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**ON LEARNING TO THINK.**

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deceive ourselves or others. Education only comes to life when the learner, from the first, uses what he learns for some purpose of his own, when he sees himself not only as a learner but also as a discoverer. In that sense it should all be vocational, and especially the learning of English, since it is the vocation of each one of us to think rightly. So we should read that we may be able to write, to talk, and to think. And this purpose in our reading would not destroy, but increase, the pure pleasure of it; for it would make us see our literature, not as something that has happened in the past, but as part of a great process of thought which we, too, must continue and enrich. A literature is made by the minds of those who read it as well as by the minds of those who write it; we now read so much nonsense because we think so much nonsense; and we think nonsense because we are not trained in our language enough to think at all. This training we can get, not by talking only, but by reading and writing when we are young. It may be that there are few, even in our universities, who could teach writing, but that only proves how much we need to learn it. The thought of our teachers is the thought of old thinkers, and not their own, if they have had no training in their own language. If they would think they must learn to express themselves, and then they will be able to teach others.

I have said nothing about aesthetic or poetic expression, because that cannot be taught directly, but no man is a worse poet or novelist for learning to think. There is thought implied in all great art, and by thought we can protect ourselves against artistic as well as intellectual nonsense. Our bad novelists, like our bad politicians, make their living out of a public which has not been trained to use its own language for any purpose.

**ABOUT PROFESSOR  
JAMES De MILLE**

The association of Professor De Mille's name with the magnificent prizes for English essays founded by Mr. W. H. Dennis has revived general interest in a remarkable man. Dalhousians should not forget him.

He was born at St. John, Aug. 23, 1833, the third child of Nathan S. De Mille, a prominent merchant and ship-owner of the Loyalist City. He was educated at Horton Academy, Acadia and Brown University. After spending his Freshman year at Acadia, he went to Europe with his eldest brother, Budd, visiting Wales, Scotland, England, France, Italy and Switzerland. On his return, he went to Brown in 1852, and graduated M. A., in 1854.

After spending some time in Cincinnati, he returned to St. John, where he began a bookselling business with a Mr. Fillmore for a partner. The venture proved unfortunate. In 1859, he married Miss Anne Pryor, a daughter of the Rev. Dr. John Pryor. In 1860, he was appointed Professor of Classics at Acadia. In 1864, he came to Dalhousie as Professor of History and Rhetoric. In 1880, he died after a very short illness at his house, 72 South Park St.

His works comprise "The Martyrs of the Catacombs", "Helena's Household", "The Dodge Club In Italy", (his first hit), "The Cryptogram", "Card and Crease", "The Living Link", "A Castle In Spain", "The American Baron", (which has been translated into French), "The Lily and the Cross, a Tale of Acadia", "The Young Dodge Club" (six books for boys, including "The Winged Lion", "Among the Brigands", the B.O.W.C. series. The title of the latter series is explained as the Boys of the Order of the White Cross. "The Lady of the Ice" was dramatized. Perhaps his best work was published years after his death, "A Strange Manuscript found In A Copper Cylinder". In 1893, his long poem "Behind the Veil" was published in Halifax with an etched portrait of the author by G. A. Reid. His serious work was an analytical "Rhetoric", on which he was at work for seven years. It is the best of its kind.

No man with wider intellectual interests ever occupied a chair in Dalhousie. He could talk Latin with "Charlie" on a fishing trip. Among his books in our Library are works in modern Greek, Persian, Sanskrit, Spanish, Icelandic, not to mention French, German and Italian Classics with his pencilled marginalia. He kept abreast of modern literature, and specialized in Church History.

He was a clever caricaturist, and a writer of humorous verse for the amusement of his friends.

He was an excellent teacher, doing his work with zeal, ability and kindness. His old pupils treasure his memory.

It is altogether fitting that his name should be associated with an English essay prize in the college he served so well. A. M. M.

**NOTICE**

We regret that we are forced to utter the usual complaint about lack of space but several articles were crowded out this week. In future issues will appear the story "Fate and the Man," an announcement regarding the Dennis Prizes for poetry and prose and an article on Industrial Chemistry.

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**H.G. WELLS, "AN ENGLISHMAN"**

By IONA MACDONALD.

