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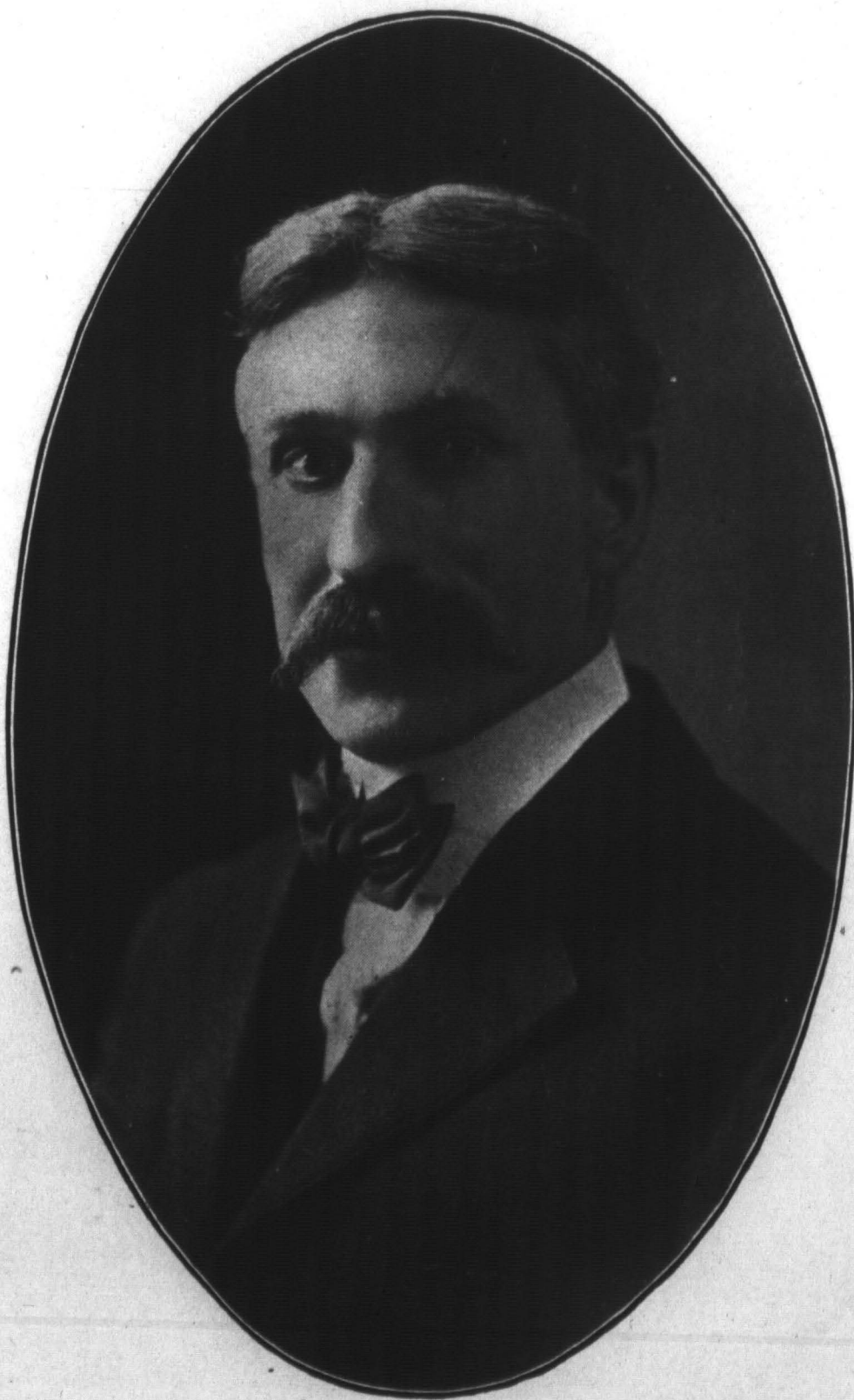
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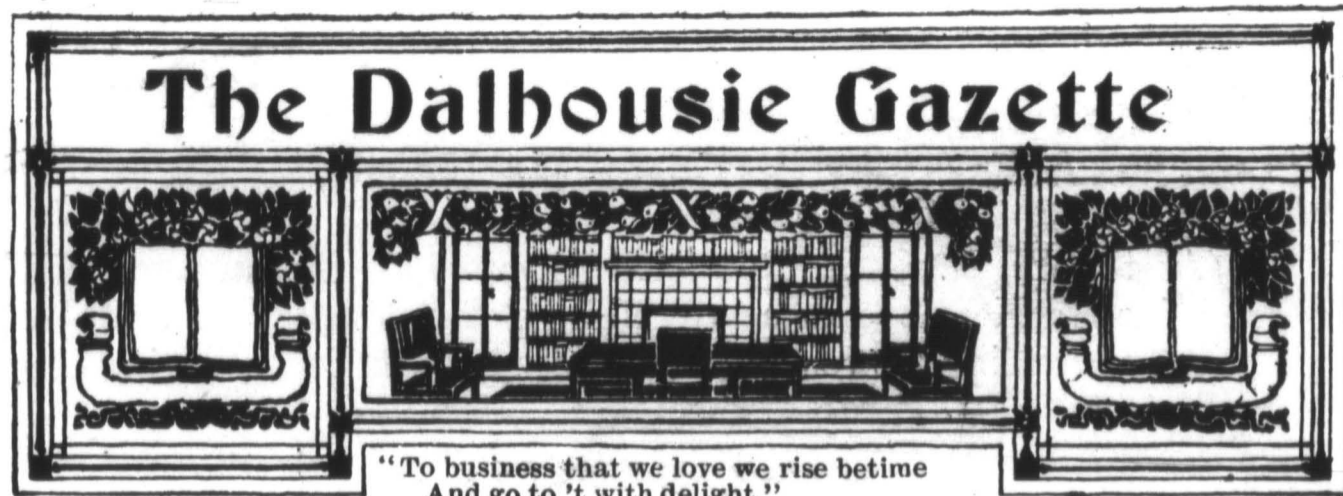
Address by President MacKenzie.

(At the Y. M. C. A. Reception given to all the students, President MacKenzie made a brief address of welcome. He said in part, addressing his remarks especially to those just entering the University.)—

“As President, I want to welcome you most heartily and let me tell you that you are now members of no mean University. By signing our register you have coupled your names with an illustrious line of men and women. The name “Dalhousie” stands for an honest education, barren of show, but solid, sterling and substantial. I hope you may be early brought to realize, if you do not realize it already, that 40% having been set as the pass mark, 40% is the pass mark, and that 39 or 38 is not—regardless of consequences. Let me assure you that you will earn what you get and get what you earn. Our aim has not been, and, I hope never will be to cater for numbers. It has always been the sole desire of the Senate of this University, that the brand of “Dalhousie” on a man shall be like the mark “sterling” on English plate; may it ever be that when you see the tiger colours sticking modestly from the lapel, that it denotes pure gold.

When I say that you have joined no mean University, I know you will have learned already that I do not mean that you are to judge it by its exterior; except from the dirt, which I hope may give way soon to tidiness, our exterior is typical of our education—plain, simple, and without frills and show. Not at all that I feel there is no need of beauty; for I hope and trust that the new Dalhousie will be beautiful and attractive, as well as plain and simple.

I am not going to commit myself as to when we are to see the New Dalhousie rise at Studley; I can only say that my whole time and heart and effort will be given to the attempt to have something that can be called a start before we welcome within our walls another Freshman class. But don't have a doubt of the result. The new Dalhousie must quickly come—or we must go out of business.



"To business that we love we rise betime
And go to 't with delight."
Antony and Cleopatra.

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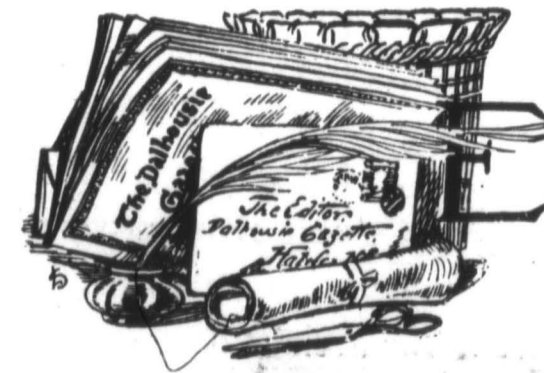
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EDITORIALS

THE past year has been an eventful one in the history of Dalhousie. The securing of a site for her expansion, the appointment of a new President and several new instructors, and the converting of the Halifax Medical College into the Faculty of Medicine in our University are some of the more, evident changes to be noted. To our newly elected President whom we know only to respect and admire, we extend an editorial welcome. We would also welcome to our midst the recently appointed Professors and Instructors, while at the same time we reluctantly bid farewell to our beloved ex-President, the kindly old gentleman who was a friend to every Dalhousian.

THE departure of the class of 1911, will be keenly felt in College. The men and women of 1911 were the mainstays of the College activities and their places will be hard to fill. We wish them every success in their several vocations, and feel confident that the honour of Dalhousie may be safely entrusted to their care and that they will bring glory and not discredit upon themselves and their Alma Mater.

ONCE more at the beginning of the College term we ask the students, both old and new, to co-operate in carrying on the work of the various societies and associations of the College. Any or all of these are well worthy of the support of each and every student. Why not start the year right by becoming actively connected with those in which you are most interested and encourage the officers by your presence and help.

