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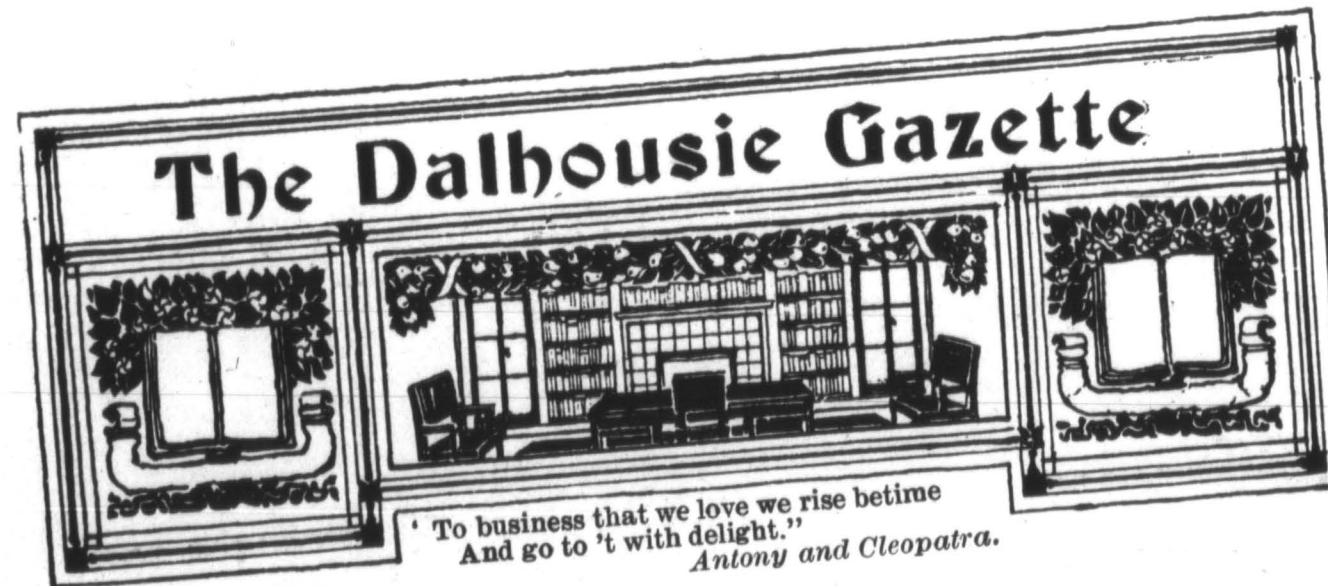
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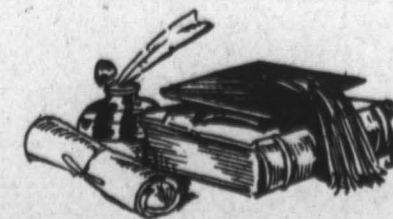
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EDITORIALS

IN this age of experts we Dalhousians ought, no doubt, to feel gratified that we have in our midst a few real live experts in the advertising line. They are modest young men who work for pleasure, their own we may say, and who, while exhibiting their handiwork publicly, try to keep their identify a secret and of course they work gratuitously. Each and every notice posted on the College bulletin boards is very likely to have some artistic change made in it or some striking, true to life sketch added. So rampant has the custom become that we feel it our duty to mention the matter seeing that the offences have long since passed the amusing stage and are now tending toward the vulgar. Before going farther let us make one point clear. In speaking of decorations to the notice boards we mean those in the Arts side of the building. The Law and Medical Students, to their credit be it said, can and do leave their bulletins free from artistic changes of the type we have described.