Mr. Wells in writing his impressions of the Conference introduces this parenthetical comment: "For my own part, though I care very little for the British Empire, which I think a temporary patched-up thing, I have a passionate pride in being of the breed that produced such men as Shakespeare, Milton, Bacon, Cromwell, Newton, Washington, Darwin, Nelson and Lincoln. And I love the peculiar humor and kindly temper of an English crowd and the soft beauty of an English countryside with a strong, possessive passion."

"I find it hard to think that other peoples matter quite as much as the English. I want to serve the English and to justify the English. Intellectually, I know better, but no man's intelligence is continually dominant; fatigue him or surprise him, and habits and emotions take control."

Mr. Wells has in this confessed to something more than he was conscious of saying. As enthusiastic an internationalist, and perhaps as honest a one, as the modern world has produced he yet professes to "care very little for the British Empire" which he considers "a temporary patched-up thing." The truth is that Mr. Wells, though endowed with a more flexible and brilliant mind than the average man of his own race is yet a typical Englishman—not an aristocrat but a representative man of the people. And like many another Englishman he has made an exhaustive study of every nation but the one to which he himself belongs. A closer and more sympathetic acquaintance with the British Empire would prove to Mr. Wells that it is a most worthy experiment in internationalism both racially and politically; that it is inconceivable that it could prove a failure and any other form of internationalism be substantially a success.

Like the small boy Mr. Wells is not greatly interested in that which he possesses, and as an Englishman who has lived all his days in England there is no question in his mind as to his proprietorship of the British Empire. In contradistinction to this professed indifference regarding the Empire is a naive expression of pride in the possession of Washington and Lincoln. Mr. Wells has indeed tabulated the great men of his race with a clan-pride worthy of a Scotchman. No doubt Mr. Wells thinks of Washington and Lincoln as Englishmen, which in truth they were not. Mr. Wells himself though born in England would not have been an Englishman had he been transplanted at an early age and allowed to grow up where the tawny plains of central Canada would meet his eye instead of "the soft beauty of an English countryside."

The truth is that a man's race is not purely a matter of heredity but largely one of environment; his thoughts, his sentiments, the "habits and emotions" referred to, are to no small degree an outgrowth of environment, while the latitude and topography of a country in time changes the temperament and physique of a people from their ancestral race.

That is one reason why the British Empire is an experiment in internationalism; because there exists a much greater breach between Englishmen and other English-speaking peoples of the Empire than Englishmen themselves appreciate. The children of English parents in the dominions are not English but Canadians, Australians or New Zealanders as the case may be. The Englishman who goes abroad within the Empire is sharply conscious of this and sometimes resentful of it; it upsets all his preconceived ideas of what the imperial relationship is; he finds himself not on solid ground as he had supposed but rather walking the deck of a ship which lunges into the unknown. And this is not the only point on which his calculations are amiss; there is the question of actual racial descent.

"Canada is at bottom English—must be" said an English woman to me in discussing the characteristics of the people of the Dominion.

"You mean," I answered "that Canada is English in proportion to the population of England itself, which is let us say approximately thirty-two million as compared with five million in Scotland, two or three million in Wales and something over four and a half in Ireland?"

My friend replied that that expressed her idea, whereupon I remarked that England was a country of great industrial cities which absorbed the population of the country itself to a greater extent than any other territory in the British Isles. More than one-fifth of the population of Scotland lives in one city while a large portion of the country is mountainous and unproductive. The Highlanders like the Irish are a prolific race who have emigrated in large numbers from generation to generation. Unlike the Irish they have sought residence largely in Canada and other British dominions, for which their physical hardihood adapted them better than any other people from the British Isles.

Thus we find in certain portions of Canada that the English and the Scotch do not stand in the proportion of five-sixths to one-sixth but rather two-thirds to one-third; and this is, of course, not taking into account that large section of the Dominion which is not populated by people of British descent but of French, nor is it drawing attention to the fact that the immediate

ancestry of the older Canadians is pre-Revolution colonial origin.

These are facts which might be of interest to Mr. Wells were he interested in the Empire, but according to his own words he is not, he is not interested in Russia. So far as that

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**H. G. WELLS—"An Englishman."**

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British Empire is concerned we gather that he would "scrap" it along with the capital ships and other modern junk, and as for the king's regalia he would sell it at auction maybe.