OUR GAZETTE has had to face the charge, flung at so many College Magazines, that it is not an undergraduate publication. The aim of the Editorial Boards has always been to have the GAZETTE one of interest to graduates, as well as

undergraduates. This can be brought about only by having interesting literary contributions from both these classes of Dalhousians. Of late, for some unaccountable reason, contributions of this kind from undergraduates have steadily declined in number. While we need and wish for articles for publication from our graduates, we positively must have more undergraduate work or we will soon not have a student's paper at all. It is to encourage these that we are offering our prizes for the best articles submitted during the term. This year the GAZETTE is facing graver difficulties than ever before, and we therefore ask undergraduates to aid us in every way possible by means of literary and other contributions. We trust that a revival of interest will take place. Our GAZETTE claims to be "the oldest College paper in America." Are we doing all we can to make it the best?



President MacKenzie.

With the opening of the present session, Dalhousie welcomes a new President, and prepares to enter upon a new period of her history.

President MacKenzie is a Nova Scotian by birth, and, as might have been anticipated, a Pictonian, sharing with Principal Gordon, of Queen's, and the late Principal Dawson, of McGill, the honour of having been born in Pictou town. He is an Alumnus of the institution of which he is now the head, having taken the Bachelor of Arts degree, with Honours in Mathematics and Physics, in 1885. Like many other Canadian students of that time who had taken honours, he continued his studies at Johns Hopkins University, where he took his Doctor's degree in the department of Physics, after having been successively Scholar and Fellow, the highest honours which that University confers. After leaving Johns Hopkins College, he went to Bryn Mawr College as Professor of Physics, and continued in that position until 1905, when he was appointed to the chair of Physics in Dalhousie. Immediately before leaving Bryn Mawr he spent a year in research work under Sir Joseph Thomson at that Mecca of physicists, the Cavendish Laboratory of Cambridge University, England. Last year he was appointed head of the Physics department in Stevens Institute, near New York, and from there he is now recalled to his Alma Mater.

The new President is a man whose high educational ideals, exceptional knowledge of University methods both on this and the other side of the Atlantic, and wide interests pre-eminently fit him for the responsible position he is now called upon to occupy. While to scientific circles he is known as the author of important physical papers, to his students as an inspiring teacher, to his colleagues as a capable administrator, to many who care for none of these things he is known as a lover of out-door sports. In his student days he was an ardent footballist and oarsman, and now in mature years he is an enthusiastic golfer and a past President of the Halifax Golf Club,

By all with whom he has come into contact, students, colleagues and the general public, his elevation to the Presidency of his Alma Mater will be hailed with the greatest satisfaction.

President MacKenzie comes to Dalhousie at a momentous stage of its history. For many years the University has been doing its work quietly, but all the while has been growing in usefulness and strength. Within the past year events have moved rapidly, and the purchase of the Studley estate by the Governors has suddenly opened up new possibilities of increased efficiency and influence. The opportunity of entering upon a wider career and of realizing the "manifest destiny" of Dalhousie in the Maritime Provinces of Canada has at last come. And with the Opportunity has come, we are convinced, the Man.

Welcome to President MacKenzie.

The Laurels of Labour.

I admire the couplet and motto at the head of your GAZETTE,

"To business that we love we rise betime,
And go to it with delight,"

and "Ora et Labora." These have suggested my theme.

The course of hard work is the only course in which the laurels of life can be won. Solid success can only be achieved by "an infinite capacity for taking pains." The cobbler's apron that was borne upon the standard of the Persian armies in the old heroic days meant that labour was the price which they had set on everything which was worth winning. An American President, when asked what was his coat of arms, remembering that he had been a hewer of wood in his youth, replied, "a pair of shirt-sleeves." Hard work, however, though so essential to the making of a man, is a thing which too many wearing the form of men shirk, if it can be shirked. "There are few," says John Foster, "on whose activity we could reckon, if they were

neither compelled by necessity, nor led by habit." There is an element of truth in the Indian's definition of original sin as "laziness."

"From toil man wins his spirit's light,
From busy day the peaceful night;
Rich, from the very want of wealth,
In Heaven's best treasures, peace and health."

But what do we mean by labour? It has been defined as "life," or as "our God-given force." I would say that it is the exertion of mind or body or both, under the reign of will, for the attainment of a worthy end. Here we observe the difference between work and play. "Play," says John Ruskin, "is as hard work as anything else; but it amuses you, and it has no result but the amusement. If it were done as an ordered form of exercise, for health's sake, it would become work directly. So, whatever we do to please ourselves, and only for the sake of the pleasure, not for an ultimate subject, is play, the pleasing thing, not the useful thing. Nowadays, money-making is one of the chief games of human life. It is an all-absorbing game, and they knock each other down oftener in playing at that than at football or any other roughest sport. So life with very many is only a great cricket ground without the turf, a huge billiard table without the cloth, and with pockets as deep as the bottomless pit; but mainly a billiard table after all. The control and stimulus of will for the attainment of a worthy end are essential to the idea of real labour. "Life is earnest," says Schiller. "Life is real, life is earnest," sings Longfellow. "To labour is to pray," says the monkish maxim. Life, with all the elements of its conservation, development and enjoyment, man, as a general fact, receives without money and without price. But, whatever he needs more than the original sources of activity he must win by effort. For all that is not free and common to all, there must be an expenditure of energy. Like the dew that saturated Gideon's fleece, the essentials of life come from Heaven, independently of human toil. But, whatever good we are to get out of these, we must, like Gideon's wringing of the fleece for a bowlful of water, squeeze out by determined effort.

The first effort which men are in duty bound to make, is that of endeavouring to ascertain in what way they are likely to expend their energies to the greatest advantage, personal and relative, on the whole. It is possible for individuals, by a misapplication of their powers, to work out for themselves and others a harvest of very undesirable results. The kinds of work in which they are engaged and the ends they have in view may be of the noblest; but because nothing can be beautiful which is out of its proper place, those employments, when prosecuted by unsuitable agents, are likely to prove, soon or late, the reverse of pleasant or profitable. Hence, in choosing a post of work no one ought to allow himself to be misguided by the dictates of mere impulse, caprice or self-love, but to consider carefully to what nature beckons him to bend his energies. Many a good farmer has only made a second class lawyer, physician or preacher; and many a splendid mind has wasted its energies behind the plow-handles. Upon the maxim, "labour overcomes all difficulties," some may act with the assurance of success, while for others to aim at the regulation of their misdirected line of action, by the same motto, would be chimerical. In consequence of such mistakes in the choice of employments as ignore the principle of adaptation, the world, in its various realms of social, political, literary and religious activities, is pestered and retarded in its onward march of improvement. First, then, think out your work, then work out your thought. "Know thy work," as Carlyle says, "and do it."

There are many, however, who occupy the stations for which nature has moulded them, but who do not exert themselves there as they might, and as they ought to. When one has good ground for believing that the work in which he is engaged is such as dovetails into his idiosyncrasies, let him not shrink from sacrificing every root and branch of his lazy self. Then is he likely to do honour to his vocation and good to his generation. "Act, act in the living present." Act up to your full strength, never satisfied either with yourself, or with that which you have produced, until you have distinguished yourself, not only by a dignified eminence, but by a noble pre-eminence in all

that is worthy of admiration and of imitation in your line of life. You may be outcrowded by competitors on the lower levels, but, as Franklin said, "there is always room at the top." Chatterton used to say that "God has sent his creatures into the world with arms long enough to reach anything if they choose to be at the trouble." Men of superior talents not infrequently fall very far below their fellows of inferior genius, mainly because the former are the victims of a spirit of supineness and self-complacency, while the latter are fired by a glowing enthusiasm which keeps them habitually awake and a work, in view of reaching in due time and after due order the goal of their ambition.

"The heights by great men reached and kept,
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night."

While, however, I would have you "scorn delights and live laborious days," do not imagine that I recommend uninterrupted labour. Overdoing may be an undoing both of body and mind. To keep nature's laboratories in good health and condition, a certain amount of relaxation is necessary. Even the muscles of an elephant or the wings of an eagle need rest betimes. The mainspring of a watch is the better for an occasional rest, the earth for the rest of winter, and the week for that of the sabbath. Yet we find that the great workers of the world made no provision for idleness or excessive recreation. They found change of employment as restful as any form of sport or amusement, and much more profitable. Every vanishing inch of time they strove to improve by devoting it to some useful rather than pleasurable purpose. Of Henry Martyn it was said that he was "a man who never lost an hour." And every one who is intent on doing his duty knows that he has a very important work to do, and a very short time in which to do it. He tries not to kill, but to redeem the time. "We should count time by heart throbs."

"Get leave to work in this world; 'tis the best you get at all,
For God in coming gives us better gifts
Than man in benediction. God says, "Swear"
For falsehood, man say "Crown," and some are crowned,
As, guided by some tormenting circle of steel
Which stings with a secret sting. Get work, get work,
Be sure 'tis better than what you work to get."

J. D. MURRAY.

Dr. J. A. Estey.