We would be loath to suggest such a step as that some of our students should be examined as to their mental state and responsibility, or sanity if you will, before being permitted to carry a sharp lead pencil on their person lest they should misuse their privilege, but it would seem that there are some who do not appear to be capable of carrying a pencil without getting into mischief. One reason for this may be that the halls serve as lounging places for the students when they have an hour to spare. We haven't a lounging room at Dalhousie, but for those who wish to work during an off hour there is an abundant opportunity in the Library and for those who won't or don't have to study, outside is the best place. Anyone who can't spend a spare hour better than in loafing in the halls is—well he isn't just right to put it mildly. But we digress. The fact remains

that there are some who persist in hanging around and the temptation to exercise their artistic talent on some notice or other proves too strong. Perhaps our artist friends think it clever and manly and of course amusing to mutilate the posters in this way. If so, we may tell them that while we might excuse such work from a baby, it gets tiresome from a grown up combination of an infant, and, pardon the title, a sneak. No other words can fitly describe the perpetrator of some of the so-called jokes which have appeared on our boards. Our artistic genius and his expert helpers will go their limit some time and when they do the test will come as to whether a few "smart" but ignorant boors can be a public nuisance around our college. We shall have to decide that question sometime. Why not decide it now?

Another term is drawing to a close and soon the elections of officers for the different classes and Societies will be taking place. Now Dalhousie is a Democratic University where every student has a vote. Seeing that we have the privilege of voting we certainly ought to vote. Speaking from experience we might say that there are two things to remember and do about college elections. First.—Attend them, nominate your candidate if you have one and elect him if you can. If you don't do this you'll have no reason to find fault with those who do attend and elect someone else, altho' in all probability you will have a complaint coming somewhere. Second. Do some thinking before you go to the meeting for electing officers. Don't jump up and nominate the first man you think of or whom you see before you. The best of people make mistakes sometimes and with all due respect to your ability to judge men you might make a mistake by acting too rashly. The safest rule to follow is to select your candidates, attend the meeting and elect your nominees if you can. If you can't, why don't kick. That won't do any good when the election is past and gone. Anyway it is quite possible that the other side had the better man, you never can tell about things like that.

Saskatchewan.

One spring-like morning last April I found myself at North St. Station with a ticket for Regina in my pocket and four months vacation before me in which to find what of adventure, experience, and good Canadian dollars our Great West would yield. Once out of Nova Scotia, formality was set aside, everyone talked to somebody else and long hours slipped pleasantly by.

Approaching Montreal the following morning we saw Mount Royal looming above the city and the traveller makes up his mind that he would not get lost in the city's mazes with such a mark to guide his return. Twelve hours were free in which to see the city, so first for a birds' eye view we went to the top of the Mountain, whence the city lies spread at our feet and the broad St. Lawrence is seen stretching across the view from horizon to horizon. Then for a rapid trip through the town on a sight seeing car. Went to the McGill buildings, where after hunting up some old Dalhousians, a pleasant afternoon was spent exploring the University buildings, museums, hospitals etc.

The following day was most wearisome. We were speeding through Ontario and the endless procession of lakes, streams, bushes, rocks and more lakes and rocks was only occasionally relieved by the sight of a startled deer or rabbit scampering away to safety.

But waking at earliest dawn the third morning we looked from the windows on the most entrancing moving picture imaginable. The train was hurrying along the shore of Lake Superior, now by the water's edge under a towering cliff, a moment later by a placid lake, lying like a silver mirror amid rugged rocks and tall spruce trees, then past deep ravines where the fog banks parted to reveal charming vistas of streams and waterfall. And all the while the great inland ocean stretched away to the southern horizon like a sea of gold in the rosy tints of dawn, and bordered everywhere by emerald isles and pearly bays.

Soon we were looking at the immense elevators of Port Arthur and Fort William, then leaving the lake were again in the rocky uncultivated land of Western Ontario.

We arrived in Winnipeg about nine o'clock in the evening and were soon wandering through the streets that are oh so wide and so well lighted when compared with those of dear old Halifax.

On rising the fourth morning we were on the broad flat prairie, where already, tho long before sunrise, men were at work on the great black fields. The air was opaque and of a brownish color from a mixture of fog and prairie dust. The numerous ponds or "sloughs" were covered with wild waterfowl, geese, ducks, gulls etc., and what was surprising to an eastern, they were absolutely fearless, calmly continuing to feed while the train would pass within twenty yards of them. When migrating northward and during the summer they are protected by the game laws, no one being allowed to kill them. Some of the passengers however amused themselves, and others, by trying to shoot them with revolvers from the car windows. It was fun to the birds also, for, so far as the marksmen are concerned, they are still in an excellent state of health.