But does Mr. Wells really mean it? One suspects that Mr. Wells enjoys talking to the world in much the same vein as the average Englishman enjoys talking to an audience consisting of his wife and a casual visitor. Indeed one can visualize him sitting by the fire-side, thumb in his waistcoat pocket, head tilted back and chest expanded—Pickwickian style. He is amazingly pessimistic by the tone of his discourse though an inveterate optimist under the said waistcoat as the complacent expression of his countenance portrays. And the world is listening like a dutiful wife, but even in her befuddled brain a doubt is percolating—a doubt as to the infallibility of Mr. Wells' prophecy. "Bally rotten" would express in brief all that Mr. Wells with his inimitable style has to say at greater length of the Conference and its affairs. But the world loves to hear his voice, not for what he has to say but because the world that is wed to him loves Wells and Wells, we suspect, loves himself. He is a pronounced personality, like Pickwick. All England lives in him and yet there is not another man like him in the length and breadth of the land—especially in his eyes of his wife.

And is Mr. Wells not afraid of raising the "ire of the inevitable Scot" as Mr. Chesteron would say? The Scot has a share in the Empire as well as Mr. Wells; so have a great many other men—men of young races and old races—they have fought for it, bled for it, their genius has built it; they are the cerebral vertebrae as well as the flesh and bones of the Empire. No man possesses the Empire whatever his race; all men are brothers and partners. It is a wonderful experiment in good fellowship; breadth of vision and tolerance are its life and no man can dissolve it at his own caprice.

**OBITUARY**

On the eve of going to press came the news of the death of Mr. Alex Anderson, for many years janitor of the Forrest Building. The Gazette extends its sincere sympathy to Mrs. Anderson and family in their great loss, one which will be keenly felt, as well, by Faculty and students alike.

**LISTENING IN, WITH ARTY**

NATURALLY he wanted to

LOOK nice. He was going

TO meet "her", and take

HER to the Green

LANTERN. During the morning

LECTURES he got his

HANDS dirty (poor dear)

SO he went downstairs

AND turned on the "nice

COLD WATER", and soap

BEING very much absent,

HE gave his hands a rub

WITH plain water and

WIPED them on his

PANTS. Now wouldn't it

BE real nice if the

U. S. C. could negotiate

A loan, and buy a roll of

PAPER towels, and if a

LIQUID soap container

WAS too extravagant, maybe

THEY could nail a cake of

SOAP near the basin and

SO give the enterprising

STUDENT a chance to at

LEAST wash in comfort.

OF course, we wouldn't

DARE think of suggesting

HOT water—that would be

OUR FINIS.

**NOTICE**

We wish to announce that the first Literary D for this year has been awarded. There are several others besides the already successful competitor who are very close to the required 25 point mark. Watch the next Gazette for a full list of the names of competitors with their standing to date.

**DIARY OF A SNAKE.**

Back to college again with a fine record behind me, to wit:—twelve dances, seven teas, several theatres and a long line of broken hearts. It was a great vacation and I feel that I have done myself and the college justice.

I've failed miserably. Saw Reggie Van Winslow and his record beats mine. He managed to get in three more dances and one of his girls has followed him down here—says she won't leave him. Mine only wept at my departure. After all, it was a rotten vacation.—Yale Record.

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Dr. S. N. Robertson, of Prince of Wales College, an intimate friend of Mr. and Mrs. Strathie, writes:—

"I was much pleased with your suggestion that it should be allocated to the Philosophy Department of the University Library, and that the name, Ralph Grant Strathie, should appear on such books. Such a memorial would seem fitting to one who did not live to see the renaissance of the University to which he was so much attached, and would also be a suggestion to his many friends that they might do likewise."

### RENOUVEAU

Le pêcheur s'en va  
A Musquodoboit,  
Au beau mois de mai.

Le faucheur s'incline,  
Coupe à la racine  
Les foins de juillet!

Sur le beau gazon vert,  
Si lustré, si clair,  
Au bord de la digne,

Le touriste s'assoit,  
Il mange et il boit,  
Brisé de fatigue.

On fait ce qu'on doit,  
A Musquodoboit,  
Pour garder la pêche—

Du haut de la rue  
On change la vue,  
En faisant une brèche

Pour laisser passer  
Saumons argentés,  
Par cents et par mille!

Que l'on va surprendre,  
Pour aller les vendre,  
Au fond de la ville.

