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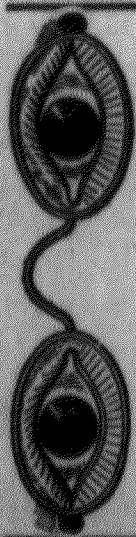
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GOWNS.

TO be or not to be capped and gowned, that is the question now agitating Dalhousie. Years ago, the University authorities, at the students' request, abolished the regulation making the wearing of gowns within the college halls and class rooms compulsory. It was a step in which Dalhousie was followed by few, if any, Canadian universities; we seemed to stand alone, and for some time, perhaps always indeed, Dalhousians could be found who disapproved of the step then taken. This session, the movement in favour of gowns seems stronger, the agitation has come to a head and the senate is petitioned by an influential section of the students to make the wearing of gowns compulsory.

It is scarcely necessary to say that this movement meets with opposition strong and determined. Such a change without opposition can scarcely be conceived. Many of the graduating classes manifest a tendency to leave the matter, as far as the students are concerned, to the decision of the other classes. At this stage, the Gazette takes no side in the struggle; we merely remark that we hope to see the Senate, in this particular instance, influenced very materially by the decision of the students. As students we shall certainly be helped towards a

solution of the question by remembering that our opponents are as zealous for Alma Mater as we. Her good is our common aim. While we strive strenuously for her betterment along the lines we deem the best, let not our zeal lead us to do aught that may sully her fair name.

Those who advocate the wearing of gowns by the students say :

1st. From early times the gown has been and still is the distinctive garb of the student. Hence it cannot be regarded as an innovation but as a custom which has received the sanction of ages.

2. Although certain universities have at some time or other in their past history given up the practice of wearing gowns they have invariably returned to the custom.

3. The wearing of gowns will exercise a wholesome restraint upon the wearer and will prevent him from doing many acts of a questionable character which otherwise he might readily do.

4. It promotes to a very great extent that college spirit which is necessary to the well-being of any university by uniting the students more closely to one another and to the university.

GIFTS AND A SUGGESTION.

IN the last number of the GAZETTE, part of the gift of the Class of '95 was mentioned. Since then, another Alumnus has shown gratitude to his Alma Mater. Mr. A. H. R. Fraser, LL. B., some time ago gave to the General Library "The American Historical Review" for 1896-7. He has lately presented the English Historical Review for 1897, and the publications (eight in all) of the American Economic Association for 1895-6.

In his letter he says: "The back volumes of the English Historical Review are very valuable. A complete set (10 vols) are offered at an excellent bargain by ————. They are bound in half morocco and are quoted at (£8) eight pounds. I wish some person interested in historical studies could be sufficiently interested to purchase the set and present it to the Library. I shall endeavour to keep up this set so long as I can. Should any person offer to aid towards getting the back volumes of this Review I shall make an extra effort to assist."

The Rev. A. Robertson, whose departure to St. John's, Nfld., has deprived this province of an admirable preacher and lecturer, has given Dalhousie a much prized set of "The Principal Navigations, Voyages, Traffiques and Discoveries of the English Nation," collected by Richard Hakluyt, Preacher. The set consists of sixteen volumes, or 136 numbers in all. The edition is a triumph of the book-maker's art.

WE desire to call special attention to the letter in the present issue signed "Medicus." The article in question appears in our Medical Department; but it deals with a question interesting—vitaly interesting to all Dalhousians. Because we so regard it, the GAZETTE desires to throw whatever influence it has in favour of the position there taken. We feel sure that the "powers that be" will not ignore a matter of such moment.

SEVENTH INTER-COLLEGIATE Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION.

(Nov. 27-29.)

The Convention was a success. From the first meeting held in the Munro Room on Friday afternoon till the Farewell Meeting in Fort Massey Church on Sunday night, the interest steadily increased. There was no undue excitement and no attempt to raise any; but the presence of the Master was realized. As session after session passed, leaving its silent but deep impression on the soul, life became more real and our responsibilities and possibilities glowed with whiter light. The programme seemed full—too full, but it was followed in every detail. Indeed, more work was accomplished than appears on the programme. Two meetings were held not therein provided for. One a "Northfield Meeting"; the other a rally of "Student Volunteers."

Here it is impossible to follow the history of this gathering in detail; it is equally impossible to predict its results more particularly in the colleges represented. We feel that we in Dalhousie have been the greatest gainers. We have received more than we gave. Delegates came to us who could not but powerfully influence men aright. We were much in prayer that men full of the wisdom and spirit of God would come with us, and we feel that in the delegates who attended, our prayer was granted.

Full details cannot be given, yet a few specially prominent points cannot be dismissed without notice. The Missionary Meeting Saturday forenoon, and the "Quiet Hour" on Sabbath

morning will not be soon forgotten. The influence of those two meetings alone who can tell! Deep on our souls they cut their message. Mr. Georgi's thrilling call to more zealous labour startled and awed and strengthened. Professors Murray and McGregor, to whom Dalhousians in general and the Y. M. C. A. in particular are so deeply indebted, spoke words of guidance and inspiration.

The credit for the success of this Convention is not altogether due to the Dalhousie Y. M. C. A. Certainly in a special manner the responsibility rested upon them; but they were ably assisted by the delegates, by Mr. Georgi, our International Secretary, and by our own Mr. Fraser Marshall. Through these men God has richly blessed us, and we trust that they themselves have received much.

Friday evening the Y. W. C. A., recently organized in our University, and indeed every Dalhousian, joined with the Y. M. C. A. to welcome the representatives of our sister colleges. To them, and to all, whether collegians or friends outside who assisted in making this a pleasant evening, or who assisted in any way to make the Conference the success that it was, Dalhousie Y. M. C. A. extends hearty thanks.

WHAT BENEFIT DO WE DERIVE FROM A VOCAL EDUCATION?

I do not mean to consider whether a vocal education prepares a man for public speaking, but does this training enable him to speak wisely as well as fluently. When a young man cultivates the art of public speaking, almost the only thing he really learns is to employ ten, fifteen or twenty minutes in hurling forth a mixture of English expletives. Whether or not this is a proper method of education, I leave the reader to decide.

Since a large majority of young orators aspire to political fame, it would be well to examine the oratory displayed on the political platform. I think I am justified in saying that when one has heard speeches from representatives of either party, he can form a pretty good idea of platform oratory. During the political campaign of last summer in our Dominion, one had the opportunity of hearing such oratory. It was my good fortune to listen to some of the best men of both parties; and that I may not be accused of prejudice, I shall criticize a prominent speaker of the party with which I was connected. I went to the meeting thinking perhaps of Demosthenes and Cicero and seated myself in the audience assembled.

A man with pleasant voice and comely appearance stood on the bema and, after some introductory remarks, launched forth into abuse of his opponents. At each clever remark he was applauded and after an hour of such stuff, sat down. To say that I was disappointed would be putting it mildly, for I never

heard a word about the issues of the day which alone could have tempted me to the meeting. It seems to be a foregone conclusion with many that these displays of oratory are necessary in order that the public may be enlightened upon the subject of the discussion; and it is at this very point that I beg to differ with them.

At the present day, I think I am safe in saying, the English-speaking people, and of these the Americans especially, are the most prolific speakers (i. e. long winded) anywhere to be found. That they are the wisest is a matter of dispute. But, one may say, surely it must be a great thing to equal or even approach the oratorical talents of one such as Demosthenes in ancient times or some of our speakers of the present day. I admit that perhaps Demosthenes was the greatest orator that ever lived, but was there wisdom in his eloquence? When he prophesied regarding the success of Philip and also the success of the Athenians did he prophesy correctly? What signified that great display of eloquence if it did not contain the truth?