An occasional Indian was passed, standing by a bush or sitting on a vari-colored broncho stolidly gazing at the moving train. They wear blue duck overalls, but their heads are uncovered and their long black hair floating in the wind about their broad bronze like faces gives them a most sinister appearance, causing one to involuntarily feel thankful that the days of the tomahawk and scalping knife are gone.

Gophers are everywhere playing tag over the warm prairie sod or sitting on the tops of their mounds and saucily barking at us as we pass.

We got into Regina about noon. I soon found the Canadian Teachers Agency, then went out and interviewed the Deputy Minister of Education, to whom I surrendered my certificate stating *age, education and good character*. This agency for a preliminary dollar and an eventual three per cent of your salary, is delighted to procure a school for you at the earliest possible moment. They had filled 125 schools since the middle of April with students from the colleges of Winnipeg and still had many vacant. The Saskatchewan school contract is so worded that should you sign it at a salary of \$60 *per month* and should you teach for *four* months or more you are paid instead at the rate of \$3.43

per day which actually means about \$72 per month. The C. P. R. gives students half fare rates. Two certificates from the President of the University are necessary, one for going and the other for returning. You buy a half fare ticket each way. It is better to buy a ticket to a city or large town rather than to your final destination, and so to avoid the trouble in securing a return ticket that others have had. After going to my school I sent a request from the trustees to the Deputy Minister, asking that I should be given a teaching permit, I also told him the day I had begun to teach. After receiving the permit, the contract, dated the day school opened, was signed.

This school was about two hundred miles West of Regina and the nearest railway station was reached after dark and in a snowstorm. Western Prairie towns are all alike and consist of the following,—three elevators, a lumber yard, a hotel with a bar, poolroom, agency for farm machinery, two general stores, a fine school building, livery and sale stable and about a dozen houses. They are situated about five miles apart and are forever striving to outdo their neighbors in growth, celebrations, baseball, wheat raising etc.

Country schools and villages are located on the map like islands in mid ocean and the traveller reaches them by a method similar to that used in navigating a ship at sea. Indeed one is continually reminded of the sea. When you first awake on the Prairie and drowsily gaze through the window your thoughts slip back to the ocean. The train is the swiftly moving steamship, the distant settlers' shacks are fishing smacks, while here and there plowmen dot the rolling land like fisherman's dories on the deep. The simile is further heightened when you step off a boardwalk into the prairie mud. The prairie mud is not to be laughed at, you cannot walk through it, you cannot swim, it sticketh closer than a brother. If your rubbers are not tied on with ropes they are lost and gone forever. If you happily are rescued you wonder if any of the street has remained where you have been for a glance will show that much of it is still on your feet. It is incomparable to and unsurpassed by any other brand of mud on earth.

There are no streams on the prairie. Rain, tho falling in torrents, soaks right down through the soil to the rock along which it finds its way to the river bottom.

The settlers in the school district were from almost all parts of Europe and America.—Russians, Poles, Norwegians, Bohemians, Scotch, people from the Maritime Provinces, Ontario and the United States. All are delighted with Canada "Canada *great* countree", are among the first words the foreigner learns—"Go back?"—"No! no!, Canada *goot* countree". His sense of relief from the great burdens of taxation and military service is immense. Here he is not taxed for every window in his house, and for every tree on his plot of land. Government officials do not watch him eating and tax him for the amount and quality of food he eats. Nor are his sons taken away to spend the best years of their lives in a military camp. Instead he is given a farm, free education for his children, trees to plant etc. Canada is indeed for him a "Goot countree," and his greatest ambition is to become a Canadian citizen as soon as the law will permit.

The European settler puts up sod huts with thatched roof for his family and his cattle. The Canadian or American, builds the standard 12x14 foot settlers' shack and a wooden barn. I was sent to board with a Bohemian family who had been in Canada for several years. The guest chamber was in the attic of a wooden annex to the sod hut and for three nights I slept in my hat, overcoat and boots until the arrival of my trunk which contained some blankets taken for such an emergency. The dining room contained besides the table, two large beds (for the accommodation of eight of the family,) a large cooking stove, two setting hens, three cats, two dogs, a turkey gobbler etc, etc. With them retiring for the night was a simple matter, they threw off their coats, kicked off their boots and jumped in between the two bags of feathers which constituted the bed. The other household functions were carried on in an equally primitive manner. I stayed three weeks, and lived the remainder of the summer in a tent, getting my meals with an American family.

