great work accomplished by Henry Drummond and others, in this connection. The address was interesting as well as instructive, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. This was the last meeting of the Association for the year 1911.

Sodales.—December 7th. The debate was not one of the regular inter-faculty series, but was a preliminary debate on the intercollegiate subject, "*Resolved* that the preponderance of evidence is in favour of the contention that the Shakespearian plays, so called are in part at least the work of Francis Bacon." The affirmative was taken by Mr. T. A. Lebbetter who opened the debate, supported by Mr. G. G. MacGeer, while Messrs. J. A. MacMillan, W. K. MacKay, and A. G. MacLennan spoke for the negative. There was no rebuttal, and no decision was announced. Mr. D. C. Sinclair, B. A., LL.B., then submitted a communication from St. Francis Xavier, concerning a re-consideration of the Intercollegiate subject.

Arts and Science.—November 24th. The subject for discussion was: "*Resolved*, That trade unions are a potent factor in the development of Canadian industries." Messrs. A. H. MacKinnon and G. M. MacLean supported the resolution, while Messrs. L. E. Brownell and M. D. MacCharles opposed it. The general discussion was shared in by the following: Messrs. Millard, Milne, F. Graham and Clayton. On a vote being taken,

the resolution was defeated. Mr. W. M. Nelson acted as critic. The committee appointed at a former meeting then submitted the names of the members of the Society who should represent it in the trial debates, and on motion the selections of the committee were ratified.

December 1st. The resolution read: "*Resolved*, That the dormitory system is desirable at Dalhousie." Messrs. J. P. MacQueen and L. B. Campbell spoke for the affirmative, and Messrs. W. M. Nelson and W. MacAskill for the negative. Messrs. A. H. MacKinnon, J. K. Murchison, M. MacGregor, C. R. Hawkins, Hanna, D. Guildford and Patterson spoke from the audience. The resolution was sustained, after which Mr. Murchison criticized the speeches.

December 8th. This meeting was held to consider the advisability of entering a team from this Society in a proposed Halifax and Dartmouth Young Men's Debating League. After some discussion, a committee was appointed to act as delegates from this Society, who should confer with the representatives of the other Societies.

Y. W. C. A.—The last two meetings of the Y. W. C. A. were held on the 30th of November, and the 7th of December, respectively. At the first meeting, Miss Dorothy Fraser read the book of Ruth to the Association, at the second, Miss Florence Stewart, since it was the last meeting before Christmas, gave a splendid paper on "Peace on Earth." Both meetings were well attended.

Delta Gamma.—On December 2nd, Delta Gamma betook itself to Dartmouth, and spent a very pleasant evening, at the home of Mrs. A. H. MacKay. The night was stormy, and, as a result, few of the girls ventured out—a fact to be deplored, since they missed a most instructing and interesting programme. The "Artist" for the night, was "Raphæl," and Misses Gladys Smith, B. A., Georgene Faulkner and Margaret Irving gave very able discussions on the life and work of that great master. The speakers were fortunate enough to have obtained some very fine examples of Raphæl's art, so that we were able to form opinions for ourselves on the subject. Mrs. MacKay has our thanks for a most enjoyable evening.



Ottawa, November 25th, 1911.

H. R. H. the Governor-General has been pleased to approve of the following Cabinet for the Dalhousie Mock Parliament:

The Hon. J. S. Smiley, Premier.

The Hon. D. D. Boyd, Minister of Justice.

The Hon. Francis Layton, Minister of Finance.

The Hon. C. G. Black, Minister of Railways.

The Hon. G. F. Long, Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

The Hon. John S. Roper, Postmaster-General.

(Sgd.) A. G. SEAMAN,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

November 27, 1911.

The Speaker sat in his easy arm chair,
His hat deftly poised on the lobe of his ear
His look was like that of a gay country parson—
And no one would dream he was called "Le gros garcon."
He went through the orders and read a petition,
Then ordered Graham's feet from their lofty position.