—H. P. J.

## EXCHANGES.

The October-November number of the *King's College Record* is an improvement on past editions and the new staff are to be congratulated. "Our Return" is the only attempt in the line of poetry and it shows talent. The article on style is well written and worth reading. There is also a report of the tour made last spring by the Varsity Troupe. We are glad to note that the present staff have not introduced the continued story. Altogether the magazine is well balanced.

"The Bacteriological Ball" is cleverly written in the *Western U Gazette* of the 16th inst. Reports of the various student activities are well written up.

The November issue of *The Ubysey* contains and editorial entitled "Though Poppies Grow" which is worthy of note. Of the verse productions that entitled "Semisomnia" will meet with the approval of our co-eds. Personally the hour 12-1 hits us harder. The cartoon "Snapshots at the Game" show artistic skill.

We note in the *McGill Daily* that informal addresses are being planned to be given to the workers on the college paper. These addresses which are to be given by such men as the editor of the *Montreal Star* should be of great interest and value to the staff of the *McGill Daily*—the idea is splendid. The article "Present System Scored by Prof." will no doubt prove interesting to some and the subject discussed would make an admirable subject for debate. The letters under the heading "Correspondence" do not to say the least add to the merit of this publication.

The *Varsity* contains an article on initiation of Freshmen which will appeal perhaps more strongly to the class which has just entered Dal. but in all seriousness it is worth studying and acting upon. Professor Wrong is the writer of the letter "Initiation Rites." We note that preparations have been made for the holding of the Inter-University debates. The interest shown in this form of student activity by our larger universities should dispose of the idea which many students entertain namely that debating is unimportant and only a waste of time.

The *Presbyterian Witness* has an article entitled "Edinburgh After Thirty Years" which will be of interest to Dalhousians. It is written by Professor J. W. Falconer who is "on leave." Another article of interest is that by Professor W. A. Mackintosh, of Queens, headed "Some Recent Books on Sociology."

The Gazette also acknowledges with thanks the following:—

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## THE GAZETTE SPORTING PAGE

### HOCKEY.

Although it is perhaps premature to form an opinion as yet, the hockey prospects for the coming season look exceedingly bright. No sooner had the cold weather set in, than the old story of the Boston trip was raked up and revived, and under the able management of Rod MacDonald it looks as though something definite would come of it this year. In preparation for this affair and also to get the boys in shape for the opening of the city league, arrangements were completed for the team to play three games in the New Glasgow area during the Xmas holidays, the result of which will be known before this issue of the Gazette. The dates for the Boston game are at present Friday, January 13th, and Saturday the 14th, the games being with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M. I. T.) and Harvard.

If the present arrangements are carried through it is believed that this will be the first international game that Dalhousie has ever participated in on foreign soil. It will be remembered that Kings last year travelled to the "Hub" winning from M. I. T. 4 to 3, but losing to Johnny Harvard's boys 9 to 1. In 1910 St. F. X. made the trip and won all their games. It is hoped that the Tigers will be equally successful.

Most of the armchair experts figure that the college will not be able to put as strong a team in the games this season as in 1920 or 1921. With the advantage however of a couple of weeks of strenuous training, the boys ought to be travelling at top speed and will make up in condition what they lack in native ability.

Owing to the lack of ice in the city before the holidays, Manager MacDonald was forced to pick the men to go to New Glasgow largely on their reputations. It was the only method available, and it is realized that there may be in the university men who are hiding their light under a bushel, and who if given a chance would prove superior to some that journeyed to the Pictou County metropolis. It is hoped however that such men will not feel that they have been slighted and will turn out for the first and all practices. For besides the senior league, Dal will also as usual have a junior league sextette. Generally little interest is taken in this junior league, but this year it is hoped that the Gold and Black will go out to win both. There seems to be lots of material, and the manager and captain will see to it that the trophy is not lost on account of condition.

## Sudden Suspension of Half Dalhousie Team

Like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky came President Covey's suspension of McIsaac, Lilly, McNeil, Fluck and other players a short time ago. On top of this, after a promised investigation, comes postponement of the inquiry to a vague and as yet unselected date in the future. Just how far in the future

The following men were selected to go to New Glasgow for the weeks intensive training for the opening of the season. Captain "Duke" McIsaac; G. K. Smith; "Fabe" Bates; "Art" Lilly; Mont Haslam; "Brick" Dunn; "Kenney" Beaton; Allan Dunlop; Parker Hickey; Roe McKenna, and Horsler. A number of players who live in the immediate vicinity also turned out with the team.