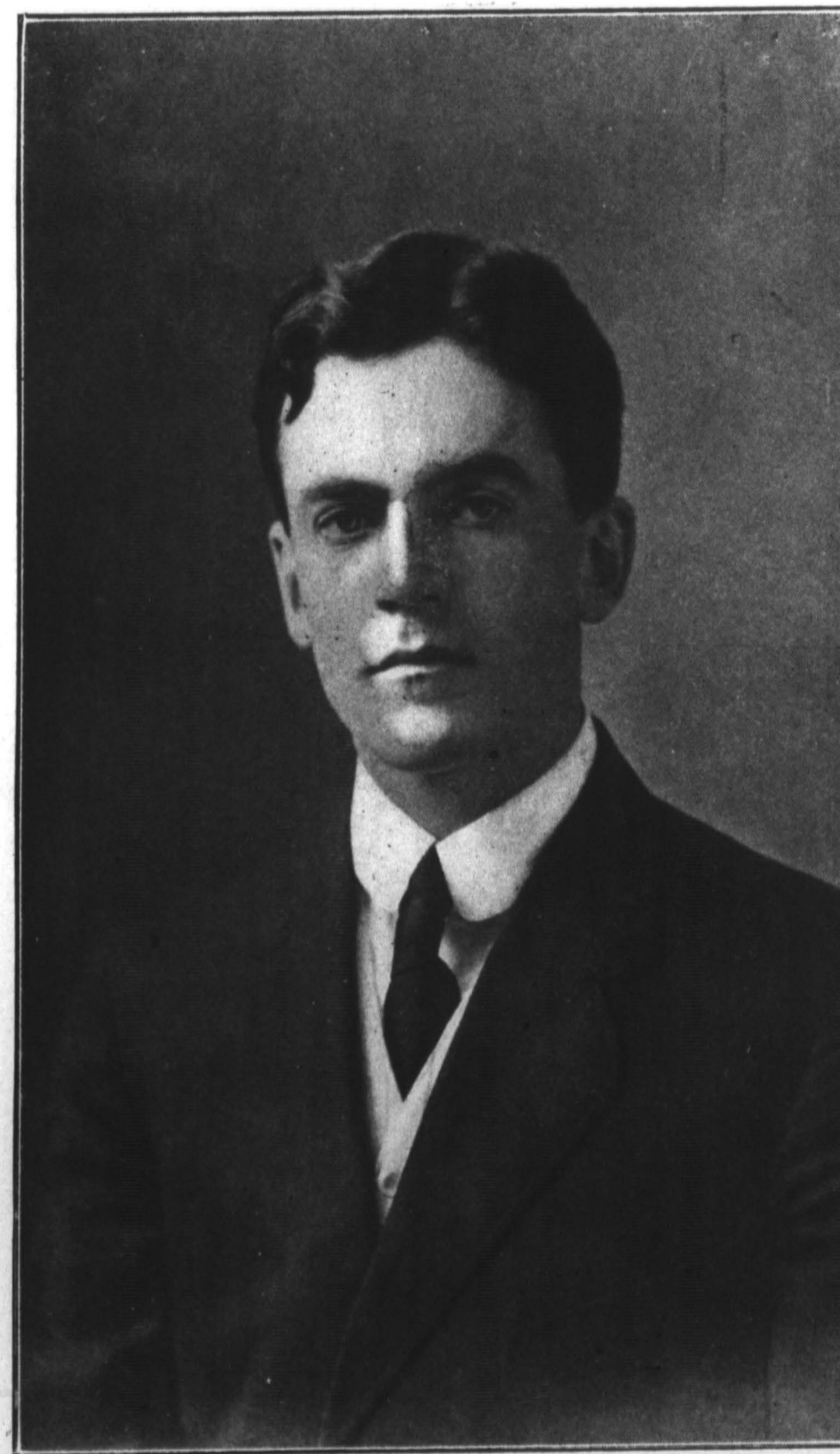
The chair of History and Political Economy left vacant by the resignation of Rev. Dr. Forrest, has been filled by the appointment of Professor Estey. Dr. Estey is a graduate of Acadia, from which institution he received the degree of B. A. in 1907, taking honours in Classics. He also won the Governor-General's medal for general proficiency. In the same year he was elected Rhodes Scholar for Nova Scotia, and spent the following three terms at Queen's College, Oxford. His course at Oxford was a particularly brilliant one, and he was also actively interested in Athletics. The first two years he spent in the study of History, and won the Robert Herbert Memorial prize for the best essay on Colonial History. During his third session at Oxford he studied Economics, and in 1910 received his diploma of distinction in this subject. Last year he received his doctor's degree from the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Estey has already made many friends at Dalhousie, and his popularity is daily increasing as he is becoming more widely known.

Norman E. McKay, M. D., M. R. C S., (Eng.)

If we remember rightly, it was Artemus Ward who once wittily remarked that "big men looked like great big things when you looked at them." Well, our new Professor of Surgery certainly exemplifies this utterance to the letter.

There is no chair in any Medical College more deserving of a competent, energetic and thoroughly modern head than the all-important chair of Surgery.

To-day, when the scientific journals teem with the marvelous advancements this great branch of science is making, and when the life-long work of many mighty men is helping to make Medicine a greater, a nobler, a more humane Science, it



PROF. J. A. ESTEY, PH.D.

is only to be expected that the head of such a vital subject in Dalhousie should be a man in fitting accompaniment to the subject and to the time.

Dr. McKay is no stranger to the Haligonian. He is no stranger to the Nova Scotian, for his twenty-six long years of conscientious association with the Victoria General Hospital have brought him perforce into the professional limelight.

Graduating from the Halifax Medical College in 1879, he spent considerable time in post graduate work abroad, receiving his M. R. C. S. degree in London after a year's work in connection with that great home of surgery, St. Thomas' Hospital, in 1884. The following year he returned to Halifax, where he has resided ever since.

A big, stalwart, giant-physiued son of Cape Breton, he stands pre-eminently conspicuous in his profession. We congratulate the University on their new Professor of Surgery.

Other Additions to the Staff.

Dr. M. A. Lindsay, who is Pathologist to the Victoria General Hospital, has been appointed Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology. Dr. Lindsay is the nephew of Dr. A. W. H. Lindsay, the able Professor of Anatomy of the Dalhousie Medical Faculty whose appointment was announced some time ago. Dr. M. A. Lindsay took his degree of B. Sc. at Dalhousie in 1902, with honors in Chemistry and Chemical Physics. After some time spent in Practical Chemistry in the United States, he returned to Halifax and spent two years at the Medical College. His medical education was then continued at Edinburgh and he graduated M. B., Ch.B. in 1908. Dr. Lindsay then received the appointment of Demonstrator of Practical Pathology at Edinburgh University. He also engaged in special research work at the Royal Infirmary and the laboratory of the Royal College of Physicians, and published the results of his investigations in the Journal of Pathology and Bacteriology. Later Dr. Lindsay

was Resident Physician at Liverpool at the Royal Southern Hospital, and served with Major Ronald Ross at the School of Tropical Medicine. He engaged in further Bacteriological work at the Leeds Hospital for infectious diseases, and then became Senior Resident House Surgeon to Professor Caird at the Royal Infirmary at Edinburgh. At the end of his term he was appointed Resident Pathologist to the Birmingham General Hospital, which position he gave up to return to his native city on the invitation of the Hospital Commission.

Another great addition to the staff of the Medical Faculty is D. Fraser Harris, M. D., F. R. S. E., D. Sc., (Birmingham), who has just been appointed by the Board of Governors to the chair of Physiology and Histology. Dr. Harris is a B. Sc. of London University, and pursued his medical studies at the University of Glasgow, where he won several prizes, and was granted the degree of M. D. with "commendation." For several years afterwards he was Assistant and Demonstrator of Physiology at Glasgow. From 1898 to 1908 he was Lecturer on Physiology and acting head of the department at the University of St. Andrews. Since then Dr. Harris has been on the staff of the Physiology department of the University of Birmingham.

We are pleased to chronicle three other appointments to the Faculty of Medicine. They are:

Dr. A. F. Buckley as Professor of Materia Medica.

Dr. G. L. Sinclair as Lecturer on Mental diseases.

Dr. M. A. B. Smith as Lecturer on Practical and Clinical Medicine.

A course in Physical Chemistry is to be given this year by Dr. H. Jermain Creighton, M. A., Dal. '06. Dr. Creighton who graduated from Dalhousie with high honours and a medal, was granted one of the 1851 Scholarships for three years. He spent this period in studying in European Universities, one year at Birmingham, one at Heidelberg and one at Zurich. His course throughout was a particularly brilliant one, and Dalhousie is to be congratulated on obtaining his services.

School of Pharmacy.

Once again Dalhousie is fostering and nourishing a baby department. In spite of the great congestion in the building, the Governors have found place for and are working in co-operation with a School of Pharmacy.

A very neat and attractive Calendar of the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacy has been issued. From this we learn that:—

This college is the outgrowth of the evening classes in Pharmacy and Chemistry conducted for the past three years in the Nova Scotia Technical College.

For the present a one year course is planned to meet the requirements of those desiring to take the examinations of the Nova Scotia Pharmaceutical Society. At the same time it aims to afford a training in every possible particular within its scope which will be of practical use in the business career of pharmacists.

The College is fortunate in having the co-operation of Dalhousie University, and in being able to offer its students classes conducted by members of the staff of the Faculties of Arts and Medicine, without which it could not possess the superior advantages which can now be claimed, and by which stability and permanence are assured.

It is expected that ere long the College will be directly affiliated with Dalhousie University. Then a second year's work will be arranged which, with Matriculation into the University and the present course, will constitute a course for the degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy, Phm. B. In the event of this degree course being established, the work outlined for the present session will count toward the requirements for the degree.

The home of the College is in the University building. The space assigned is ample for the present and will be enlarged as may be needed.