The address in reply to the speech from the Throne was moved by Mr. F. G. Bradley, (Salt Cod Fish Creek). In a brief speech he outlined the various items in the platform of the new Government and congratulated the Premier on his overwhelming victory in the last election. The motion was seconded by Mr. J. C. Stairs, (Ecum Secum) who, in an eloquent address eulogized the various new measures which the Government intend to introduce this session, *i. e.*, the abolition of capital punishment, prohibition and the referendum.

At the mention of all these new Government measures,
There arose to his feet one of Justice's treasures.
It was the young member from Yale Cariboo,
Who once brought in a Bill to enfranchise Lulu.
His remarks were quite brief, but to say the least, snappy,
And his maidenly speech made the members feel happy.

The debate on the address was lengthy and brought forth the ability of much new talent, whose voices had never been heard before within the classic walls of Mock Parliament. The Government, flushed with victory, taunted the Opposition, led by the late Premier, with the smallness of their members. The Opposition in their turn asked many embarrassing questions of the Cabinet, seeking to rake up as much "muck" as possible. When, toward morning, the division bell rung, the Premier and his colleagues found that they had the majority of members on their side of the House.

December 4th. Mock Parliament met at 8 p. m. Deputy Speaker, Rice in the Chair.

Much time was taken up with an inquiry into the alleged bribery of a well known Government employee by the Honorable Minister of Marine and Fisheries and the Leader of the Opposition. A committee of investigation, consisting of the Honorable Minister of Justice, with the Honorable members for Vancouver and Richmond, was appointed to look into the charges and report their finding.

The Honorable Minister of Justice, Mr. Boyd, moved the second reading of a Bill to abolish capital punishment from the Statutes of Canada. He dwelt at length upon the direful effects of the present system, and remarked that this Bill was only following the trend of civilization by helping to wipe out a relic of Mosaic times. The Honorable Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Mr. Long, seconded this motion, and brought forth some more evidence against the advisability of continuing to enforce the cruel and barbarous death penalty. Mr. O. B. Jones, (Halifax) opened for the Opposition, and dwelt upon the effects of capital punishment as a deterrent to crime. The Honorable Postmaster General, Mr. Roper, spoke of the way in which our present system brutalizes the public and brings into our Courts of law vexatious and flimsical defences. He was followed by Mr. McPherson, (Richmond) who attacked the Bill on account of its tendency to lengthen the life of the murderer, and sentence him to a long and lingering death by life imprisonment. Mr. McGeer, (Vancouver) endeavoured to find loopholes

in the speeches of the defenders of the Bill, and in his own wild Western manner groped around for sufficient proof to condemn it. The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. MacKay, remarked that the measure had only been defended by pointing out exceptions to the present mode of punishment, and he thought that at least capital punishment should be shown defective in a general way before it was wiped off our Statute Books. The Premier was heard to great advantage. Many a time and oft has his voice reverberated throughout the Law School, but never during his long political career has he made such an eloquent appeal to the House, or summed up the results of a piece of legislation in a better way than he did on this occasion. His speech was certainly the best effort of the evening, and formed a fitting climax to one of the best debates ever held in the Dalhousie Law School. The Division gave this Bill an overwhelming majority, and afterwards the House adjourned.

November 11th. The second reading of the Bill to prohibit the manufacture, sale and importation of liquors into Canada was moved by the Hon. Minister of Finance, Mr. Layton. In his usual eloquent manner he dwelt upon the effects of the liquor traffic as a social, political and national evil. He strongly advocated that such a trade be forever wiped out of Canada. The honorable member for Digby, Mr. Phinney, seconded the motion, and in a masterful way advocated Prohibition as a sure preventative against crime, poverty and degradation of all kinds. He remarked that the present regulations which were now in force with regard to the liquor business was not stringent enough. Much was said on both sides as to the merits of the Bill, and at one stage in the debate the position of the Government was extremely precarious. The timely arrival of the honorable member from Chimney Corner, Mr. A. Anderson, enabled the party in power to put off the crisis for a few hours. When a vote was taken, the House stood 10—10. One of the members sitting on the Government benches, who could not restrain his natural inclination, had voted with the Opposition. It became

necessary to call upon Deputy Speaker Rice to cast the deciding vote, which he did in favor of the measure. The House then adjourned until Monday, December 18th.