How often did Phocion with a dozen or two of words confute all the polished statements which had been so eloquently delivered. This I say if Phocion could with a few words tumble down the imaginary fabric which a Demosthenes, a Cleon or some other demagogue had constructed, how much better if our public orators would in a few words state their case and then be silent. What benefit do we derive from a man, be he never so eloquent, if his eloquence consists merely of a mad jumble of words! Verily I am constrained to believe the remark of an eminent college professor, who said, that when two politicians were arguing together, he knew no better definition of a vacuum. This was before the discovery of the X-rays, but after experiments have proved the truth of his statements. That there is really no sound wisdom in the harangues of the present day is quite apparent from reading some of those delivered during the political campaign of the neighbouring republic.

Next, one will say, that eloquence, flowery eloquence adorns the pulpit. To this I reply that the pulpit is for the preaching of the gospel so that all may understand, and was never intended for displaying oratorical talents. Surely a sermon plainly delivered and full of the gospel does much more good than a lecture on philosophy or the doctrines of theology. I may be told that the practice of public speaking enables a bashful man to overcome his difficulty. Now the platform is a very poor place for this and he will find a much better means in the party or conversazione.

To make a successful speaker, I maintain that a man must have a true sense of harmony and intonation; he must understand the regulating of his voice so as to add effect to his speech. These are natural gifts and can not be acquired; without them

training is valueless. From all the above I draw as conclusion : how much better if we would use our brains more and our tongues less ; for then, if we were familiar with our subject, we could give our arguments ; if not so, then by silence we would conceal our ignorance.

TETE.

FOOT-BALL.

The last game of the senior league series was played on the Wanderers' grounds on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 7th. Upon its result depended whether Dalhousie or the Navy would come out second in the scramble for the trophy, for the Army team had long since dropped out, and allowed their chances to go by default, while the Wanderers, who a day or two before had defeated the Navy by 19 points to nothing, were already the undisputed champions for 1896. There was a large crowd of good-natured spectators. Keen interest in the match, however, was not discernible, because the contest was only one for second place. It was generally thought that Dalhousie would win. We were as strong as at any time during the season, while the Navy had been weakened since the other occasion upon which we met them.

The players lined out as follows :

DALHOUSIE.			NAVY.	
Murray.		<i>Backs.</i>	Dathan, W.	
Maxwell,	}	<i>Half-Backs.</i>	Dathan, E.,	
Wood,			White,	
Purdy,			Starkey,	
McKinnon,			Pearne.	
McLean, C.	}	<i>Quarters.</i>	Meybrick,	
Foote,			Pearson.	
Grant,	}	<i>Forwards.</i>	Hayhurst,	
McLean, L.,			Stephens,	
McRae,			Oliphant,	
McVicar,			Barrow,	
Putnam,			Lake,	
Read,			Keane,	
Archibald,			Mutton,	
Ayre.			Hurley.	

Dalhousie won the toss and elected to defend the western goal, thus having the advantage of a breeze in her favor. Purdy made a good return of the Navy's kick off and the ball went into touch at their 10 yard line. Our stalwart foes, however, worked it out of danger for the time being, Meybrick proving a tower of strength to his team. From a scrimmage at centre field, Maxwell secured the ball and supported by Grant bore it into Navy territory. Soon thereafter our forwards rushed it across, but the Navy made a touch for safety. Dalhousie rushed

matters after the Navy's kick off and as Maxwell was tackled in a gallant dash for the goal line, he passed to L. McLean, who secured a try from which Purdy took a goal.

Dathan made a fine kick off and Foote an equally good return. From a throw in White transferred hostilities to Dalhousie territory, but our forwards formed a compact scrimmage, and by a series of strong rushes, carried the ball to the other end of the field, whence Wood made an easy try. The kick for goal failed.

Ayre caught the ball from the opposing kick off and returned it to Navy ground. For a while the play hovered about centre until Purdy made a useful run for Dalhousie, and was tackled by Mutton. Then followed a few good kicks on both sides, and when the ball finally alighted near the Navy goal L. McLean was on hand to carry it across and secure the third try from which Maxwell succeeded in kicking a very difficult goal.

The Navy forced matters at the outset of the second half, but only for a few minutes. A long scrimmage occurred in Dalhousie territory, and when C. McLean finally got a chance to pass the ball to McKinnon, the latter kicked well up the field. Some off side plays on the part of Dalhousie were penalized by free kicks which materially helped our foes. Finally our forwards worked the ball into touch right by the Navy goal line and on the throw in McVicar cleverly dropped at full length and secured a try. Again failed the kick for goal.

The Navy followed sharply on Dathan's kick off and sent the ball into touch within our 25 yards. From a scrimmage Foote made a good kick, and gained much ground for the yellow and black. Another good run by McRae was neutralized by White with a long kick into touch. Wood dribbled the ball back until Maxwell grabbed it and after a beautiful run of 20 yards got fairly behind the Navy's goal. Again the kick for goal failed. Time was almost up, but a Dalhousie forward kicked the ball once more across the Navy line, as it emerged from a maul in the latter's territory, and L. McLean sprinted away and secured the last try from which a goal was not kicked. The play thus ended with a score of 22-0 in our favor.

W. G. Robertson, of the Wanderers, refereed to the entire satisfaction of all.

Dalhousie had the pleasure of meeting the Foot-Ball team of Mount Allison College upon the grounds of the former on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 20th. For some weeks we had expectantly looked forward to having these boys here to play the return match of last autumn. They had arrived by the late train the night before and the next forenoon a delegation of our boys accompanied them on a drive about the city, escorted them

thorough the mazes of Dalhousie College itself and otherwise entertained them until we had to don the yellow and black jerseys to do battle with these manly guests upon the bloody field of foot-ball. Of course we knew the prowess of Mount Allison too well to regard her gladiators otherwise than as foemen worthy of our very keenest steel, and, as we expected, the game was close and exciting.

The teams were:—

MOUNT ALLISON.			DALHOUSIE.	
Bruce.		<i>Full-Backs.</i>	Currie.	
Dobson,	}	<i>Half-Backs.</i>	Wood,	}
Butler, (capt.)			Purdy,	
Johnston,			Cumming,	
Rice.			Maxwell, (capt.)	
Sprague,	}	<i>Quarter-Backs.</i>	Barnstead,	}
Buffett.			McLean.	
Roach,	}	<i>Forwards.</i>	Grant,	}
Jardine,			L. McLean,	
Brooks,			Reid,	
Killman,			Archibald,	
Lucas,			McRae,	
Clegg,			McVicar,	
Tweedle,			Putnam,	
Wright,	Ayre.			

When Dalhousie met Mount Allison at Sackville last fall she only managed to score one try against the home boys, but she had much the better of that game, keeping her opponents almost constantly on the defensive. This year the same small score was made by the yellow and black, but it is indicative of the closeness of the game. Mount Allison has obviously improved in strength as compared with last year and now her foot-ballists acquit themselves in a manner of which she may well be proud. Their team work is of the best,—they have mastered all the details of the game. They came to us thoroughly trained and played with a snap and vim which, in the most exciting parts of the match, never caused them for an instant to forget that gentlemanly behavior is one of the true glories of sport.

The game itself was largely a struggle of the forwards. The teams were pretty evenly matched so far as weight is concerned, Dalhousie, however, having some advantage in this respect. We were without Foote at quarter, he naturally refusing to play against his Alma Mater. The Mount Allison half-backs, whenever they got the ball, showed wonderful skill in passing and their running was strong and fast. Their quarters were quick as steel traps and altogether their team play was marked by an absence of selfishness in any one man of the fifteen. In this regard Dalhousie would sometimes do well to emulate them.