Saskatchewan schools are well built and equipped, and the European children are most anxious to learn English. That this is not easy is evident and some of their efforts to

surmount an English idiom are amusingly ingenious. One young man wishing to say that there were quite a number of gophers in a place went about it in this way, "Dere be too much not enough gopher dere". Again wishing to say that a certain thing happened nearly two years ago he said, "I tink it be two years since, not quite."

Gophers are interesting and mischievous little animals about twice the size of our red squirrels and much resembling them in appearance. They burrow in the ground and destroy much grain, storing it up for the winter use. They are fine weather beasties coming out only in the heat of day, and are so numerous in some places that the prairie seems to swarm with them. Their inquisitiveness leads to the undoing of many of them for the schoolboys favorite amusement is to place the noose of a long string about the gopher's burrow and by a quick jerk to capture him when he puts his head above ground.

Prairie flowers are beautiful, and altogether different from those that grow here. They are exceedingly abundant so that in some places whole acres are a blaze of color red, yellow, white, and the air is heavy with their perfume.

Deep cut buffalo trails are seen everywhere leading towards the river, and the bleached bones of the once noble herds are scattered everywhere. Down in the ravines by the river, around the alkali springs they are so thick as almost to form a pavement, while the only animals now seen there are jack rabbits, gophers and perhaps a skulking coyote.

The changes in color of the country in a few months are wonderful. In the spring the cultivated prairie is black bare mud straight to the horizon, then in a few weeks all is green, and as the summer lengthens the tall wheat waving in the wind keeps you ever thinking of the green ocean back in the east. Then Autumn comes, and the prairie is a vast waving sea of golden grain, which to the ranchers suggests a great stream of gold flowing westward as his wheat flows away to the hungry east. In a few days the color changes again to brown and all the face of the earth is dotted with shocks of grain. A few more weeks and all will be white, but the eastern student does not wait for this. He is tired of the monotony of the prairie—miles and hundreds of miles of nothing to see but wheat,

and hours and days of nothing to hear but "bushels and carloads of wheat," and "acres and sections of land"—How slowly the train seems to travel back through the great wheatfields, on through Ontario over its long yellow track, and then through the forests of Quebec, Maine and New Brunswick, and at last how good it feels to be back in Nova Scotia. Here at last is *variety* and life is worth living again—towns and country, hills, rivers, trees and sea, things to talk about other than wheat and land, things to eat other than canned fish and wheat bread things to do other than work and sleep, and more pleasant thoughts than money making deals in lands, animals and wheat. How delightful it is to be back to civilization again.

But once infected with the Western fever, recovery is difficult. Cure may be apparent but relapse is certain and some day soon or late, he or she will go back to the vast granary to claim part of its immense wealth as their own.

R.

E Libro Rubicundo.

There is one incident of my childhood which is as clear to me now as if it had happened yesterday. It is one of the best illustrations that I have ever received of the old adage that "Pride goes before a fall".

It was nearing six o'clock on a cold winter evening. All the ranchmen were out rounding some cattle into the corral. As supper-time drew near and no one had yet arrived, my mother began to be afraid that the meal would grow cold. In order to prevent such a disaster I was carefully wrapped up in my heavy winter clothes, and told to call the men.

I can still recall the pride with which I hastened to fulfil my task. It seemed to me that I had suddenly become a man for I actually had a duty to perform.

There were two ways by which I could reach the stable. One, a little shorter than the other, straight through the corral, which at that time was full of wild

cattle. The other was a little more roundabout, but safer. I disregarded the safer way, just as the cowboys would have done, and boldly entered the cattle-yard. I felt my importance growing at every step, until, when I had traversed nearly half the length of the corral, my pride reached its height. Strong in the belief that I was a man, I did more than a sensible man would have done. A young steer stood on the path before me. It was necessary for one of us to step aside, but I was determined that it should not be. I seized the poor animal's tail, and pulled with all my might. He made a sudden movement, and I lost my footing and fell. Before I could regain my feet, he had turned and was attempting to hook me. He failed, however, to raise me on his horns, and succeeded only in turning me over and over in the snow.