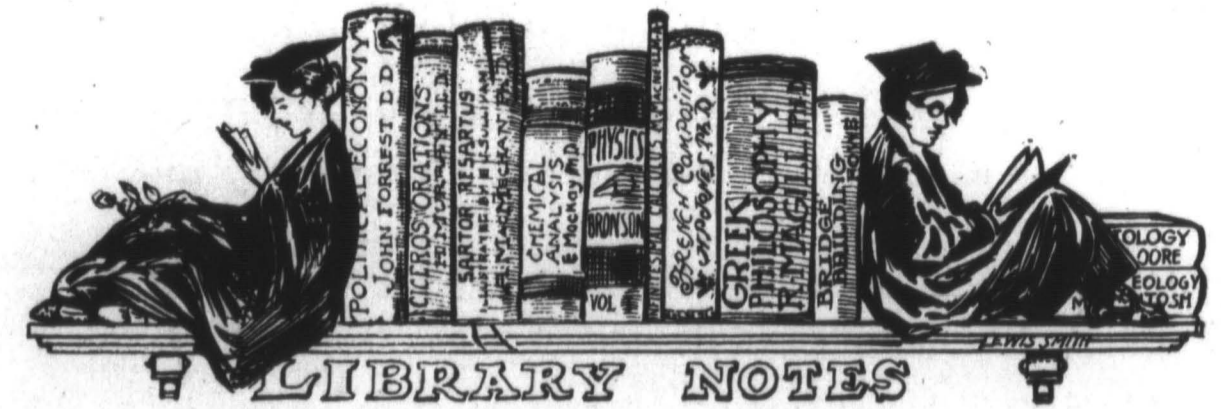
Eventide.

The twilight deepens o'er the land,
 A mystic hush is on the earth and sea,
 Save for the ripple on the sand,—
 And fitful shadows flit accross the lea.
 Day breathes a tender, parting sigh,
 The violets nod a drowsy, sweet farewell,
 The tall ferns stoop to kiss them where they lie,
 And feel, in turn, the magic spell.

The silver crescent of the moon,
 Mounts higher, higher, in the dusky sky,
 Flooding the vale like crystal: soon
 The whippoorwill announces night is nigh.
 Steals on the quiet eventide:
 The margin of the shady pool grows dim;
 The roses clamb'ring up the casement wide
 Sway softly to the night-birds' hymn.

Storm Dearth.

Dull are the leaves and sere,
 Tossed by the maddened wind
 Over the moor and mere
 Leaving a waste behind.
 Drear are the hill-crests now,
 Ravish'd by Thor's embrace:
 Humbly the great trees bow,
 Spent with that last wild chase.
 Seaward, the bold waves roar;
 Hastily nearing the goal:
 Sound on the rocky shore
 Moans from a tortured soul



"Bibliotheca a Dallusia valde desiderata."

PRESIDENTIAL GIFT.—Dr. Forrest has presented the Library with about 300 volumes on Political Economy from his own valuable collection. They were shelved during the summer in our one reading-room-stack-office-apartment, where they may be viewed by all and sundry. Although it was impossible to catalogue them at the time, they have been carefully labelled and will be always preserved as a memorial of Dr. Forrest's life-long devotion to the interests of Dalhousie. As soon as possible, they will be marked with a book-plate suitably inscribed.

ALUMNUS MUNIFICUS.—R. M. MacGregor, M. L. A., ('96) has presented the Library with twenty volumes, chiefly works in popular science. Some of these have proved to be of value at once in courses actually given this term.

FRASER'S BEQUEST.—One of the firmest friends of Dalhousie passed away last spring, when A. H. R. Fraser (Law, '92,) succumbed to a fatal disease. By his unselfish devotion to duty, he built up a splendid law library at Cornell, but he never wavered in his allegiance to old Dalhousie. On his brief hurried visits in the summer vacation to Nova Scotia, he rarely passed the college without a visit. He never came without a gift in his hand. Many a time the members of the staff who found themselves about the deserted building between terms have been cheered by his contagious enthusiasm and abundant proofs of his affection for *Alma Mater*. Now he is gone, but in accordance with his well known wishes, his family has presented his library to Dalhousie. This most valuable donation consists of 800 volumes, chiefly in the departments of Constitutional History,

Philosophy, American History, and works on Bibliography. Fraser was a genuine book-lover, and an especially sagacious collector. His library will always form a memorial to his intellectual interests and a touching proof of a loyal Dalhousian's affection for his college. The books will be marked with a distinctive book-plate, that his generosity may be always remembered.

CONGESTION.—Under the new administration there has been movement. The former President's office has been turned into a Secretary's room, while the former "Common Room" (Professors' Waiting Room) is the new President's sanctum. Consequently all the books which decorated its walls have been transferred to our reading-room-stack-office-apartment, our one ewe lamb of a room for all purposes. Here they sit up aloft like the sweet little cherub which looks after poor Jack. They are inaccessible except by derrick, elevator or scaling-ladder. Our library *is* what you might call "congested." The "Macdonald Memorial" cannot come too soon.

Northfield.

Northfield, as a name, is undoubtedly familiar to a number at Dalhousie; but Northfield as a place is known only to a fortunate few. From the student's point of view, Northfield is important because of the annual student Y. M. C. A. conference which is held there about the last of June.

To Northfield, last summer (June 23rd to July 2nd) there assembled about 500 students from the various colleges of the Eastern United States and Canada, to meet in conference with one another and with some of the greatest leaders of religious work in the world to-day, for the purpose of quickening and strengthening religious life in our higher institutions of learning.

Canada's delegation to this inspiring conference numbered about sixty, and of these, seven students and one of the professors represented Dalhousie. This was the largest number,



DALHOUSIE CAMPS AT NORTHFIELD, 1911.

perhaps, that ever went from our college to one of these conferences, and each man's testimony was that Northfield meant to him one of the greatest experiences of his life.

Five of the Dalhousie delegation took passage from Halifax, on the Plant Line Steamer "A. W. Perry" for Boston, at midnight, June 21st. As the weather was delightful with a fresh breeze blowing, the short sea voyage was exhilarating and most enjoyable, except perhaps for a slight attack of *mal-de-mer* with which one or two were temporarily affected. Boston was reached at 7.30 a. m., June 23rd; then after a four hour's train ride, during which the party was considerably augmented by additions from various points along the route, the whole contingent stepped on the platform at East Northfield, only at the next instant to make a rush for the vehicles of almost all descriptions that were waiting to be occupied.

After the fares had been duly collected, the heavily laden conveyances were soon wending their way along streets that were amply broad, and bordered on either side with beautiful shady trees. As a sequel to the heat, dustiness and discomfort of a crowded train, this was a delightful drive which brought the party, at last, to its destination—Northfield—the real Northfield where the conference was held.

Northfield is certainly an ideal spot where nature and art combined have succeeded in rendering a beautiful scene more beautiful still. It is no wonder that thither hundreds of people resort every year, during the summer months; and it is not surprising that the leaders of Y. M. C. A. should choose this place for their annual student conference. It would be well worth any man's while to visit this place; and more especially would it pay a student to be there at the time of the convention. There he meets with other students from different universities and colleges in Eastern United States and Canada; there he may obtain an insight into what other colleges are doing, especially along Y. M. C. A. and religious lines generally. There he may come into personal contact with men—not weak sentimentalists—but practical men who think, and do things, religious men whose religion is to them one of the most vital facts of life, men of faith who believe in God, in the power of

prayer, such men as John R. Mott and Robert E. Speer; there at Northfield a man seems to realize the presence of a something that is not of the earth.

During the conference Mission and Bible study classes of the most practical character were conducted daily by leaders of deep personal experience, who themselves were under the inspiring leadership of Mr. Trumbell, of the Sunday School Times. Strong addresses of the highest type, were also given every day, by the best speakers available—for none but the best, in the line of speakers, is secured for the occasion. But some of the most important and impressive services were held every evening, at 7 o'clock, on the round summit of the hill which marks the spot where rests all that was mortal of the revered D. L. Moody and his faithful wife. These were the meetings at which men recounted the experiences through which they had gone in their fields of labour, home and foreign.

Celebration night was held on June 29th, and it was a night. All the students at the conference marched by delegations to the great Auditorium, and each delegation occupied part of the building assigned to it. The Canadian delegation joined forces, decorated themselves with Maple leaves, and with the yell C-a-n! a-d-a!! Can-a-da!!!, and Canadian songs, attracted no little attention. After each delegation had given its yell, or its yell and a song if it consisted of more than seven men, the whole concourse marched out to bask for a time in the light of a great bonfire. This was the night on which free rein was given to college spirit and hilarity and the celebration is not the least important feature of the conference.

The sad drowning of one of the Hamilton delegates cast a gloom over the conference for a time, but John R. Mott with one of his tactful, powerful addresses, succeeded in drawing the mind away from the sad event, and in centering it again on the important matters before the conference.

The conference ended Sunday evening, July 1st, and Monday every one was astir bright and early, to prepare for his departure. Again the various conveyances are in requisition; again the fares are collected by the careful driver, and all too soon, those

who had spent together one of the most pleasant and helpful vacations of their lives, were bidding one another farewell. So wonderful is this Northfield Conference, that each man of the Dalhousie delegation resolved to visit it again if possible; and in that they were but echoing the desire of every student who ever went to Northfield.

Last Year's Classes

ARTS.

Miss Helen Armitage, late President of Delta Gamma, is attending the Provincial Normal College at Truro.

Miss Isabel Grant, who graduated with great distinction, holds an important position in Canada's Civil Service at Ottawa.

Miss Helen Gunn is teaching at River Hebert.

Miss Jean McGregor, the popular Vice-President of last year's class, is at her home in Amherst.

Miss McKenzie, joint winner of the Avery prize, is teaching in the Great West.

Miss McLellan is engaged in the teaching profession in Vancouver, B. C.

Miss Outhit, of Y. W. fame, is with her parents in Halifax.