The kick off was followed by a number of scrimmages about centre field. Before play had well begun, Wright, the heaviest man of the visiting team, received a bad knock on the head and play ceased until the wound had been dressed and he had resumed his place among the forwards. Dalhousie had somewhat the better of the mauls, but that gain was generally nullified by the quick work of the Mt. Allison quarters and half-backs. So sharp was their tackling that Dalhousie was losing ground by passing to her half-backs. Soon Mt. Allison were the aggressors and fought for supremacy within 8 yds of our goal line. A timely dribble by Grant brought relief and the ball went into touch near centre. Further dribbling by Dalhousie forwards sent the ball down to the Mt. Allison full back who averted immediate danger by a well judged kick as it rolled along the ground. Then the battle raged again in Mt. Allison territory. The ball was finally kicked behind their full back and over the goal line. One of their men and a Dalhousian both sprang for it, the latter claiming a try which was not awarded. The remainder of the first half was uneventful, except for a fine run by Johnson who cleared the field of all save Currie by whom he was safely tackled.

The Mt. Allison boys had the wind against them in the second half, while two of their number, Johnson and Wright, were somewhat crippled by accidents in the former half. The visitors, however, accepted these distasteful possibilities of the game without the least sign of discouragement. Their kick off resulted in Dalhousie touching for safety. Dobson returned Purdy's kick off to Dalhousie's territory. A judicious dribble by our forwards, however, took the ball far down the field. Butler made a clever run after which a number of heavy scrimmages took place about centre field. Then Purdy got in some good punts to the great advantage of Dalhousie. From a loose maul Cumming got the ball and kicked into touch within 10 yards of Mt. Allison's goal. Dalhousie got the advantage of a scrimmage far in her opponents' territory and L. McLean cleverly dribbled the ball across the line making a try which was not converted into a goal and which was the only score of the game. Thereafter and until the call of time the Mt. Allison boys played in splendid form and on two occasions they rushed the ball down to our full back who always kicked cleverly into touch. The forwards were having the fight all to themselves about the middle of the field when the whistle blew for time.

W. A. Henry, the well-known Ex-captain of the Dalhousie team, and a prominent Wanderer ever since going out from our walls, refereed the game most satisfactorily.

The next day the Mt. Allison boys went to Wolfville where they defeated the Acadia team. Score 5—3. They journeyed hastily back to Halifax and played the Wanderers on Saturday

whom they tied. Score 3—3. Of course all Dalhousians were glad to see the Mt. Allison boys amongst us, hope to see them again and congratulate them upon their highly creditable record of this season.

Bright and early Saturday morning, Nov. 21st, our foot-ball team, accompanied by about a score of trusty followers, took the train at North Street Depot for Wolfville to play the annual game with Acadia College. We were an exceedingly joyous crowd on the way thither and of course the signal victory we won over the Acadia boys did not tend to dampen our spirits on the way homeward. Arrived in Wolfville about 10-30 we were met at the train by a large delegation of Acadia College boys who had teams in waiting to convey us to the American Hotel where a sumptuous dinner was the olive branch held out by our foot-ball antagonists.

The time at our disposal before the commencement of play was enjoyably spent in seeing the sights of the town, and our admission to the Ladies' Seminary was by long odds the crowning courtesy of the day. Some of the boys were so captivated that they had well nigh decided not to play against those for whom the tender hearts in the Sem. beat as by instinct, but as these victims were tearing themselves away a few of the prettiest girls shook out some yellow and black streamers from the top windows which had the effect of calling back our most impressionable ones to a sense of present duty and the whole fifteen managed to line up for play at the appointed place and time. The day was fine but cold and the gravelly soil at Wolfville was frozen hard. This was no pleasing omen to those Dalhousians who have never ceased to blame Jack Frost that though our team had no trouble in carrying off the Trophy in 1894 it met a surprising reverse the same season beneath a bitter sky and above an icy field at Wolfville.

The teams, weakened by accidents to some good players on each side, lined out as follows:—

ACADIA.		DALHOUSIE.
Lockhart.	<i>Full-Backs</i>	Cumming.
Freeman.	<i>Half-Backs.</i>	Wood,
Dimock,		Maxwell,
McCurdy,		MacKinnon,
Conrad.		Murray.
Crandall,	<i>Quarter-Backs.</i>	Foote,
Duval,		Barnstead.
Rose,	<i>Forwards.</i>	McRae,
Hall,		McVicar.
Richardson,		McLean,
Ferris,		Putnam,
Thomas,		Ayre,
Steeves,		Archibald,
Webster,		Lindsay,
Huntley,	Reade.	

Dalhousie won the toss and took advantage of a slight wind. Shortly after the kick off Dimock sent the ball into touch within 20 yards of our goal. Our boys had the better of the maul following the throw in but Freeman made a quick punt which sent the ball to Cumming who returned it well, even though closely hemmed in by Acadia forwards. By gains in the scrimmages the yellow and blacks slowly but surely worked the ball down to Acadia's quarter and Lockhart did great service to his team in stopping some fast dribbles. Then an Acadian handled the ball in the scrimmage and Dalhousie was awarded a free kick. Maxwell's attempt for goal failed but McLean was right after the ball and fell upon it as it bounded over the line. However, an Acadia man was there also and the referee called it a touch for safety.

After the kick-off Acadia carried the war for a while into Africa, Conrad assisting by a brave sprint right through the opposing players. But soon the Dalhousie forwards rushed the play in Acadia's ground and though the Dalhousie half-backs were frequently given the ball on good passes they could not overcome Acadia's stubborn defence. Rose and Crandall bore the ball down past centre field while Wood and McKinnon regained the ground with clever punts. Then Acadia intercepted a pass from Foote and again the yellow and blacks were put on the defensive until Murray ran to middle field. Soon the ball got back again to Cumming who, by a good run and well judged kick, sent it to Dimock. When the latter was attempting a return kick the ball bounded from a Dalhousie forward across Acadia's goal line. McLean and Barnstead were first upon it, thus securing a try. Maxwell's kick for goal failed and the whistle blew for half time.

Acadia made a good return of Maxwell's kick off and at the outset of the second half the forwards settled down to scrimmaging about centre field. A dribble by our wing forwards soon transferred the fight to within 10 yards of Acadia's goal. But our opponents were swift and alert. Rose made a strong dash, carrying the ball well nigh to centre. Then a kick by Dimock sent the ball to Cumming who fell upon it. Scrimmage followed scrimmage and the fortunes of war wavered amongst the opposing forwards. Then Ayre made a remarkably long dribble, finally kicking the ball across Acadia's goal line, when Maxwell touched it down. The referee allowed the try which some of the Acadia men thought was a safety. No goal was taken.

Throughout the remainder of the game Acadia played with a do or die determination to score, sometimes having the ball very near the Dalhousie goal. But our players were equally watchful lest victory should be snatched away from them at this stage of the game. Freeman grabbed up the ball and was not downed until he had almost got over the Dalhousie line. Then

followed some magnificent play, the forwards on either side locking themselves together as one man and the scrimmages being very even. Finally Dalhousie dribbled the ball to centre field where it was being played upon the call of time.