I can still remember how I was rolled about by that steer, fresh from the open ranges. I forgot my manhood I lost my pride, and screamed as any other child would have done. I was almost in despair, when I heard the crack of a cowboy's whip, and thoroughly humbled, I was taken home.

I have long since forgotten what happened afterward. Whether the supper was spoiled or not I do not know, but I learned a lesson which I shall never forget, and many times since then I have felt grateful to that poor enraged animal for the rough, though effective way in which he taught me the folly of self-conceit.

C. M.

How We Got The Boer Flags.

It is highly improbable that there are any *vierkieurs* in Canada, except in our library. Very few students notice them, or know their story or how they travelled all the way from South Africa to Nova Scotia. Very few know that Dalhousie contributed five Dalhousians to the First Contingent, and that the captain came back a D. S. O., or that H. company under his command, was the one company that held its ground at Paardeberg with the well-

known results. The following plain modest account of how the flags were brought home was written down at the request of a professor, by 'Cam' Macdonald, and is printed here for the first time.

"After Pretoria had been taken, while the troops were resting before another advance, our company was stationed at Boksburg about fifteen miles from Johannesburg.

Among the guards we furnished, was one over the Transvaal Government Mines office, which was about a mile from our quarters. As there was a comfortable guard-room and the officer rarely or never came near, it was the favorite duty of the camp.

As the building was carefully locked, we soon found an entrance through one of the transoms over the windows about twelve feet from the ground, and regularly thereafter, when on that duty, we made an unofficial inspection of the building.

On one occasion, having exhausted the attractions of the lower regions, I made my way to the garret and there at the base of the flag-staff came upon three old Transvaal flags, one which was still attached to the halyards.

When I returned to camp, I gave one of them to my messmate and resolved to bring the others home. While we remained at Boksburg I had no trouble with them but later, during our heavy marching with Hart, I found them a constant nuisance. Generally I was able to put them on the transports by rolling them in the blanket bales. At night I used them for a pillow. But frequently, when owing to the quantity of loot our officers were carrying, the examination of the baggage became more rigid, I was compelled to carry them.

The extra bundle in my hands was a constant source of annoyance and its weight though slight in itself became an important and unpleasant item at the end of a thirty miles march. Time and again, particularly when we were extending on the eve of an expected engagement I was on the point of throwing them away, but luckily I refrained, and finally brought them safely to Cape Town."

Songs of the Makers of Canada.

Dr. J. D. Logan, more familiarly known to his classmates as "Mashie" has issued a little volume of poems, entitled, "The Makers of Canada". In the introduction to the book he treats of the "Genius and Distinctions of Canadian Poetry" and it must afford pleasure to all Nova Scotians to find that the first significant Canadian poet was the Reverend James MacGregor, the missionary.

The poems themselves are divided into two classes, first "Songs of the Makers of Canada" and secondly "Homeland Lyrics". The thought that the honour has fallen to one of our fellow Dalhousians in being the first to immortalise our great Canadian heroes, gives us indeed, cause to be proud of our Alma Mater. He sings of Jacques Cartier, the dauntless discoverer, the 'bold sea-rover', 'instrument of God'; of Champlain, the first Canadian whose 'just mind' raised here the throne of Christian empire; of Laval, 'the High Priest of Knowledge' the first great Educationist; of Frontenac, 'the Staunch warrior and 'Lord of Strategy', whose 'intrepid heart' guarded Canada against the ravages of the cruel Iroquois; of Wolfe, the illustrious victor and 'immortal hero' of the Plains of Abraham; of Brock the valiant leader who fell at Queens-town Heights, daring death for his country's sake; of Drummond the 'indomitable soldier' who marshalled our forces to victory at Lundy's Lane; of Ryerson, 'the wise son of Canada', who founded our public school system; of Howe, the champion of self government, the 'great soul' who brought his people liberty; of MacDonald, the Confederationist, who welded the states of our country into our great Dominion; and of Laurier the 'prophetic imperialist' of the present day.