Miss Margaret Ross is at her home in St. John, N. B.

Miss Gladys Smith is teaching in the Chebucto School, Halifax.

Miss Olive Smith is at her home in the city.

Miss Wier left for the West a few weeks ago. She intends following the teaching profession.

Miss Nora O'Brien, B. Sc., is at her home in Halifax.

Miss Crichton, the only B. Mus. of 1911, is teaching in the Presbyterian Institute at Blackshear, Georgia.

Miss Ella Holder is pursuing further studies at Dalhousie.

Miss Florence Stewart is pursuing an Honour Course in Philosophy at Dalhousie.

Harry Blois spent the summer in Western Canada. He intends studying law this year.

T. M. Creighton, W. R. Dickie, C. L. Gass and J. A. Doull are attending the classes in the Medical faculty.

Ac J. C. Crowe is teaching in the West.

J. E. Knowlton is at his home in Parrsboro.

E. T. Parker will attend Dalhousie Law School.

W. B. McLean will go to Pine Hill this winter.

H. M. Reynolds is at his home in the city.

J. C. McDonald and C. A. M. Earle will pursue their theological courses at Pine Hill.

E. J. O. Fraser will also travel the winding path to Pine Hill.

A. T. Mackay, after a strenuous season of campaign work for a great political party, will resume his studies in the Law School.

A. A. Mackenzie, after dividing his summer between politics and religion, will come to the Theological College at Pine Hill this fall.

A. K. Herman is a student at Acadia College, Wolfville

G. E. Herman is attending classes in the Medical faculty.

T. M. Hibbert, joint winner of the Avery prize, is teaching French and Chemistry in Truro Academy.

O. B. Jones is articulated with the firm of McInnes, Mellish, Fulton & Kenny, and will enter the Dalhousie Law School.

A. D. McDonald is the popular Secretary of the Dalhousie Y. M. C. A.

R. A. Neish is working in the Statistical Branch of the Customs at Ottawa.

G. M. Sylvester is attending Normal School in Truro.

W. T. Townshend is studying for the ministry in Toronto.

J. D. Vair, leader of our debating team last year, is in Pictou, and will resume his studies in Dalhousie Law School.

J. A. T. Weatherbe is taking a post graduate course in Mathematics at Harvard, where he has secured a scholarship.

D. J. Matheson is Vice-Principal of Morris Street School.

E. F. Mitchell is in the automobile business in this city.

P. R. Flemming is working in Toronto.

G. S. Stairs has gone to Kamloops, B. C.

Angus McLeod, C. H. P. Williston, R. A. Major, E. S. Creighton and E. W. G. Chapman are attending classes at N. S. Technical College.

F. R. Little is attending the Medical College.

J. H. L. Johnstone has been appointed student instructor in Mathematics at Dalhousie.

L. A. Mylius is in the employ of the National Drug and Chemical Co., in this city.

L. E. Brownell is pursuing an Honor course in Dalhousie.

B. D. Earle is attending Dalhousie and intends affiliating at Pine Hill.

H. P. Bell and A. M. James are attending classes at Dalhousie.

James MacKay is working with W. P. McNeil & Co., New Glasgow.

John Cavanagh is in the mining engineering department of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., in the same town.

L. M. Thompson is in business with his father in North Sydney.

Ken Leslie is attending classes in Dalhousie.

M. D. McLeod will attend Pine Hill.

W. A. Ross is attending Dalhousie Law School.

LAW.

C. P. Blanchard is practising in Truro.

R. C. Burns, late President of the Law School, is at his home in Milltown.

A. J. Lawrence left recently for the West, where he intends teaching for a few years.

J. P. McIsaac is practising law in Antigonish.

C. C. McKay has opened a law office in Yarmouth.

R. S. McLellan has settled in Glace Bay.

John McNeil, who was recently admitted to the Bar, is in Glace Bay.

J. S. Mavor is a member of a leading legal firm in Fredericton

Ray Milner and H. P. Newcombe are working in law offices in the city.

D. A. McLennan has settled in North Sydney.

Daniel Owen is practising his profession at his home in Annapolis.

B. H. Robertson is in the city. He was admitted to the Bar September 30th.

L. M. Robinson spent the summer at his home in Berwick.

D. C. Sinclair, of debating fame, was recently admitted to the Bar. He is now with McInnes, Mellish, Fulton & Kenny, Halifax.

B. W. Russell is in partnership with W. P. Shaffner, of Kentville.

R. K. Smith is with his father, C. R. Smith, K. C., of Amherst.

A. O. Thomas was admitted to the Bar recently and is with McKenzie & Ferguson, Truro.

C. R. Chipman, formerly captain of the Wanderers' football team, is practising at Tupperville, N. S.

MEDICINE.

Miss Brison is at her home in Hants Co.

W. F. Kenny and A. J. Deveau are attending classes at the Halifax Medical College.

D. J. Hartigan and R. M. Saunders are on the staff of the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax.

J. R. B. MacLeod is port physician at Port Hawkesbury, N. S.

R. L. Titus has been compelled, owing to ill health, to take a course of treatment at the Provincial Sanatorium, Kentville.

H. B. Atlee is practising at Joggins Mines.

W. F. Barnes is on the staff of the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax.

C. B. Cameron is practising at East Chezzetcook.

J. R. Collie is practising at River John.

A. M. Johnson has crossed over to Manchester University where he is taking a post graduate course.

W. W. Herdman is practising at Bass River.

D. A. MacLeod is practising at New Waterford.

J. A. Murdock and H. W. Schwartz are on the staff of the Victoria General Hospital of this city.

J. J. MacRitchie is practising at North River.

F. G. MacAskill is practising at St. Peter's, C. B.

The Alumni Society.

A meeting will be held at a very near date to consider and outline the policy and work for the coming year.

The splendid response given by the Alumni on every side last year will be a great stimulus to the efforts of the Association. Co-operation is the secret of the success, and the Alumni are beginning to do things.

The Alumnae Society.

The semi-annual meeting of the Dalhousie Alumnae Association was held in the Munro Room of the University on Monday afternoon, the President, Dr. Eliza Ritchie, in the chair. Dr. Ritchie, in a brief address, referred to the great aim towards which the Society had turned its energies and the gratification of all that the Alumnae would, next September, open the Studley Residence for women students.

The report of the Treasurer, Miss Grace Saunders, was given, showing an encouraging balance on hand of \$1,505.93.

Miss Harriet Bayer, convener of the Membership Committee, followed with a statement of their work.

The Alumnae Bursary offered to the woman student of the third year standing best in her examinations was presented by the President to the winners, Miss Florence Collier and Miss Mary I. Davidson.

Dr. Ritchie, before calling upon Dr. Forrest to address the members of the Alumnae, spoke of the regret shared by every woman student that their former President's connection with the college had ceased. Even the most cordial expressions of appreciation last spring very feebly set forth the warmth of that regret. The President of the Alumnae Society then presented Dr. Forrest with a silver fruit bowl bearing the University coat-of-arms and a brief inscription.

After expressing his gratification over this mark of confidence and regard from the women graduates, Dr. Forrest, in a characteristic address, referred to the work of the Association and his approval of the proposed women's residence.

Dr. Forrest suggested the appointment of a woman Dean, who might advise the women students in various phases of their work. He also believed that the Alumnae should have one or two competent representatives on the committee of studies.

The latter part of the meeting was taken up with a discussion of the Dickens Bazaar, to be held on November 3 and 4, in the Munro Room of the University.

After final arrangements had been made for the bazaar, the meeting adjourned.

The Alumnae and Alumni.

[What some of them are doing.]

C. F. Lindsay, '99, has been appointed Research Engineer of the Remington Arms-Union Metallic Cartridge Company, Bridgeport, Conn.

W. C. Ross, '10, will return to Pine Hill this year to study Theology.

Curtis C. Wallace, '09, and Exhibition Scholar, '10, has had a successful year at Harvard, obtaining the Scholarship for a second year by a research on the volume in solution of the alkaline metals.

H. W. Matheson, '10, who was last year Instructor in Chemistry at McGill University, has taken the Master of Science degree there and has been awarded the medal for the best original research, open to all students doing research in the graduate school of the University. Mr. Matheson has received an excellent appointment as chemist with a large American concern in Philadelphia, and left to assume his duties in July.

Miss Eugenie Archibald, '99, is coming home to Truro to spend the winter after two years in the University of Alberta.

We regret very much to hear of the indisposition of Miss Grace Patterson, '07, at Saranac Lake. Encouraging reports

come from her, however, and from Dr. E. Ross Faulkner, who is also there. Miss Patterson has returned to her home in Truro.

Harry Cavanagh, Eng. '09, is taking a post graduate course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

J. E. Read and D. C. Harvey, Rhodes Scholars for '10, are doing successful work at Oxford. Both spent the summer travelling on the Continent.

E. A. Munro, Rhodes Scholar '08, took the Greater Honour Course at Oxford, including Classics and Philosophy. During his first year Mr. Munro was captain of the hockey team and was one of the best players in tennis and lacrosse. He is at present on the staff of the Vancouver High School.

J. D. McLeod, '10, who last year was in Sydney Academy, has obtained a position in Western Canada College, Calgary. This college is under one of our own men, D. A. McRae, '98.

L. A. Dewolfe, '02, has been appointed to the vacancy in the N. S. Normal College occasioned by the resignation of Dr. J. B. Hall. Mr. Dewolfe has an enviable reputation as an enthusiastic teacher of wide experience and training.