Mr. J. G. McIntosh of Halifax, well known in his native city as a man whose knowledge of the rules of foot-ball and whose spirit of fairness are far above question, refereed the game to the satisfaction of Dalhousie. Acadia players,—some of them at least, seemed to take it for granted that Mr. McIntosh had left Halifax with the intention of awarding Dalhousie the game whether we won it or not. Sport suffers by such treatment of the referee and Acadia would greatly have obliged herself if she had quietly abided the decisions of the man by whose rulings she had promised to play the game.

After the match our boys hastily repaired to the hotel in time to catch the train for home.

To play her last match of the season Dalhousie lined out against St. John upon our grounds on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 28th. St. John had played the Wanderers on the preceding Thursday and had met defeat by an adverse score of 5—0. But that game was played upon a snowy field and as yet we had no true line upon our stalwart foemen from New Brunswick's capital. We met them upon a muddy soil, and the game which was most exciting but marked by the best of good feeling, resulted in a draw, each side securing a try. Last year we beat the St. John boys and we are thus able to congratulate them upon their better fortune and we think also upon their better play.

The teams were:—

ST. JOHN.			DALHOUSIE.	
McMichael		<i>Full Back.</i>		Cumming.
Markham	}	<i>Half-Backs.</i>	{	Maxwell
Hansard				Wood
Jones, E. F.				Purdy
			{	McKinnon
Moffatt	}	<i>Quarter-Backs.</i>	{	Barnstead
McKean				Foote
Shaw	}	<i>Forwards.</i>	{	Grant
Magee				McLean
Jones S.				McVicar
Hilyard				McRae
Frith				Read
Coombs				Ayre
Robb				Archibald
Kerr				Putnam

After a few preliminary kicks Jones made a fair catch at a point from which it was possible to take a goal. The kick, however, was a bad failure and soon the ball was being

scrimmaged. By judicious dribbling on the part of Dalhousie forwards aided by a kick into touch by Purdy the ball was sent to within 8 yards of St. John's goal. The fight went merrily on in that vicinity for some minutes, Dalhousie's half-backs charging hard against their opponents, but the visitors' defence was like a stone wall and finally Hansard carried the ball out of danger. Purdy, with a neat run, again reached St. John territory. Jones shortly thereafter dribbled the ball to Cumming who carried it back to centre field and throughout the remainder of the first half our opponents' goal was never in danger. Many uninteresting scrimmages took place near centre field and in these the Dalhousie forwards did not show up as well as usual. The St. John men too often broke through as a result of their more united action. But it was an unlucky pass by Barnstead that caused the score to be made against us just at the end of the first half. The ball was heeled out at 40 yards from our goal. He passed too high to Purdy and Hansard adroitly took the pass at full speed with only our full back to check him. Cumming made a good effort to tackle, but slipped just enough on the soft ground to miss his man. Maxwell chased hard after Hansard and dropped upon him an instant too late for the try was made. The kick for goal failed and half time was up.

Both teams went into the second half with the stern joy of warriors, St. John inspired by her fortune in the first and Dalhousie determined that a threatening defeat for the yellow and black would not be allowed to mark the close of the season. The St. John boys had evidently spent their best force already while the Dalhousians were only waking up to exercise a latent strength. A scrimmage in St. John territory followed the kick off and throughout almost the whole remainder of the game the fight was entirely in our hands. We had the advantage in almost every scrimmage while our half backs generally saved their ground and threw their opponents entirely upon the defensive. Such spirited attack and stiff repulse made grand play for the spectators, whose excitement found vent in one deafening roar. Dalhousie expected every man to do his duty and in this latter half of the last game of the season she was not one whit disappointed. The immediate honor of scoring fell to Barnstead who got the ball from a scrimmage about 4 yards from the line and cleverly threw himself across securing a clean try. Purdy's kick for goal was a difficult one and narrowly failed. With time almost up and the score even both sides played more fiercely than before. St. John, however, was on the defensive until Markham eluded Maxwell, but was brought down by Cumming in our territory. Our boys just had time to rush the ball back to centre when time was called.

Spectators pronounced this the most exciting game seen in Halifax this year.

Geo. Shaw, Captain of the Dalhousie team at a time when it was our turn to carry off the coveted Trophy, captains the St. John boys this year. A. F. Robb, who played forward for us last year, also found himself in the ranks of our foes on this occasion. Both did honor to their Alma Mater by their good work for St. John in the two games which the latter played in Halifax.

W. A. Henry of the Wanderers refereed satisfactorily.

COLLEGE NOTES.

FOOTBALL is over and the plugger has begun to grind for exams.

THE visit of the Mt. Allison football team and friends was enjoyed. A warmer feeling than ever towards our sister college at Sackville is one of the results of their coming.

THE boys are proud to think that it was Dalhousie alone who had the honor of winning a victory from the plucky Sackvillian team. They would not have wept had the visitors downed the colors of the Wanderers, who managed to make a draw.

THE few students who accompanied our team to Wolfville had a most enjoyable day. The seminary and its fair ones, we are afraid from the glowing accounts we have heard, played havoc on more than one susceptible heart.

THE inspiring strains of our most familiar college songs are not heard this year so often and so loud as they were last session. True we heard them quite frequently. A few scrimmages between the first years have occasionally enlivened the whole university, not excepting our worthy head and the faculty in general.

THE planting on the bulletin boards of flaming posters announcing the date of the photographing of the first-year students, occasioned a most determined scrimmage in the halls. If the old saying that he who laughs last laughs longest is true, the faculty had the best part of the fun.

IF we mistake not one of the graduating class has taken the privilege of establishing a precedent—a unique one at that. The charms of his mission station had been too strong for him, and on Thanksgiving day, like Lochivar, he went there and brought back with him the one great attraction that had troubled him. He appeared out in class on Monday afternoon "with his blushing honors thick upon him." Suffice it to say of the twenty minutes succeeding his arrival he enjoyed the liveliest and also the sincerest greeting of his fellow collegians. He brought no wedding cake for the boys, but the remnants of the "last feed" were at hand and all made merry.

College Societies.

THE Philomathic Society held its second meeting on Friday evening, the 14th ult. Munro Room was again filled to overflowing. J. T. Murray read a paper on Du Maurier, written in a smooth and most pleasing style. Dr. Ethel Muir read the second of the evening, on Eugene Field, which was much appreciated. The last of the programme was a paper on William Morris, by Frank Simpson, B. A., a most critical and original study.

THE Y. W. C. A.—On the 7th of Oct., the lady students of Dalhousie met and decided to organize a Y. W. C. A. in connection with the University. On the 14th October the society was formally organized. The following officers were elected for the session of '96-'97:—Pres., Miss Bessie Cumming, B. A.; Vice-Pres., Miss Mary S. Grant, '97; Sec'y-Treasurer, Miss May Austen, '97; Cor. Sec'y, Miss Eugenie Archibald, '98. The society meets weekly, at 5 P. M., on Tuesday. The meetings are well attended, and the membership list comprises nearly all the lady students.