With regard to the second division of this series, the Homeland Lyrics, there is one poem in particular which will be of especial interest to Nova Scotians, entitled "My Scotia by the Sea". It depicts the feelings of the native son towards his homeland, Scotland, and these feelings are very aptly expressed in the Gaelic words 'a grah geal mo chroidhe', which means 'oh, bright love of my heart.' The metre and rhythm are very pretty and lithesome and

the little Gaelic phrase is used most appropriately. As to the rest of the lyrics, they are simple and pleasing, having a very graceful diction.

It is not for the writer of this article to enter into a lengthly and discursive criticism of the little volume, rather leave that to the calloused critics, whose practised eyes are trained to the deficiencies of verse. A few general remarks in review of the work may not be amiss however and the first of these would be that perhaps the author has been guilty of a few trivial breaches of the rigid rules of metre and rhythm and secondly that in a few instances he has not been sufficiently delicate in his choice of adjectives which might be termed too pedantic; and lastly he has elicited criticism, probably unconsciously, by repeating words and phrases which are striking when first read but which, by repetition, are made commonplace and rather dispose the casual reader to consider them as stock pettishisms.

Before concluding, I wish to make one criticism, which does not concern the poems themselves but a statement which he makes in the "Preface". He anticipates that disparaging criticisms will be forthcoming when the poems are given to the world, but he says that such will not cause any discomfort so long as nobody questions the sane patriotism which pervades the poems, and indeed this could not justly be done. But he qualifies this statement, on reconsideration, and remarks that the only thing that would really hurt him would be to have his work ranked among the 'positive banalities of Kiplings' verse'. I would suggest that Dr. Logan be a little more considerate of the feelings of others and refrain from making such sweeping statements of condemnation of our own beloved Kipling.

In conclusion, I would liken Dr. Logan's volume to the peacock. It would be a difficult part indeed for human art to imitate the beauty of the peacock, but the bird once formed is easily despoiled of its feathers and reduced to an uncouth specimen of ornithological beauty. Let us therefore give Dr. Logan the credit of forming the bird and not take upon ourselves the inglorious task of robbing it of its plumage.

O. B. J.

College Notes.

Y. M. C. A. January 20. This was the reopening meeting of the society after the Xmas vacation. The secretary Mr. A. D. MacDonald, B.A., occupied the chair, while the speaker for the evening was Mr. C. W. Bishop who gave an interesting and thorough address, an apologetic for the existence of Student Associations.

January 21. The first meeting of the Sunday afternoon series of the Y. M. C. A. was addressed by Mr. C. W. Bishop who gave a very instructive and complete report of the Worlds' Student Conference at Constantinople in 1910, impressing the significance of such an assembly where all countries of the world were represented.

Professor Howe was chairman and Mrs. Hawkins sang a solo which was very much appreciated by the audience.

January 27. Mr. C. L. Gass, B. A. was the speaker for the evening—subject "The Theory of Life". Mr. Gass gave a very good address and several others spoke from the audience.

February 3rd. This meeting was a union of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. represented by Miss Bessie Maycock, B. A. and Mr. W. C. Ross, B. A. The subject was "Sincerity", the chairman Mr. H. S. Davis, B. A.

Miss Maycock read a very carefully prepared paper dealing with the subject in a general way. After defining sincerity she indicated three aspects in which every one should be sincere, namely, to self, to one's companions and to God.

Mr. Ross followed in a pleasant and thoughtful manner and proceeded to outline sincerity in relation to some of the more common virtues and activities such as humility, work, friendship and religion.

Mr. Duffy from the school for the Blind sang a much appreciated solo.

February 10. The subject for discussion was "The Word of the Twentieth Century" Mr. J. A. MacMillan was leader and gave a very good address while Messrs Murchison, Gass, Kerr, McQueen and A. D. MacDonald spoke from the audience.

February 11. The speaker for the afternoon was the Rev. A. B. Cohoe of the First Baptist church. Professor Magill was chairman. In introducing the speaker he said he was pleased to be present for two reasons—the importance of the subject to a University audience, and the ability of the speaker.