Mr. Arthur C. Harlow, formerly principal of the Morris Street School, Halifax, has been appointed to the principalship of one of the High Schools in Montreal city. Mr. Harlow has been succeeded by Mr. D. J. Matheson, '10.

Lemuel J. Millar, '01, has been appointed to the teaching staff of Prince of Wales College.

H. Jermain Creighton, '06, has completed three years' post graduate study of Chemistry in European Universities as Exhibition Scholar for '08, obtaining the degree of Doctor of Science from the Edgennösische Polytechnikum at Zurich on a thesis entitled:

"Die Akatalytische optische Ktivierung der razemischen Bromcamphokar Ionsäure: Eine Untersuchung über den Zerfall der Bromcamphokar Ionsäure in Gegenuart von Alkaloiden und anderen Bazem."

Dr. Creighton will this year give two advanced classes in Physical Chemistry at Dalhousie.

Miss Elizabeth J. Maycock, '09, who, since leaving college, has taught in Vancouver, is back at Dalhousie for an M. A. course in Latin and English.

Miss Ruby Hill, a Distinction graduate of '09, has left for Missouri University, where Dr. A. Ross Hill is the able President to take post graduate work in Latin.

Miss Kathleen J. MacAloney, B. A. '10, who, with Miss Helen Marshall, B. A. '08, spent the summer travelling in England, France and Germany, has taken a position in the Bloomfield School, Halifax.

Miss Lena M. Sibley, B. A. '09, and President of the Y. W. C. A. for that year, received her Master's degree last June from Wellesley College. On entering two years previous she obtained a scholarship, and has since done creditable work in the English Post Graduate department. Miss Sibley is now on the teaching staff of the Quincy Mansion Ladies' College, Massachusetts.

A. D. Fraser, '08, has returned to Johns Hopkins University, having won, last year, a fellowship of five hundred dollars. Besides this, Mr. Fraser had obtained a scholarship on entering the University.

Mr. and Mrs. Robb, both graduates of Dalhousie, have returned to their Mission field in Korea. Dalhousie students had the pleasure of hearing both on their tour over the province, and our best wishes follow them to the other side.

Dr. Minna May Austen, B. A. '97, M. D. '03, who is a Missionary in the East, is in a besieged city in the vicinity of Chenlu.

Mrs. Margaret Trueman, honorary President of the Alumnae Association, has been appointed Principal of the Halifax Ladies' College.

Dr. Eliza Ritchie, President of the Alumnae Association, has been asked by the Senate of Dalhousie to represent them at the installation of a new President in Wellesley College, Mass. Dr. Ritchie for some years was Professor of Philosophy in this American college, and it is especially fitting that she should be present from our University.

Miss Mabel Ensworth Goudge, who graduated with Great Distinction in '08 and took her M. A. degree from Dalhousie in Latin and Greek the following year, has returned to Cornell University, where she is taking a Ph. D. course in Experimental Psychology.

Miss Nora N. Power is teaching Latin and Greek in "Mount Royal College," Calgary. She graduated in 1908 with High Honors in Classics, and for the past three years has held a position at the Halifax Ladies' College.

Miss Lily H. Seaman, a Great Distinction graduate in 1909, is attending "Radcliffe" and pursuing advanced studies in English.

Miss Jean G. Bayer, one of President W. C. Murray's competent assistants in Saskatchewan University, spent a brief time at her home in Halifax during the summer, but has again taken up her work in that advancing University.

Miss Sadie Porter, B. A. '09, has been appointed Principal of the High School in Antigonish.

Miss Mabel E. MacLeod, B. A. '09, is among the many Dalhousians who have gone West. She has taken a school in Vancouver.

Miss Florence Blackwood, B. A. '04, after a year's leave of absence, which she spent in Winnipeg and Vancouver, has

returned to her duties on the staff of the Halifax Ladies' College. Miss Blackwood is the Secretary of the Alumnae Association.

Miss Kathleen J. Webber, B. A. '08, has taken a position in the High School at Bridgewater, Mass.

Miss Lenore Smith, winner of the Avery Prize in 1910, is teaching in Sydney and preparing for an M. A. degree in English.

Mrs. Bradshaw (Dr. Martha Philip, '02,) who, with Dr. Bradshaw, does Missionary work in Western China, is home on furlough.

MARRIAGES.

SINNOTT—MACKAY.—The marriage took place at Boston on the 12th of June of Miss Edna P. Sinnott, '06, and G. M. J. MacKay, '04, Dal. M. Sc., (M. I. T.). Mr. MacKay is now head of his department in the research laboratories of the General Electrical Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

MACKAY—FRASER.—On the 20th of June Miss Lois MacKay, '07, daughter of Superintendent A. H. MacKay, of Nova Scotia, was married to Everett Fraser, '04, Harvard, '10, and now Professor of Real Property in George Washington University.

BALCOM—DAVIS.—On the 13th of September two doctors from last year's Medical class, Miss Bessie Balcom and Mr. Frank Davis, entered into an agreement stronger than professional. Mr. and Mrs. Davis will reside in Petite Riviere, where Dr. Davis is in partnership with Dr. Barnhill.

SMITH—MACKENZIE.—At Pictou, on Thursday, August 31st, Rev. A. A. Smith, '06, minister-elect of Verschoyle, Ontario, to Mary MacKenzie, M. D. '05, late of the Women's Union Mission, India.

NICHOLSON—MACKAY.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. William MacKay, Reserve Mines, C. B. Dolma Estella MacKay to Rev. D. J. Nicholson, B. A. '02.

RETTIE—IRVING.—On June 1st, at St. John's Church, Buctouche, N. B., Rev. A. Rettie, M. A., '07, of Millerton, N. B., to Miss Jennie T. Irving.

CAMERON—MUNRO.—The marriage took place at Winnipeg on July 18th of John MacKinlay Cameron, Law, '04, of Calgary, and Miss Ethel Munro, M. A., '05.

MURRAY—GOURLEY.—At Halifax, in August, Rev. R. P. Murray, B. D., '94, of Mount Stewart, P. E. I., and Catherine Isabelle Gourley, M. A., '07, a former Lady Editor of the GAZETTE.

CROWDIS—KENNEDY.—At Loch Katherine, N. S., on June 28th, by Rev. A. A. MacLeod, M. A., '06, assisted by Rev. A. H. Denoon, B. D., the Rev. C. J. Crowdis, M. A., '04, of Durham and Janie S. Kennedy.

MILLER—NOBLE.—At the residence of Mrs. Grace Noble Hardwicke, N. B., on the 28th of June, by the Rev. G. A. Grant, Rev. Hugh Miller, M. A., '05, of Hopewell, N. S., to Miss Eliza Noble.

CURRIE—SIRCOM.—A marriage of great interest to the present generation at Dalhousie was the marriage in September of Miss Gladys Sircom—"Cynthia"—to Dr. Currie, a former Dalhousian.

MACVICAR—MACVICAR.—At Port Morien, N. S., August 23 by Rev. J. A. McKeigan, Ronald MacVicar, (LL. B., '96) of Sydney, and Edith Jessie, adopted daughter of the late Archibald MacVicar, of Port Morien.

RALSTON—SCHANE.—At Amherst, "Norm." Ralston and Miss Schane, of Lockeport. Mr. and Mrs. Ralston are residing in Shelburne City.

MARKED GENEROSITY OF OLD DALHOUSIAN—MR. JAMES H. DUNN, OF LONDON, HEADS THE LIST OF DONORS TO NEW DALHOUSIE MOVEMENT WITH \$25,000.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Campbell have just returned from a visit of eight months on the other side of the water. It is news that will be gladly learned by everyone that Mr. Campbell

returns completely restored to health. Mr. Campbell is Chairman of the Board of Governors of Dalhousie University, and brings news that will delight the heart of every old Dalhousian and the many friends of the institution throughout the country.

Mr. J. H. Dunn, of London, informed Mr. Campbell that he would like to do something substantial to aid in the realization of a new Dalhousie on the recently acquired Studley estate, and toward that end has offered the magnificent subscription of \$25,000. This is not the first evidence of Mr. Dunn's generous interest in his Alma Mater, for a year ago he contributed \$1,000 to equip the Biological Laboratory to aid in the good work of the Alumni Association, which support the Chair of Biology.

Mr. Dunn studied law at Dalhousie from 1894-97, and was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar September 14, 1899. He is one of the distinguished sons of New Brunswick, and after leaving Dalhousie Law School began his business career with the firm of Hon. B. F. Pearson, of this city. His brilliant financial career in Montreal, and subsequently in London, has been followed with great interest by his many former friends, whose predictions of his certain success have been abundantly realized.

The sanguine faith and firm confidence of a successful financier like Mr. Dunn in the future of Dalhousie cheers the hearts and strengthens the hands of all those who are striving to promote the best interests of higher education in the Maritime Provinces.

Of the \$250,000 required in the first stage of moving the University to Studley, namely, the erection of the Macdonald Memorial Library and of a Laboratory for Physics and Chemistry, this gift brings the amount already pledged to the very encouraging sum of \$120,000. FORWARD, DALHOUSIE!

[Extracts from the Columbian, September 15, '11.]

"DICK" McBRIDE, OF B. C.

(By T. P. O'Connor, M. P.)

To all men in his province, to all Canadians, he is known by the less official and formal title of "Dick" McBride. And very appropriately. Mr. McBride belongs to that order of popular political figures to whom the masses instinctively show at once respect and affection by preferring to call them by their abbreviated Christian name rather than by the formal and cold prose of their official title and their full Christian and surname.