PERSONAL NOTE.

The following from an article, entitled "When Sir Wilfred led before," which appeared in the *Canadian Courier* of December 2nd, gives us a vivid idea of the outstanding position our own Dean of the Law School, occupied when he was a member of the Federal Parliament at Ottawa.

"The desks about Sir John were very ably manned. There never was any truth in the story that Sir John dreaded a strong force near the throne. Sir John Thompson was the heaviest gun in the Ministerial battery. Dr. Weldon of Albert, was the great independent on general topics although the eruption of race and religious issues brought the singularly able and hard-hitting Dalton McCarthy and "Jesuit Bill" O'Brien to the front."

Autumn.

The winds breathe low and croon a lullaby,
A cradle-song that swells, is caught on high
In wailing note that thrills the heart and grieves,—
The far, faint sobbing of the falling leaves.

The shadows steal athwart the silent stream,
Softly and ever soft, as dream on dream:
Yet ever throbs an undernote of pain
In fluttering of the leaves and falling rain.

The dusk down drops a mantle, silver-gray,
And stream and landscape slowly fade away:
Still echoes through dim forest aisles and eaves,
The sad, sweet farewell of the dying leaves.



The November number of *The Argosy* contains a short article which should be of interest to all, entitled, "The Pleasure and Profit to be Derived from Hobbies." "There is an old Eastern proverb," says the writer, "that a constant hammering on one nail will drive it home at last, so that it can be clinched. And is this not always true with a specialist in any line, that he rides his hobby until he or the world profits by his concentration of effort? Devotion to one object is an indispensable requisite to success. To succeed in any work, one must have his heart in it. If it had not been for great men, such as Franklin and Edison, who in their time were 'trampled and beaten as the sand, and yet unshaken as the continent,' we would not to-day have many things which they, in their perseverance, have given us. Emerson says that 'the crowning fortune of a man is to be born with a bias to some pursuit which finds him in employment and happiness.'"

Commenting upon the value of poetry to a College Magazine, the Exchange Editor of *The Xaverian* says in part: "If we were to reflect for a moment on the pleasure that a few short lines of poetry give their reader; if we but appreciated the enlivening influence exerted by a little stanza here and there; if we could but understand the wealth of feeling conveyed by even such poetry as we students are capable of composing, so many of us would not totally neglect that valuable asset to the worth of our college monthly. After the mind has been occupied with articles more or less profound; after we have pored over a learned dissertation or two, what is more refreshing, what more enjoyable, than to turn over a leaf and read a poem, whether it be an ode, triolet, or sonnet?"

The graduation number of the *Acadia Atheneum*, which we have just received, is a first class production in every respect, and speaks well for its editors and contributors. It must be seen to be appreciated.

We congratulate the Editors of *The Academy Annual*, the magazine of the Halifax Academy, upon the very attractive appearance of their Christmas number.

In the *University Monthly*, we note a review of the U. N. B.'s football season, written by their coach "Baby" Church. Church played full-back for Dalhousie during the years Nineteen Two, Three and Four, if our memory serves us correctly, and was one of the best punters the college ever had. His phenomenally long kicks put new heart into the team on many critical occasions. The old levee song, heard no more around the college halls, but which many of our graduates will recall, took judicial notice of Church's kicking. It ran as follows:—

"Sing a song of a football field
Roll that cotton bale;
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As when he's out of jail;
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The Navy left in the lurch,
Bailey for his drop from field.
But for kickin', 'Baby' Church."