Mr. Cohoe gave an excellent and very thoughtful address entitled. "The Function of the Church." Man-kind, he claimed, have a faith, that the one important thing in this universe is personality and its possibility. The church therefore is an organization which is not intended to deal specifically with reforms in society, but is rather a vehicle by which the personality of man can be aided, developed, and inspired and this primarily is the function of the church.

U. S. C. February 9. A special meeting of the Council was held in the Munro room at one o'clock for the purpose of considering the matter of Theatre Night.

It was decided to have Theatre Night at an early date and a committee of five were appointed with full powers to make arrangements.

Mr. J. P. McQueen gave notice that at a subsequent meeting he would move that the second semi-annual meeting of the Council should be held on the last Monday in March.

Mr. Boyd Crowe gave notice that he intended at a later meeting to make a motion whereby the Dental faculty have rights in the Council equal to those of the other faculties.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Sodales.—February 1. The debate was between representatives of Art 12-14 and 13-15 and resulted in a win for the former. The subject was "Resolved that trusts are more injurious to society than trade unions". Messrs. F. D. Graham and G. M. MacLean supported the resolution while Messrs K. Mahabir and W. K. MacKay opposed it. The judges were Messrs J. C. McDonald, B. A., Swanson, and McQueen.

February 8. This, the last debate of the interfaculty series was between Law and Medicine. Messrs A. A. Dysart and L. H. Stack represented Law and as no person appeared for Medicine the debate was given to Law by default, thus placing them at the head of the league. The standing is as follows.

	Won.	Lost.
Law	3.....	0
Arts 12-14	2.....	1
Arts 13-15	1.....	2
Medicine	0.....	3

Arts and Science.—January 26. This was the reopening meeting of the society for the spring term. Mr. J. P. McQueen reported concerning the Halifax and Dartmouth Young Men's Debating League that all necessary arrangements have been completed. Discussion followed concerning the advisability of this society entering the league which on motion was left in the hands of the executive who should have power to withdraw at any time if it becomes difficult to procure suitable men to take the debates.

The subject discussed was "Resolved that publicity increases crime" Messrs B. C. Salter and B. D. Earle spoke in favor of the resolution while Messrs J. S. Nickerson and J. W. MacAskill opposed it.

There was no general discussion and on a vote being, taken the resolution was sustained. Mr. J. P. McQueen gave a very instructive critique.

February 2 "Resolved that the increase in the cost of living is unnecessary and unfair to the majority." The affirmative was supported by Messrs R. Clayton and W. M. Billman and opposed by Messrs M. McLeod and P. MacAulay.

The general discussion was shared in by Messrs J. M. S. MacCabe, G. K. King and J. P. McQueen. The resolution was lost. Mr. Swanson was critic. The question of

having printed notices for the Arts and Science meetings was brought up by the President. It was decided that they be obtained and the secretary was empowered to look after the matter.

"Pawns and Pieces" Chess Club.

The Chess Club during the winter months has been in a very prosperous state. The addition of experienced players, and of several beginners, brought forward by the instruction of Dr. MacMechan, has produced play both exciting and of exceptionally high standard. An interesting match was played with the instructors of the Deaf and Dumb School, resulting in a victory for "Pawns and Pieces"—three games won and two lost. A return match with these gentlemen and an expedition to Windsor to do battle with the representatives of Kings' College, is shortly promised.

"Pawns and Pieces" meets every Thursday afternoon at 5 p. m. in the Gazette Room, where all players and beginners are welcomed. The Club is open to members of both sexes.

Dalhousie's "Theatre Night".

In writing an account of our "Theatre Night" celebration at the Academy of Music I shall confine myself almost wholly to the student part in the performance and merely mention the other phases of the evening's entertainment.

Saturday February 17th or rather the evening of that date was chosen for our celebration. The play then completing a full week's booking at the Academy was "The Geisha Girl," a Japanese play, staged by the amateur talent of the city assisted by the officers of H. M. C. S.