### BASKETBALL.

"Jimmie" Graham is looking after the male part of this important branch of sport for the coming season. Immediately on resumption of studies Jim is going to line the candidates up, and with a fairly large nucleus of last year's team on hand, ought to be able to put a formidable team in the running for the City League Championship. Laing, Grant and Frame are gone, leaving Ted Coster, Clint Muir, Johnny McNeil and Ike Ferguson, of last year's team. A number of new comers, to the college are reported to have been stars in their "own home town" but whether or not their lustre will dim in the larger sphere remains to be proven. With the college gym in operation there is no reason why men who never saw a basketball before cannot be developed into good players in a year or two. The inter-faculty league will no doubt be a bigger success than last year, when it was necessary for the boys to take a day off when they had a game to play, so distant was the scene of battle.

The girls have been strenuously in training even before Xmas and there is little doubt but that they will uphold the honor of the Gold and Black in this their first regular intercollegiate fixture. The league is composed of Dal, Kings and Acadia and there is little doubt that when the city games take place, the entire male element of the college will be on hand.

is as yet unknown. It seems poor sportsmanship, if not injustice, on the part of the M. P. B. A. A. U. of C. not to hold the inquiry in time to allow the suspended men to go to Harvard if the charges were unfounded. The result is that if Dalhousie is able to go at all it will have to be without an experienced goalkeeper, defence and centre.

It is drastic enough that these men should have been barred from participation in the practice games at New Glasgow; to put off the investigation until an uncertain date in the future is worse. President Covey stated the whole move was directed against Dalhousie. Judging by subsequent actions we can well believe this.

Since the above was in type, President Covey changed his attitude to the extent of allowing the suspended hockeyists to play, provided they made an affidavit to the effect that they received no money for their work. Most of the players have furnished such affidavit and will get into the game immediately. Arranged plans will therefore go forward and the public will not be deprived of the popular winter sport.

It never rains; it pours! On top of the untimely suspensions comes the word from New Glasgow that Mont Haslam, the sole remaining member of last year's star sextette, is out of the game for the season with an injured back. At this rate there will soon be nobody left to play on a team.

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Dal lost their first hockey match of the season at New Glasgow, Antigonish being on the large end of a 7-4 score.