"HAS Sodales come to stay?" If the person who asks this question had been in the Munro Room on the evening of Friday, Nov. 6th., and on Friday a fortnight later, he would have a most satisfactory and conclusive answer to his enquiry. The latter evening especially "marks an epoch in the history" of the Sodales Debating Club. Those who spoke on Nov. 6th., on the resolution "That free-trade would be beneficial to Canada," were Messrs. Seeley, Sedgewick, and Harris, against the resolution, and Messrs. Shaw, Munro and Oakes in favor of it. The arguments of Messrs. Serley, Oakes and Shaw were the strongest and most cogent, each of these seeming thoroughly conversant with Canadian politics. A sage remark of Mr. Harris deserves mention, namely, that "Great Britain occupies a position on the surface of the earth which no other country occupies." The meeting judged in favor of the protectionists. The success of this evening was but the foretaste of a still greater success scored by the society, on Nov. 20th., when the resolution,— "That the white man was not justified in dispossessing the Indians of their lands in America" was put before the assembled students. It is difficult to say on which side were the strongest arguments. The opener Mr. M. Cumming, and his seconder Mr. A. H. Stewart Murray, undoubtedly presented a very strong case, but the oratory of their opponents, especially of Mr. MacRae, supported by Mr. P. Shaw, carried the audience, which, by a small majority, decided against the resolution. Beside the above, other speakers of the evening were Messrs. Cummings, MacDougal, and Munro, for, and Messrs. MacAskill (who explicitly, on this occasion, informed

his audience of the side he wished to uphold) and Robertson. The latter, tho' he had been unable to consult Sir William Blackstone on the subject, yet assured his hearers, of his confidence that a section might be found in the works of that great author, which would justify his (Robertson's) position.

THE "Glee Club" is now in full swing, with a meeting every Friday from 5 to 6 P. M., at which a number of new glees are practised, for the selection of which great credit is due Mr. Gatward. Most of the sweet-singers of last year are again attending classes at Dalhousie, or are studying at Pine Hill, and with the addition of many new voices, the chorus is even stronger than before. The assistance of the "Ladies' Auxiliary," which also is somewhat stronger than last year, is greatly appreciated. The officers and executives for the term are:—*President*, A. H. Denoon; *Vice-President*, Miss A. F. Wilkie; *Treasurer*, Edward Cummings; *Secretary*, H. W. Sedgewick; *Executive Committee*, L. A. Maclean, J. R. Miller, C. W. Anderson, Miss E. Archibald, Miss J. B. Campbell, Miss R. Simpson, Miss M. Austen; *Conductor*, Mr. F. Gatward; *Accompanist*, Mrs. F. Gatward.

Exchanges.

LATE but welcome is the first issue of "The Athenaeum." Come again.

McGill Fortnightly to hand with its usual creditable appearance. From it we learn that McGill has recently established a new chair, viz: Architecture—a rarity among American Colleges.

By the last issue of *Acta Victoriana* we see that Victoria is contemplating new colours. "It consists of one stripe of blue and two narrow stripes, one white and the other red."

She was not acquainted with the Roman pronunciation which sounds "v" as "w" and "c" as "k," so when the professor of Classics said "velocissime" she blushed and looked confused and timidly replied, "wouldn't your wife object?"

Massey's Magazine for December contains on its opening pages a sketch of Laurence Alma-Ladema, the celebrated Dutch artist who has made his home in England. The article is accompanied by a portrait of the artist and six full page reproductions of some of his most famous pictures. There is also the sketch—ubiquitous in current magazines—of George Du Maurier, and a very fine picture of him, as also the equally ubiquitous references to Ian MacLaren, all interesting.

ASPIRATIONS.

MRS. HUNGERFORD.—I do not like the term, Mrs. Dangerfield, but when the house-maid gets into a huff it does come so natural to refer to her as the "ired girl."—*Massey's Magazine*.

WE see by the *Prince of Wales College Observer* that the students of that college are about inaugurating an energetic canvass for a new building. We wish them cordial success.

HE CHEWED.—Some suspicious marks around his chair put the Baccy-phobe professor on the scent, and down he bore upon the offending youth. "Quid est hoc?" he demanded, pointing to a suspicious looking roll beneath the student's chair. The angry spot died from the professor's brow as the youth blandly responded, "Hoc est quid."

THE *Argosy* contains in its last issue an extensive Sackvilliana column. It is responsible for the following in its exchanges:—

FOR BOYS ONLY.

Will the boys *only* read the following. It is reversed in order that the young ladies may not be tempted to read it.

This verse is just a little guy,
To show how foolish girls will be:
A thing that isn't meant for them
Is just the thing they're sure to see.

WE thankfully acknowledge the receipt of the *Student*, published by the Student's Representative Council of Edinburgh University.

As an instance of the rapid strides being made in the study of Latin in the North country, we subjoin the following which is selected from "Illustrio Studens," on page 35 of the *Student* of Nov. 5th.

Auctoritas erat on omni subjecto,
Politicos principes sed multa alia,
Defensor feminis semper tam gallant,
Amatus puellis muchtu his liking,
Scripsit epistolas longas *Stumentia*,
Orans ut feminae on aequal level,
Hominibus shouldbe put, et also dicere,
As members Unionis admitterentur,
Epistola etiam studentes amusit,
Harkete studentes et followem carefulle,
Maximam sapientam uwill besure toget
To guideu to choosing yourselves a Lord Rector.

OTHER exchanges to hand are the *Varsity*, *Kings College Record*, *Excelsior*, *Foncroft Academy Review*, *Presbyterian College Review*.

Dallusiensia.

IN the recent scrim., some of the Juniors were very much surprised to see McD-g-ll and H-bb successfully trying to bounce a 3½ foot freshman.

PROF.:—Plato would say of you, Mr. Cl—ke, that you have been in a dream; that you have not yet wakened up.

Cl—ke:—How, then, am I to waken up. (Applause.)

PROF.:—Mr. T—ck-r, will you please prove this proposition.

T—ck-r:—|—|—|—|

Prof.:—In a great number of recitations, Mr. T—ck-r, only once have you deviated into sense.

PROF.:—It is rather unfortunate that the date should fall on such troublous times.

MAIN:—Please sir, may I remove that placard above the blackboard? Main is much dejected when told that no one but himself takes any notice of it. Still more dejected is he when called back to have the same impressed upon him.

Last Week

She wanted something to play with,
Someone who her would adore,
Only a "little professor"
Minus a heart evermore.

At the Y. M. C. A. "At Home"

She wanted some one to walk with,
Someone who ever brought "more,"
Someone to fetch frosted cake in,
Feasting on smiles evermore.

And Next Day—

He wanted something to play with,
Something to ease his heartsore,
Only a sheet fit to write on,
A name that he'll ever adore—"Flossie."

Two days later in Class

"Storm" wanted something to play with,
Something that seemed filled with lore,—
Scraplet in sight in a pocket,
Something he read with a roar.

While the boys tittered

He (M—y) wanted some one to fight with,
Some one from whom to let gore;
For on the sheet there was written
Flossie, Flos—o'er and o'er.

Hearing of the Sad Denouement

She wants a new one to play with,
Some one who's not such a bore,
Some one who'll do just the next thing,—
Change her name for EV-ER—MORE.

SCENE I.

PHILOSOPHER MCKAY'S ROOM. NIGHT OF THE Y. M. C. A. "AT HOME."

Present:—S-dg-k, C-m-r-n, McKay, D-ll, and Henry Sam.

The Philosopher:—Wilt thou be gone? it is not yet quite day.

True, I have led the classes of my choice,
But had not lovely woman been mine aid,
I'd say yon grey is not the morning's eye.
I tell thee F-h-r's fame hereafter shall
Excel by far that glorious height to which
Already he in Hebrew hath attained.

C-m-r-n:—Alack, alack, that heaven should practice stratagem,
Upon so soft a subject as myself
I was in fearful doubt: R—d and myself
Had part in one fair maid; now R—d hath all
Ah me! how sweet is love itself possess'd,
When but love's shadow was so rich in joy!
Dry sorrow drinks my blood, adieu, adieu.

(Goes home.)

S-dg-k:— Did my heart love till now? forswear it, sight!
For I ne'er saw true beauty till this night.
He has it now, King, Cawdor, Glamis, all,
At F-h-r's feet she fell, at HERS I'll fall.
The Tupper dynasty to dogs may go,
There's reciprocity in this I know.