As I neared the pier at which the steamer was to stop, in one of the winter months of last year, I saw there for the first time for several years the remarkable man who is the ruler of this mighty country. At once and as my first impression there came the idea that there was something singularly appropriate in the man and the country he rules. Like the country itself, Mr. McBride is massive. I should say he is over six feet high; he has shoulders so broad that even a professional athlete might envy them; a chest of great breadth and depth, and a physique altogether that is striking and imposing—I might say dominating. From any crowd of men, however big, this figure would stand forth in conspicuous and haunting relief; you would find it difficult to keep your eyes off him. And the face and head are as striking as the splendidly and broadly proportioned body. The face is massive but short and round. It is typically Irish in its features, but instead of the typically rubicund complexion of the men and women of the Emerald Isle, it has the pallid one—healthy, but pallid all the same—of those who live in the severer climate of the New World. The head is again massive and, surmounted by a mass of thick, snow-white hair, it makes even more striking the personal appearance.

There is at first a curious resemblance to the head of Sir Wilfrid Laurier—the same complexion, the same massiveness of head, the same mane of white hair, but the resemblance is not as great when you examine the two men more closely. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has the long, thin face of the typical Frenchman

—indeed, the Dominion Premier always looks to me as if he had walked out of a portrait of the noblesse of France in the days before the Revolution. Mr. McBride has a short face, the massive head and the thick hair of the Celt of the west. Analysing still further the face and features of the figure of the great British Columbian, you see curious contradictions with the impression of athletic massiveness. The mouth is small, the deep-set eyes are soft brown, the feet and hands are small—there are delicacy, sensitiveness, and a certain artistic element in this big, massive man, as well as strength that is at the same time the simplicity, the geniality, and the comradeship of that true democratic sentiment you find in these new countries, where men all start from small beginnings before they reach to wealth and power.

It is one of the secrets of Mr. McBride's unique hold over his people that he belongs to them in every nerve of his being. He was born in British Columbia, and though he went to the Law School at Halifax, in Nova Scotia, to get his professional training, he has lived almost every hour of his life in his own province and among his own people. And he is never out of touch with them or with their outlook on things. Any day you can see him in Victoria, moving easily among the people, saluting every man he meets, for he knows them all, or seated in the vestibule of the beautiful Canadian Pacific Hotel over a cup of tea, talking easily and familiarly to everyone who comes to join his circle. He is the ruler with something of the Cadi in his methods and manners.

He was just a little over 30 years of age when he reached this great position—the youngest prime minister in the whole British Empire. He has held office for nine years since. The extent of his power is best realized when it is said that of the 42 members of the legislature 38 are his supporters. Of the remaining four two are Liberals and two are Labor men, and the Labor men are found in his lobby at least as often as in the opposite. In these years he has achieved wonders for his province. Looked at with suspicion when he started, he appealed in vain to financiers and bankers for assistance in financing the

province; now he is independent of them all. The province has made such progress that to-day it stands in as high a financial position as any country in the empire.

Everywhere you see manifestations of the indomitable energy of the man. The illimitable resources of the vast country are being developed with feverish energy, and under the guidance of a man who knows by personal travel almost every inch of the vast territory. His last and most ambitious project is the foundation of a British Columbian University, which he means to make as to endowment and as to Professorships the equal of any University in the world. Again and again the Conservative party of the Dominion have asked him to leave his province and take his place on the greater stage of the Dominion in the Parliament House at Ottawa. But he has steadily resisted all such appeals up to the present. His heart and his work are still among his own people.

College Notes.

The social year opened for the "Stately Seniors" on the evening of Monday, September 25, when the class of 1912 bade a united and regretful farewell to one of their number, Mr. J. B. Hayes, who is returning to Mount Allison, and who, during his Junior year, made numerous friendships in old Dalhousie.

As usual, the weather was very ungenerous, and at eight o'clock, the hour at which the walking-party was to commence, a light rain began to fall, with a promise of more to follow in the near future.

A far-sighted committee had secured a pianist and the N. W. A. R. C. boat house, to be used in case of rain; so after meeting and filling programmes at the College, all betook themselves to the Arm, under the chaperonage of Mrs. Bronson. Dancing was the order of the evening until 10.45, when the party adjourned to Patrick's for supper.

Speeches were made by Professor Bronson, Mr. J. P. McQueen and Mr. Hayes. After singing "Auld Lang Syne" in a truly heartfelt way, the class separated, each hoping that until the final separation in the spring, there would be no more breaks in the ranks of 1912.

The Election at College.—Following a time-honored custom at Dalhousie, an election was held among the students on September 20th, in which the issue was Reciprocity. The Liberal students nominated as their candidates Messrs. H. P. Bell, Science; J. P. MacAulay, Med., and J. M. S. McCabe, Arts, '12; while Messrs. J. S. Fraser, '15; C. L. Gass, B. A., 'Med., and M. R. MacGregor, '12, were nominated by the Conservatives as their standard-bearers.

During the days preceding the 20th a strenuous campaign of canvassing was carried on by both parties, culminating in a joint meeting in the Munro Room on Monday night, September 18th, at which the candidates of both parties, after having reviewed the question to their own satisfaction, appealed most passionately to their hearers for their support on election day.

On the 20th the Polling Booth opened in due time in the Moot Court Room, with Mr. Kenney, 'Med., as Presiding Officer, and A. D. MacDonald as Poll Clerk. All registered students of the University were eligible voters, and before the poll closed at 5 p. m., about 250 had registered their votes. The result of the election was that the three Conservative candidates were elected with majorities of about 40 over their rivals.

The standing of the candidates was as follows:

Mr. Gass, Con., 150.
 Mr. Fraser, Con., 141.
 Mr. MacGregor, Con., 133.
 Mr. MacAulay, Lib., 109.
 Mr. H. P. Bell, Lib., 100.
 Mr. J. M. S. McCabe, Lib., 91.

Y. M. C. A.—The Y. M. C. A. commenced work this fall with brighter prospects than for a number of years back, owing to the presence at College of the new General Secretary, before the opening. While, owing to unavoidable circumstances, not

all the new students were met at the station, yet every help was heartily rendered to them and to the older students as well, in getting settled for the winter; and this phase of the work was appreciated by everybody.

Beautifully bound and well gotten-up hand-books of useful information were also in the hands of the Secretary before the students came in, which were distributed to them, and which they found most valuable. The Secretary will supply a copy to any student who did not get one.

Several Bible Study classes will soon be started, which should prove interesting, instructive and helpful to the student—indeed, as much so as his regular college classes. Dr. Bronson will lead a Normal group of students, who will lead other groups in turn.

The financial campaign of last Spring met with a most unexpected success, and the fellows are paying up their subscriptions very satisfactorily now, and it is hoped that the new students, and those who did not get an opportunity to subscribe last Spring, will help our Y. M. C. A. financially and otherwise so that it may be able to serve its purpose, and be what it should be, the most useful society in Dalhousie.

Y. M. C. A. "At Home."—The Y. M. C. A. of Dalhousie gave their annual "At Home" in the College building, Friday evening, September 29th.

The "Munro Room" was tastefully decorated with autumn leaves, and potted plants arranged by the windows. Here the guests were received by the chaperones, Mrs. MacMechan and Mrs. Bronson.

Some time was spent in getting acquainted and filling the topic cards. During topic six came the programme. President MacLeod, in a brief speech, referred to the work of the Association, and invited all the students, especially the new ones, to take part in its activities, as well as those of the other organizations of the University. He was followed by Dr. MacKenzie, who spoke especially to the Freshmen, saying he was a Freshman himself, a recurring Freshman. He referred to the number of

times he had come to Dalhousie in that capacity, as student, tutor, professor, and finally as President. Miss Johnson then sang two beautiful solos, which were much appreciated.

Refreshments followed, and then topics were resumed until near midnight, when the gathering dispersed, unanimously pronouncing the 1911 Y. M. C. A. "At Home" a success.

Medical Society.—The first meeting for the term '11-'12 was held Monday afternoon, September 28. The following officers were elected:

President.—Mr. H. G. Grant.

Vice-President.—Mr. M. G. Tompkins.

Treasurer.—Mr. V. D. Davidson.

Secretary.—Mr. Kirkpatrick.

Executive Committee.—Messrs. C. L. Gass, J. P. MacAulay, L. R. Meech, George Herman, Miss Pennington.

Entertainment Committee.—Messrs. G. Goodwin, C. L. Gass, R. O. Bethune, J. B. Reid, Blackadder.

Gazette Editors.—Messrs. T. A. Lebetter, A. R. Campbell.

Football Captain.—Mr. A. H. MacKinnon.

The retiring Treasurer's report showed the financial condition of the Society to be satisfactory, a cash balance remaining from last year's funds.

Mr. A. H. MacKinnon then addressed the meeting, and after briefly reviewing the history of the Medical Society, made a number of proposals as to its management during the coming winter. These plans were commended and elaborated by Mr. Goodwin and the President in brief speeches.

Meetings are to be held weekly or fortnightly, at which prominent medical men will address the Society, debates be held, etc. With an enthusiastic body of students, the prospects for a successful year are therefore most bright.

"Pawns and Pieces" Chess Club.—It is not generally known amongst the student body of Dalhousie University that there exists a flourishing chess club in the College, the object of which is to increase the interest and to develop new players in this noble game.

The officers for the present year are: President, Dr. MacMechan; Secretary-Treasurer, Gerald Grant, Arts, '12, both of whom will be pleased to receive new names for membership. A small annual fee to defray current expenses is asked.

The club holds a weekly meeting on Thursday afternoons at five o'clock, in the GAZETTE room, but members may have the use of boards and men at any time.