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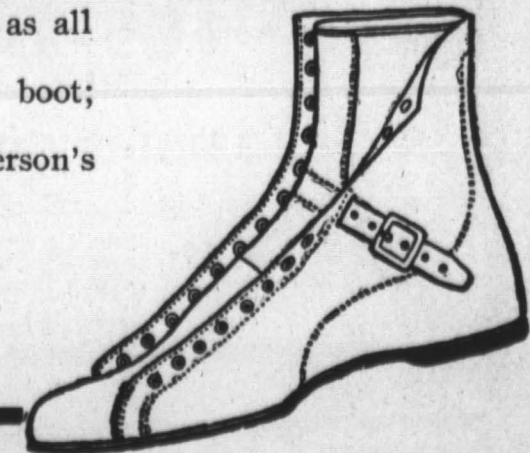
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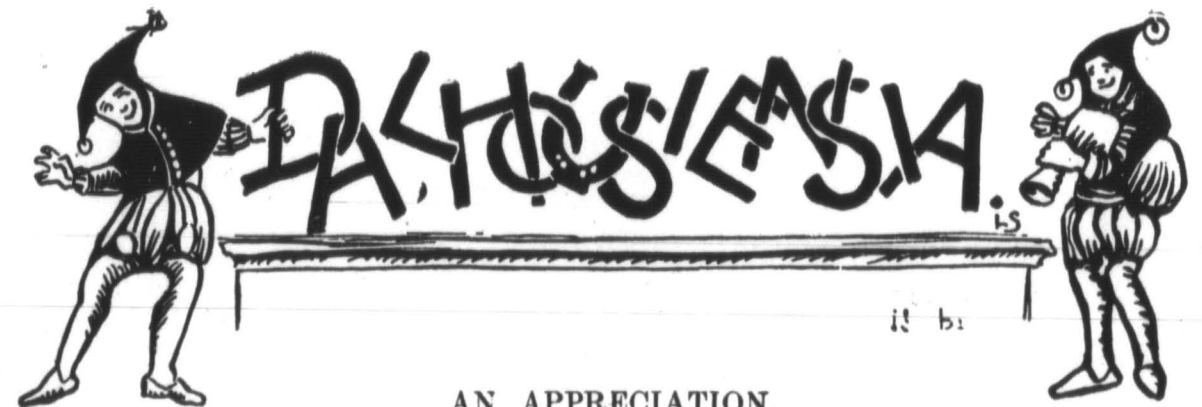
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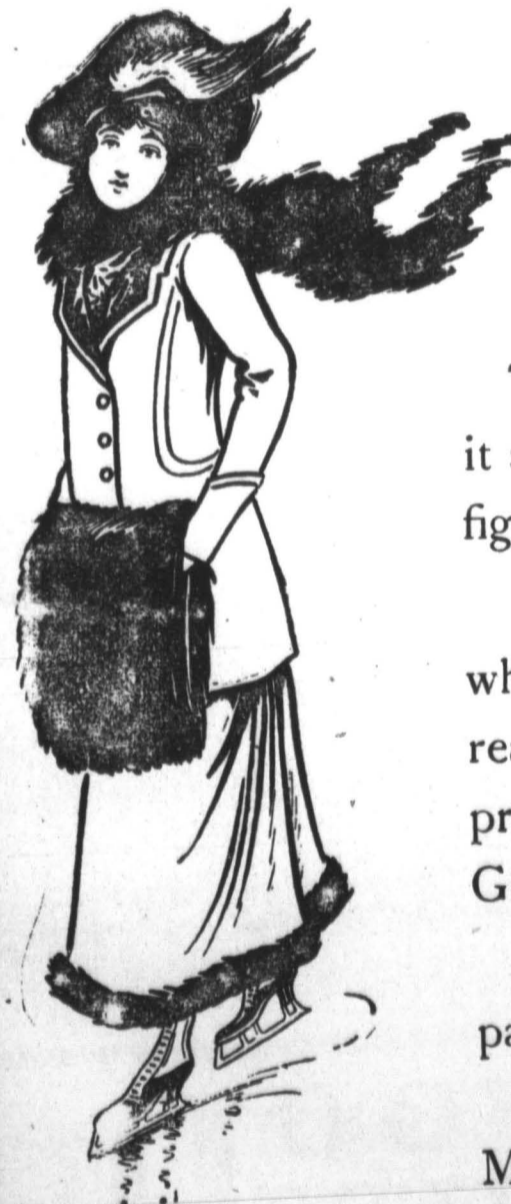
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