D-ll:— He jests at scars that never felt a wound.
I have no joy of S-gd-k's act to-night:
It is too rash, too unadvised, too sudden;
I pray that F-h-r's was not so.
The earth hath bubbles, as the water has.

Henry Sam:—S-dg-k, I take thee at thy word.
I know not how to tell thee whose I am,
To whom I upward look with reverence mute;
But inwardly I'm warning Henry Sam
He'll have to speak like thee or lose his suit.

The Philosopher:—The grey-eyed morn smiles on the frowning night,
I wish you love-sick swains would take your flight.

(Exeunt reluctantly.)

SCENE II.

FISHER'S VACANT ROOM.

Present: S-dg-k, The Philosopher, C-lq-n, Henry Sam, C-m-r-n and R-tl-ge
(who is acting spy).

The Philosopher:—The room is untreasured of its master.
You all do know this mantle-piece right well,
Where F-h-r leaned himself so oft and sighed;
If given tongue what musings it could tell,
What brooding that she was not by his side!
Let me see, let me see;—is not the leaf turned down,
Where he was plugging Hebrew all the days
Before last spring's exam., before the crown
Of golden love shed over him its rays.

S-dg-k:— I am shut up in measureless content,
And thus I dare not speak; merciful powers
Restrain in me the happy thoughts that nature
Gives way to at this time!—Give me my hat—
Who's there?

(Enter Fisher looking decidedly tough.)

C-m-r-n:— This is a sorry sight.
You do unbend your noble strength, to think
So brainsickly of things. So soon repulsed
Dost thou return unto this dingy room?

F-h-r:— A foolish thought to say a sorry sight.
Is this my Hebrew which I see before me,
And open at *that* page? Come, let me clutch *thee*:—
I've had thee not, and yet I wish thee still.
Thou'rt marshall'dst me the way that I have come.

Henry Sam:—But does thy strong communion tend
To make thee what thou art?

F-a-r :— My plenteous joys
Wanton in fulness, seek to hide themselves
In drops of sorrow.—'tis no sorry sight.

C-m-r-n :— Art thou at peace?

F-a-r :— I am settled and bend up
Each corporal agent to this terrible feat.
Yea, C-l-q-n, you may have this room and bed,
And I'll retreat e'er evening prayers be said.
Hark! I am called; my little spirit, see,
Beyond this wretched hovel stays for me.

Personals.

HARRY CROWE and wife, who attended the second year English class last session, were in the city a few days ago.

R. LANDELLS, B. A., '82, formerly of Victoria, B. C., has removed to Kootenay, B. C.

SINCE our last issue A. J. McDonald has returned from his home in St. Peters, where he had been called to attend the funeral of his father. Mr. McDonald has the sincere sympathies of all the college.

ROY DAVIS, who should be here to represent '98 on the board of editors, and to help us edit the GAZETTE, is not with us this session. But he found time two or three weeks ago to come to Halifax and see many of his old acquaintances at the college.

A sad event which we omitted to chronicle in two former issues, was the death of A. C. L. Oliver, of Pictou Academy. Oliver graduated in '91 with distinction, and the same year became a member of the staff of Pictou Academy, which position he held up to the time of his death in September.

J. MACDONALD OXLEY, one of our graduates, who has distinguished himself in the literary world, has produced yet another book, "The Boy Tramps, or Across Canada." Boys will want to read it—at least all who have any adventurous blood in their veins. It is entertaining and attractive as are all of this author's works.

AMONG the October weddings was that of Prof. A. M. Morrison of Chicago University. Prof. Morrison is an old Dalhousian, having graduated in '88 with high honors in Mathematics and Mathematical Physics, holding afterwards Munro Tutorship in Mathematics. He has since been in Germany and France and at Johns Hopkins. The wedding ceremony, which took place at Dartmouth, was attended by several Dalhousie dons. Miss Sadie James, the lady of his choice, a daughter of the late Judge James, of Equity, was also an alumnus.

"He's gone and done it," and thereby made the class of '97 famous. There was great excitement along the corridors after the recent recess, and all the boys jumped on the soles of their boots when they heard that A. F. FISHER had celebrated an otherwise uneventful Thanksgiving by going up the country and getting married. The reception tendered him on his return to college was most enthusiastic. Even while these pages were being locked up for the press, the crumbs of the cake had not disappeared from the reading-room table. The ceremony took place at Port Greville, and the happy couple now reside on Dundonald Street.

Honor, riches, marriage-blessing,
Long continuance and increasing,
Hourly joys be still upon you!
Dalhousie sings her blessings on you.

Law Department.

BREEDING LAWYERS.

WE have casually learned that a wealthy citizen of Halifax has refused financial aid to Dalhousie University on the ground that it "breeds lawyers." Probably the Law School does attract into the legal profession a few who might otherwise have chosen a different medium of livelihood. But it is only fair and reasonable to suppose that the majority of law students at Dalhousie are those who elected to make lawyers of themselves in any case, and whose attendance here is but a circumstance in attaining unto the profession of their choice. We therefore believe that the mere number of lawyers in these Maritime Provinces would not be materially affected if the Law School were blotted out of existence. And while we do not desire an over-crowding of the legal profession, we of course deny that such over-crowding is any more to be deplored than when it happens in any other respectable walk of life. But how would the legal profession and the country at large be affected by the obliteration of our Law School?

If Dalhousie does add to the number of lawyers, she adds also to their culture, their acumen and their general fitness for the thousand duties of citizenship. If she does a little wrong, she does a great right. Far be it from us to say one word in disparagement of those men who have been ornaments to the bar and bench, without having ever attended a Law School of any description. We will be permitted, however, to remark that such men would have been none the worse, and some the better, for a course such as the Dalhousie Law School affords. The man who recoils from the ordinary lawyer as from a species of shark, which is greedy to prey upon him, should be the first to support an institution that would be likely to improve the rank and file of the calling. Such an institution is our Law School. It demands a respectable standard of scholarship from him who seeks a regular entrance, it exacts its class fees, requires of him who hopes to graduate some years of faithful attendance and insists upon the successful passing of a long series of difficult examinations before it assumes the responsibilities of being a party to the creation of a lawyer.

It is a truism that the most responsible and important positions in public life in this Dominion are very frequently filled by members of the legal profession. Politics draws from its ranks. Give the rising generation of lawyers, therefore, an education which will tend to make of them statesmen instead of ward heelers. We are told every day that the lawyers threaten to form a larger and yet larger proportion of our people. Let no one regard such a prediction with any degree of alarm. In the past the lawyers have formed an eminently influential class. If they are to increase, let the lovers of truth and right work to the end that the profession will require of its members a broad and liberal training for the battle of life. Then the young lawyers comprise our embryo judges. Where justice is to be done though the heavens fall, the conscience cannot be too enlightened, as it cannot be too tender. Verily, the man who sees room and need for improvement in the legal profession is he whose ear and heart and purse should be open to the claims of our Law School.

A RECENT decision of the Court of Appeal for Ontario upholds the validity of the provincial statute authorizing the creation of Queen's Counsel by the Lieutenant-Governor. This act was passed to clear away existing doubts as to the power of the Lieutenant-Governor in this matter. The decision does not mean that the Governor-General is not possessed of similar powers, but merely decides that the Sovereign, represented by the Lieutenant-Governor, is present in the provincial executive to the same extent as in the Dominion, and that the B. N. A. Act in no respects curtails the rights and privileges of the Crown, or affects the relations existing between the Sovereign and the several provinces of the Dominion. This being so, the Lieutenant-Governor represents the Queen in all matters provincial as fully as the Governor-General does in matters Dominion. The Lieutenant-Governor thus represents the Queen as the "fountain of honor," so that a Queen's Counsel appointed by him is entitled to precedence and pre-audience in the courts of the province over one of Dominion creation. Of course the judgment above referred to is subject to appeal, but the opinion prevails among our best jurists that it will not be reversed.