Dr. MacMechan has kindly offered to give instruction to beginners, and throughout the winter months tournaments and friendly matches will be held.

To those who already have a knowledge of the game, and to those who desire a good opportunity of making a start, "Pawns and Pieces" extends a hearty welcome.





Once again football is king. You hear the old word everywhere, on the campus, at the breakfast table, in the class room. The Freshman, verdant, but nevertheless enthusiastic, listens with eyes and ears wide open, to the prophetic utterances of the upper classman.

Yes, gentle reader, Dalhousie is in the game this fall, in with optimistic intentions. A little more vim, a little more of the old time bull-doggedness, and you would never know but that the struggling, sweater-clad mass of youthful gladiators on the campus were the same as fought for the yellow and black years before.

Our genial captain's face has been missing, but he is likely to return any day from Newfoundland, where he has been studiously engaged during the summer months.

Many old faces appear on the line-up, for you can't keep an old player out of the game. It's like the odour of the footlights the spectacle of diving, tugging, struggling tangle of humanity, and the sight of it makes the old, would-like-to-play player don his spiked shoes and get to work.

They all will before long, and when they do, keep your eye on the finish.

Around the College.

Many changes greeted the eyes of the students returning to College this fall. Behind the door labelled "President's Office" they were no longer greeted by the kindly face and genial welcome of Dalhousie's former President. This room is now

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the general office of the University, and is occupied by the President's Secretary, Miss Joyce Harris, and the stenographer, Miss McDonald. Most of the ordinary clerical work of the University is now done from this office, much to the relief of many members of the staff. Through this room entrance is made to the President's office, formerly the Faculty room. The present Faculty room is the one formerly used as ladies' waiting room. The waiting room has been moved up-stairs, and the arrangement is more convenient for all concerned.

One of the first signs of the new President's practical point of view has been shown in a general cleaning up around the building. The greatest change of all is found in the basement in regard to plumbing. Practically the whole system has been torn out, and replaced by new, clean sanitary equipment. The crumbling basement has been renovated with new, firm cement, and presents an entirely different appearance. In fact, this change is noticeable all over the College. The ancient dust in the corridors has been removed from its solid fastness. Even the old Dalhousie mat has disappeared from the bottom of the stair. The dust underneath it is also gone.

Now this change has not come about of itself, and must have made a very noticeable addition to the already sufficiently heavy burden of the Board of Governors. However, *nothing they could have done would have contributed more to the comfort and welfare of those in the building, and we feel sure that the students of the University deeply appreciate this mark of interest on the part of the Governors, and will show their appreciation by doing their part in the proper treatment of things.*

Even the elements have displayed an unwonted interest in Dalhousie of late, though not always of a desirable nature. About three hours after midnight on July 22nd, a lightning discharge struck the "old red tower". It passed down over the slate roof, completely shattering the upper part. One corner of the masonry was torn to pieces with such force that some of the bricks were thrown over the building almost to Robie St. Window sashes were smashed to tinderwood, and a great many

of the slates on the roof, and practically all of the framework, was destroyed. Luckily, after it had passed over the roof, the discharge met with a zinc band around the building, which is connected with the gutter pipes, and was diffused by means of these into the earth. This probably accounts for the fact that the tower was not completely destroyed, and it is almost a miracle that a fire did not originate, which would certainly have destroyed the building.

DEFACEMENT OF NOTICES ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

There are a few students in the College who have such a peculiar sense of humour and such an absolute obtuseness to the rights of others that they are intensely delighted with themselves and cannot see that they have infringed on the privileges of others, when they affix all kinds of wretched slang and caricature to notices which may have cost somebody several weary hours of work.

To such we say, *leave the notices alone.* You did not make them, and the great majority of the students want to see them as they were. Any student who persistently scribbles all kinds of trash over the notices and posters on the bulletin boards is a public nuisance.

Leave the posters and notices on the bulletin board alone.



The April *Athæneum* contains as its masterpiece an account of the life and character of Abraham Lincoln. The keynote seems to be contained in the following extract:

"From the log cabin he was exalted to the White House Responsibilities heavy enough to crush him came upon him almost in an hour, but he never lost his mastery over himself. The higher he climbed the lowlier he became. The greater was his honor, the deeper his humility. Place and power made Napoleon drunken as with much wine. As a result he betrayed his people, and finally destroyed himself. But place or power never made Lincoln dizzy or vain. He trod the wine-press of a nation's sins and sorrows largely alone; and he stands alone to-day among the nation's heroes."

The *Argosy* is always a welcome visitor. Original as usual the April issue contains several excellent articles, one entitled "Forgotten," being rather truthful fiction.

An article which ought to interest all Dalhousians is that which discusses, in the *University Monthly*, the question of the College Residence. The title is "A Residency—Pro and Con." The weight of argument is on the side of the Residency, although the following exception is made: "Often a strong class spirit is created which has a bad effect on the College as a whole." We hope to discuss this question further at an early date.

Two ever welcome exchanges are *McMaster University Monthly* and the *McDonald College Magazine*. The graduation numbers of these two are to hand, and are well worthy of the highest commendation.

"There was a young lady in Lynn,
Who was so excessively thin,
That when she essayed
To sip lemonade,
She slipped through the straw and fell in."

— *St. Dunstan's Red and White.*

Lack of time prevents our doing more than to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following: *O. A. C. Review, Western University Gazette, Allisonia, Trinity Review, The Pictou Academy, Presbyterian, Trinidad Presbyterian, Scientific American, The Student, Oracle, Merchiston, Our Dumb Animals, East and West, The Free Lance* and others.

J. P. McQ.



SIR FRESHMAN GALAHAD.

[Dedicated to Freshies' President, with profound respect for his strength, skill and courage.]

My good fist cuts the cheeks of men,
My tough head butteth sore,
My strength is as the strength of ten
Against the Sophomore.
My sturdy foot, it kicketh high,
My teeth some Sophs. to this day feel,
The mildest threat my tongue doth try
Would put to shame the thunder's peal.
So courage fellow Freshmen take,
Nor fear to meet the Soph. again,
Your cause is won 'ere its begun,
Your President is John M - L - - n.

THE NIGHT AFTER REGISTRATION.

"It was a beautiful night of stars." What mattered it if the sky looked dark and ominous! The Freshman's eye pierced the clouds and saw the stars all the same. The very air seemed full of them. The Freshies' President, intoxicated with joy at the sight, began to imagine himself a first magnitude star also.

Moreover, it was a vision of floral splendor. Every Freshman received his own special flour. Under its influence, many a genius began to flower, many voices burst into glorious song, many tongues were loosened to wax eloquent in speech.

Nothing marred the felicity of the scene.

Presiding Officer at Dal.'s Election.—"Name?"

Freshie L - t - le (hurriedly).—"McGregor, Gass and Fraser."

What Freshie knocked patiently for nearly a quarter-hour at the big hall door?

Soph.—"Coming to U. S. C. this morning?"

P - tt - rs - n.—"No; I'm not taking that class this year."

J. M - L - - n (to fellow Freshie, passing English-room).—"I swear Britton shall die."

Voice from within.—"All human things are subject to decay."

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Prof. (in English 2).—"Have any of you gentlemen ever served in a military regiment?"

(Seeing one hand).—"Ah! we have one man with us who has fought, bled and died for his country."

Freshie M - L - - n (to Math. Prof.).—"Is it ever possible to take the greater from the less?"

Math. Prof.—"Yes; there seems to be a rather close approach to it when the conceit is taken from a Freshman."

Prof. Murray (to Freshie Fr - s - r).—"Give principal parts of verb 'to love.'"

Freshie Fr - s - r.—"Amoo, Amary—"

Prof. Murray.—"Please leave Mary out."

J. M. S. McC. (speaking on Reciprocity).—"Er—I can assure you, ladies and gentlemen, there is nothing more painful than—er—making one's first speech in public,"

Voice from audience.—"Oh, yes, there is."

J. M. S.—"Then, pray, what is it?"

V. from A.—"Listening to it."

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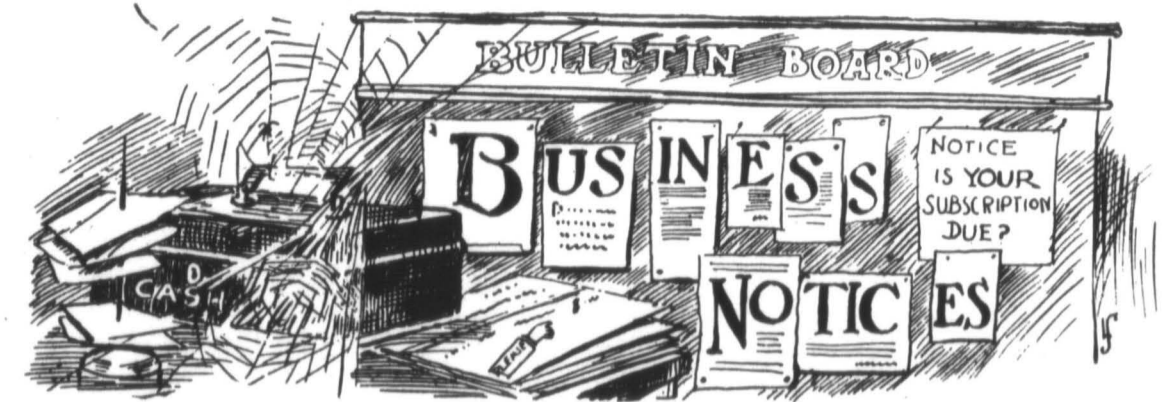
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