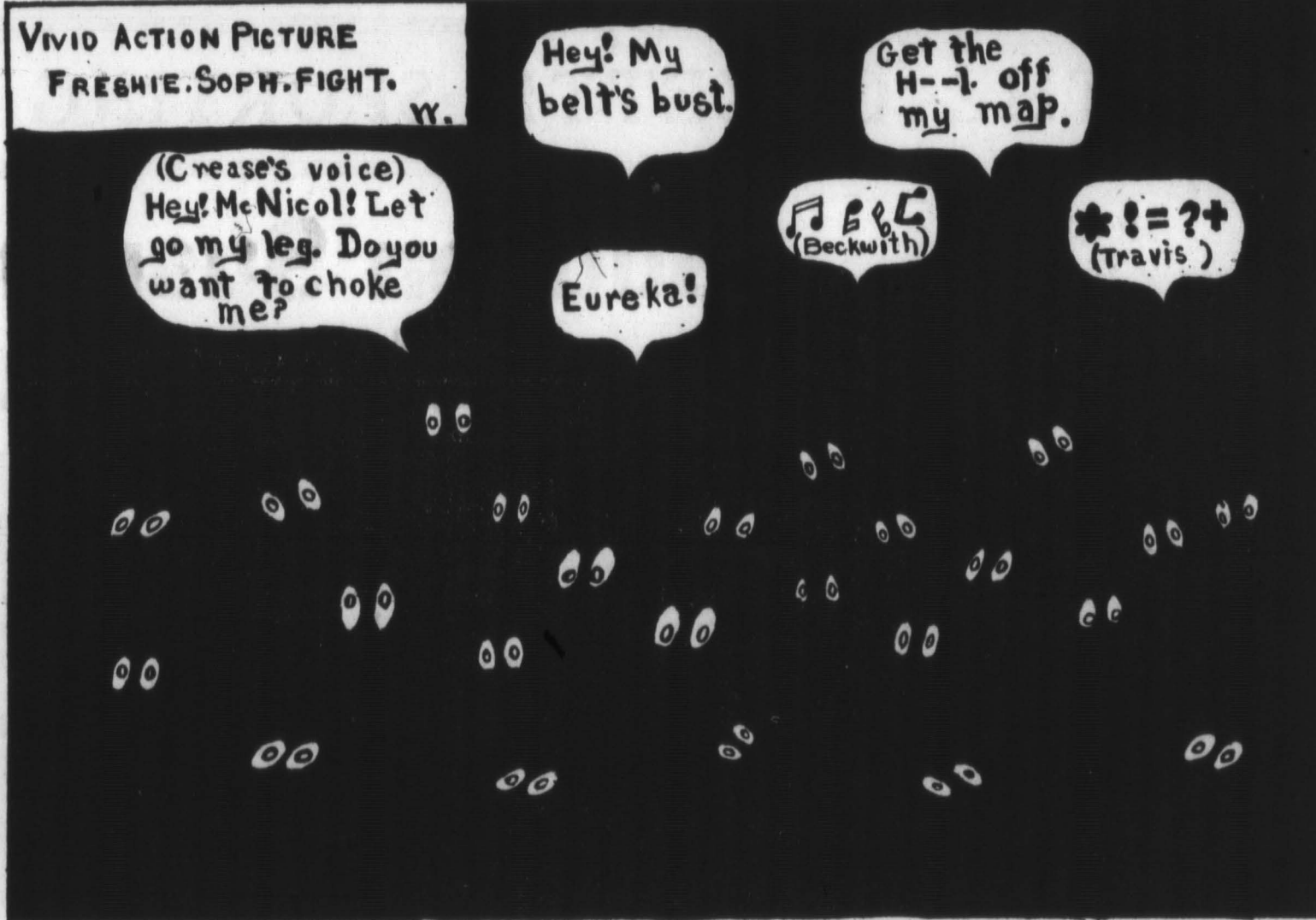
### A HISTORY QUIZ WE MIGHT PASS

1. When was the war of 1812?
2. From what province of France was Joan of Arc?
3. Who is the author of Macaulay's History of England?
4. What two countries were participants in the Spanish-American war?
5. In what season of the year did Washington spend his winter at Valley Forge?
6. Tell about the Swiss navy.—*Exchange.*

"The man making love under that beach umbrella is a divinity student."

"Who is the divinity?"

—*Judge.*



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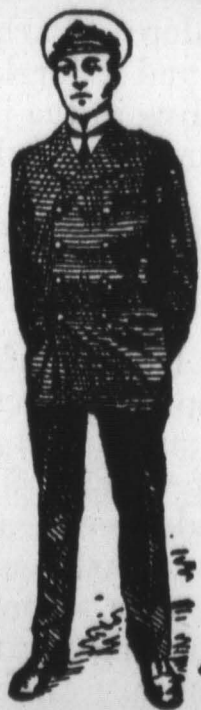
### UNIVERSITY OARSMANSHIP

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years later by Harvard. The first race between these two representative universities took place on Lake Winipiseogee, New Hampshire, in 1852; and ended in favor of Harvard. Amongst other notable American universities which have encouraged and fostered the art of rowing may be mentioned Columbia and Cornell.

As a fitting conclusion to this article the writer desires to appeal to all loyal Dalhousians to develop the aquatic side of athletics. We in Nova Scotia should remember that we possess the right material for sound oarsmanship, for George Brown, who was in his day one of the world's most famous scullers was born at Herring Cove, near Halifax. Of course it is unfortunate that the University is not in session when the rowing season is in full swing, but the time cannot be long deferred when a summer term will be the order of the day. Dalhousie possesses an unsurpassed water frontage on the North West Arm at University Hall, which offers the most exceptional advantages for the furtherance of the sport. Now that we are in possession of a university four oar racing shell, it is hoped that the present students will make full use of this boat next spring. The writer is already conjuring up visions of a second boat, together with the erection of a suitable shell house at a no very distant date. It is certain that next year will witness a wonderful development of shell racing at Halifax, and it is the manifest duty of Dalhousians to play their part in this splendid sport, and row the black and yellow pennant to victory.

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