MOCK PARLIAMENT.

At the sitting of the House held on Saturday evening, Oct 17th, MR. G. L. HARRIS continued the debate upon the resolution of the Government. He pointed out that Canada had made great strides in industrial wealth since the inauguration of the National Policy; if protection were removed he could see nothing but ruin for our manufacturing establishments, as they could not compete with the highly protected ones of the United States. MR. O'CONNOR regretted that such a resolution had been introduced by the Government; the nature of it was such that he felt constrained to express his disapproval. To his mind the National Policy had entirely failed to accomplish the objects of its designers; anyone had but to examine the census returns to to be convinced of this. The population had remained at a standstill since 1881; we could never attain any degree of national prosperity so long as we retained the principle of protection in our fiscal laws. The speaker made an elaborate examination of the census and trade returns arguing from the facts there obtained that the country's growth along all lines of progress had been retarded by the "iniquitous system of protection" MR. JAMIESON followed, briefly dealing with some of the arguments advanced by the last speaker. The MINISTER OF JUSTICE dwelt upon what he termed the unreasonable and unfair manner in which Mr. O'Connor had compared the census returns of 1881 and 1891. The census of 1881 was taken upon a totally different plan from that of 1891; in the latter were included only those actually residing in the country at the time the enumerators made their rounds, while in the former many were numbered who had long ago left the country; owing to this very material difference the minister claimed that any comparison between the two returns was misleading and unjust. MR. FINN denounced protection as a breeder of monopolies; it made the poor man poorer and the rich richer; there was no equity or justice in it; the poor consumer was the person who had to bear the hardship caused by high tariff walls, while the advantages, if any, were received by the few to the detriment of the many.

The debate was closed by Messrs. ROBERTSON and FAWCETT, both of whom spoke in favor of the resolution. The question being submitted to the House was carried by a majority of nine. After thanking the members for their support, the HON. PREMIER announced the resignation of himself and colleagues, after which the House adjourned.

MOOT COURT.

3 P. M., Friday, 28th September, 1896.

AUSTEY v. BARLOW.

An insolvent firm in Sydney assigned on the 16th May last for the benefit of creditors. Shortly after a brother of one of the partners, died in Boston, U. S., devising real estate in Boston to his parents for life and at their death to his brother, the partner, who some months after sold his interest in the estate to his father, who mortgaged the lands to one Simpson of North Sydney. An action was brought by the creditors of the firm to have it declared that Simpson is a trustee for the said member of the firm. On Demurrer. Counsel for the plaintiff contended,

1. That the father of the Defendant Barlow, at, or before the time he purchased the property from said defendant, had knowledge of the firm's assignment. *Rev St. of N. S., 5th Ser., C. 92; Hine v. Dodd, 2 Atk. 275.*

2. Having such notice, the conveyance was fraudulent under 13 Eliz. C. 5. *Barlow v. Bishop, 29 Beav. 417; Sonell v. Carpenter, 2 Perr. Wm. 481; Bott v. Smith, 21 Beav. 511.*

3. Any creditor who is delayed, defeated or hindered can impeach a fraudulent conveyance. *Doull v. Linton, 6 R. & G., 38; Reese River Silver Mining Co. v. Atwell, L. R. 7 Eq., 347.*

4. Simpson having knowledge of all the transactions took subject to equities *Mead v. Orsery, 3 Atk. 238; Whister v. Forster, 14 C. B., (N. S.) 248.*

Counsel for defendant contended

1. The plaintiff creditor not having obtained a judgment for his debt is precluded from complaining or proceeding to set aside the conveyance from defendant to the father. *Caldwell v. Kinsman, James R., 398; Colman v. Croker, 1 Ves., 160; Moore v. Moore, 1 R. & G., 529; Clark v. Fullarton, 2 N. S. D., 348.*

2. The conveyance from the defendant to his father being for value it is incumbent on the plaintiff, in order to set the said conveyance aside, to prove fraud in both the parties to the conveyance. In re *Johnson, 20 Ch. D.*, The purchaser, viz., the father, must have had knowledge not only of the debt, but of the covin of the fraudulent intention. In re *Johnson, 20 C. D., 389.* Even if the father did know of the assignment of the firm, that does not constitute notice or fraud. The father having no notice, the conveyance to him was valid. In re *Johnson, 20 C. D., 392.*

For the Plaintiff, } MR. FERGUSON and MR. MCKAY.
creditor,

For the Defendant, } MR. MACKENZIE and MR. MCPHIE.
partner,

Friday, 2nd October, 1896, 3 P. M.

JAMES v. JONES.

Plaintiffs are executors of the will of John Jones, deceased, who had been a member of an unincorporated society, "The Order of Scottish Clans," which had a written constitution: One of its objects being to provide a bequeathment fund from which a sum of \$2,000 should be paid to the beneficiary upon the death of any member. At the date of the admission of John Jones, as a member, the society's constitution provided that the amount named in the certificate should be paid over to the beneficiary named on his bequeathment certificate, and that no member should assign his bequeathment certificate; nor should such assignment be recognized by any officer of the society, and that such assignment should be void and the bequeathment should be paid only to the beneficiary designated by the member in the certificate or to his legal representative. After the date of the certificate, but during the lifetime of the deceased, the laws of the

society were altered, so as to provide that at the death of a member in good standing, the bequeathment should be paid to the wife, the affianced wife or relative of such member as designated in the certificate.

John Jones had named—at the time of joining the society—his father, whose name accordingly was inserted in the bequeathment certificate. John Jones by his last will and testament, bearing date May 5th, 1895, appointed the plaintiffs his executors and trustees, and ordered that his Life Insurance money should be paid to his executors, for the purpose of carrying out the trusts of his will. At the same time he signed a memorandum endorsed on his bequeathment certificate, revoking the former direction as to the payment of his insurance and authorizing and directing such payment to be made to the plaintiffs, who sent it to the officers of the society in order to have the assignment in their favor recognized by the society. The officers refused to recognize it and returned it to the plaintiffs. Upon the death of John Jones the society refused to pay insurance to the executors. The plaintiffs are not, nor is either of them the wife, affianced wife, or relative of the member as designated in the certificate. The court is asked to order the society to pay the money to the plaintiffs.

Counsel for plaintiffs contended:

1. That the insured had the power of an ordinary beneficiary on the bequeathment certificate; that the beneficiary named in the certificate at the death of the insured is the party entitled under the certificate; that the beneficiary named in the bequeathment certificate could change the name on the certificate as many times during his life as he chose.

2. As the new rule it was not made until after the executors were named as beneficiaries, it could not apply to certificates made prior to its enactment.

Counsel for defendants contended:

1. That the naming of the father in the certificate made a conditional gift to him which could not be altered without the consent of the company, which consent was never given.

2. The new rule introduced by the society limited the scope of the beneficiary's choice to certain persons, within which the executors are not included, and if the insured had power to change the name of the beneficiary to any one of the class mentioned in the new rule, he had no authority to insert the names of the executors as beneficiaries.

Counsel for plaintiff, MR. PHALEN and MR. MILLS.

Counsel for defendant, MR. VERNON and MR. DUNN.

Facetiæ.

MAGGIE had a little lamb.

ONE of the Freshmen has lately been away from the "madding crowd's ignoble strife."

F. A. M-son, with an earnest look on his face—"Look out for me, I'm a scrapper." Faw-ett acquiesces.

NI-LS of Masderville same will move from his present quarters, Dec. 9th, as hot apple sauce on the side is not there obtainable.

THE verdancy of the Freshman who utilized a private letter box is proportional to the number of cubits in his stature.

FAW-TT, anticipating a cold winter in the Law Library, has ordered two dozen pairs of Ayre's famous larrigans for distribution among his friends in the Crimes class.

AN interesting action of trover is about to be instituted by wild Alf against the redoubtable B-yd. Both are resolute, and meantime Alf mourns the separation from his faithful pipe, while B-yd shows hopeful uneasiness over the impeachment of his honor.

PROF.—“Do I understand this applause to be a tribute to absent worth. Collapse of O'Connor, Alfred, B yd and others.

IT smacks of the *Kindergarten* on the part of a senior to appear on the foot ball field with a girl so small that he had to wear his spectacles to see her.

LAURIER, with his other elements of strength, is a great ladies' man, so much so that the new woman delights to take the initiative and call upon him.

PREMIER OAKES' ultra free trade motion in the Mock Parliament and the foot-ball trip to Wolfville have finally determined B—y G—y to become a Grit and a Baptist respectively.

A CERTAIN Freshman is nothing if not sycophant. He duly apologized to a senior for having taken umbrage at the latter twice calling out “Freshman,” at a public gathering.

WITH the reappearance of winter P—n's face is becoming hidden beneath some rare specimens of so-called hair, and William of the “scraggy beard” has resumed his work.

THE students are interested to know whether Normie L-hy spanked Prince Tiney Mite before putting him to bed. It would seem that His Highness Protector has been neglecting his duty.

A VOICE from B-th-t.—“Hey! J-me, what's the matter with the GAZETTE?” J-me, echoing only one thought of the sentiments, replies: “Nothing, my heart is burning for you.”

PROFESSOR to class which is plunged in laughter at Ay-e's mutilation of Mr. Justice Cave's charge to the jury,—“You need not laugh, gentlemen, everyone of you would have made himself equally as ridiculous as Mr. Ay-e.

SATURDAY MORNING. A voice from the Law Library: “Fire up L—d J—n, or we will adjourn to F—y's. L—d J—n, mindful of the welfare of the Law Students orders Price to raise her ten pounds. “Coal is cheaper than morality and the other virtues including temperance.

SCH-N has taken a genuine tumble to himself, and bids fair to pass in some at least of the balance of his first year subjects. Besides plugging 13 hours *per diem* he has medicine in his room in case of sickness and carries constantly on his person a pocket compass to enable him to find his way to his boarding house at any hour of the day or night.

IT is understood that the Philanthropic management of Mount Hope Asylum have, after considerable trouble and expense, secured the services of the well and favorably known “curios,” B-yd and And—n, together with scrapping Geordie for an entertainment to take place in December. Mr. R. Ph—n will also make upon this occasion,—and on this only, his debut to a public audience as a Lecturer on Freaks.

Law Personals.

FROM distant Sydney each succeeding mail brings tidings of the popular young barrister, Hugh Ross, L. L. B., '96. Ross' well known integrity and good legal tact, will soon bring him to the front.

SOME few months ago, Struam G. Robertson, the Law School's ex-poet laureate, took unto himself from one of Pictou's fair daughters a wife, a Miss Carmichael, daughter of Mr. J. R. Carmichael of that town. The GAZETTE extends congratulations.

R. McVICAR, L. L. B., has recently been admitted to the bar, and is now enjoying a lucrative position with the well known Halifax lawyer, Alfred Whitman, B. A., L. L. B. Mac's familiar figure, as usual was seen on the foot-ball field, where he always plays to advantage.

Medical Department.

SERUM DIAGNOSIS OF TYPHOID FEVER.

A READY means of diagnosis in typhoid fever is something which has been long desired by the medical profession. Those who have been called upon to investigate epidemics of typhoid have been much perplexed by the large number of cases of ill-defined fever occurring among those personally exposed to the infection, and it has been found impossible in the majority of these cases to come to anything like a definite conclusion upon the evidence obtainable, as to whether these were to be regarded as cases of immature typhoid or not. In the experience of most practitioners, such cases have usually equalled or outnumbered the cases where the symptoms justified a definite diagnosis.

The results of the investigations of Pfeiffer, of Berlin and Widal of Paris, in the study of typhoid fever, published during the present year, seem to bring this disease within that class in which a positive diagnosis can be early furnished by bacteriological methods. In June last, Widal made the important announcement that the diluted blood serum of persons suffering from typhoid fever, even in the early stages, is capable, when mixed with a pure culture of the typhoid bacillus in bouillon, of arresting the active movement so characteristic of this organism and causing the individual bacilli to agglutinate into large groups or clumps. So far as is now known, the diluted blood serum in no condition other than typhoid fever possesses this remarkable property. Thus, we have at our disposal one of the most conclusive of tests, by means of which we are able to decide whether a doubtful case is typhoid or not. Besides distinguishing typhoid from such well characterized diseases as tuberculosis and malarial disease, this test may also be expected to clear up the mystery which surrounds those doubtful cases of so-called bilious fever, gastric fever, typho-malarial fever, etc., which are so common in times and places where typhoid is prevalent, and rare in the absence of typhoid, at least, in the temperate countries which are free from malaria.

Widal's original method of conducting this experiment was to obtain the serum from the vein of a patient's arm by means

of a sterilized syringe, decanting the serum after it had separated and adding it to a bouillon culture of typhoid bacilli. This was then placed in an incubator, and showed, after several hours a flocculent precipitate composed of the immobilised and agglutinated bacilli and a clearing of the upper part of the fluid. This was found by Widal to be characteristic of typhoid blood. The blood in other febrile disorders, such as malaria, typhus, tuberculosis, pyaemia, etc., as well as the serum of healthful persons, was found to have no power of producing this phenomenon when mixed with typhoid cultures. Those who have repeated Widal's experiments have also been able to confirm his statements that the colon bacillus, (which very much resembles the typhoid organism) does not give this reaction with typhoid blood. Other observers have simplified Widal's method materially, by taking a few drops of blood from the finger tips, and as soon as the serum has separated from the edge of this, mixing it with a drop of actively mobile typhoid culture, whereupon the reaction can be satisfactorily observed under the microscope and is usually complete in a few minutes.

The physicians in Europe cannot claim the honor of giving to the world all the facts in connection with this valuable means of diagnosing typhoid fever. Dr. Wyatt Johnston, of the Montreal General Hospital has given considerable attention to this new test, and he so modifies the procedures of the old country observers as to make the application of the test extremely simple. In a paper read before the American Public Health Association at Buffalo, N. Y., September 17, 1896, he says:

"As the reaction appeared to depend probably upon the presence of some substance analogous to the ordinary toxins, and as many of these preserve their characteristics in a dry state, it naturally occurred to me that this might be true of the substance producing the serum reaction. The advantage of being able to operate with a dried substance was obvious, especially with reference to the possible application of the method to the rapid bacteriological diagnosis of typhoid fever in municipal laboratories, just as is now done in the case of diphtheria, and my observations has been made with this end in view."

"Instead of taking the serum as soon as it exuded, I allowed the drop to dry, and found that upon moistening it subsequently the solution obtained was just as efficacious as the pure serum for the diagnostic purposes of the test."

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