Niobe, all under the competent direction of a good friend of Dalhousians, Miss Agnes Crawford. All the performers played their parts exceptionally well and showed no signs of fatigue after their continued performances. Saturday night's production was up to the standard of its predecessors and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The gallery was as usual reserved for the students, Medicine having the south side, Law the north and Arts the centre, with Pine Hill and Tech. anywhere there was a vacant seat. Each faculty had its own decorations in front of its part of the balcony, medicine having a banner with the skull and crossbones in prominence, Law's battle flag representing a statue of Justice weighing Law and Medicine in the balances with the small weights for the Med's. In front of the Arts' section there was a large banner with "Arts and Science" in black letters, and on either side of this centre piece were hung a number of small college and class banners. The decorations were on the whole good with Arts having a shade of superiority over the other two faculties in this respect. The "Black and Gold" was also prominent on the stage. Several of the performers carried yellow parasols, others wore college ribbons or had "D" stamped on their fans, others had college and class banners and in this connection the senior class carried off the honours as practically all the flags bore the 1912 numerals.

The student programme was in two parts. From 8 o'clock until the curtain rose for the first act they entertained the audience with the College, Faculty and Class yells, and several College songs. The Arts and Science boys also rendered a parody on the members of the Senate. A disappointing feature of the musical programme was the failure of Medicine to take any part. Beyond their wacry and a little rather injudicious interrupting of the other faculties the Med's took little part in the performance altho' they are to be complimented for having procured some of the best and most original lantern-slides ever shown in a performance of that kind. The second part of the programme came between the acts. It was not a very pronounced success, for several reasons. The college octette, some of whose members occupied seats of great prominence in the front of the balcony, did not get an

opportunity to render its selections. The first College chorus was fairly well rendered and then came the slides. After a few had been thrown on the screen, some of the sophomores made a successful attempt to spoil the show by bombarding the operator with vegetable matter of various kinds. To avoid a disturbance the lantern performance was discontinued and the balance of the intermission with the sole exception of a song by the Law students was given up to a rather blatant passage at arms between the Freshmen and Sophomores, both classes seemingly having lost whatever self restraint they ever had. The spoiling of the lantern programme was nothing short of an outrage and the Sophomores or some of them at least, are deserving of little short of contempt for their action which was that of a crowd of squealers not men enough to take the same medicine they had prepared for others and abounding in the sort of courage which it takes to strike a person from ambush or in the dark.

Law carried off the inter-faculty honours in the way of songs, one of which sung by Mr. Quinn from the stage, with the law students joining in the chorus from the balcony was the undoubted hit of the evening. Medicine as already said had nothing special except the lantern slides, those which were shown being very good. To the Arts faculty must be given credit for leading in the decorating line. Arts made a forward step this year in connection with "Theatre Night" and it is to be hoped this will be continued. The officers of the various faculties are to be complimented on the success of the programme and the U. S. C. committee who had charge of all arrangements are also deserving of great credit. The members of this committee were Messers H. P. Bell (chairman) M. R. McGregor, Lyons, Bethune and Crowe.

The writer cannot close without saying a word regarding "Theatre Night" as a whole. This year the performance was something of a disappointment. This arose from no fault of the play and from no fault of those in charge of our programme. The reason lay for the most part in the students themselves. There was too much bickering and hostility between the Faculties and the classes. If one class has a song or yell there is no reason why they should not be allowed to give it without interruptions from the

others and the same applies to the faculty songs. Another point which was very noticeable was that a large number of the students did not take the trouble to attend the performance. This is to be regretted as all should try to make "Theatre Night" a success. It would seem that the best way of having our celebration is to have our own Dramatic Club stage the play for our night at the Academy. This would interest the students more and would be more largely attended by them, it would be more interesting and college hits could be introduced to better effect. On the whole it would seem that our "Theatre Night" this year is one of the best arguments that can be advanced for the continuance and support of our Dalhousie Dramatic Club which is the only agency capable of giving us a successful Dalhousie night at the Academy.

J. P. M.

Senior Leap Year Dance.

The Waegwoltic Club House has seen many a gay, enjoyable party and many such parties from Dalhousie; but it is safe to say that not for a long time did its walls contain such feelings of novel pleasure, as when on Monday, January twenty-ninth, so-called "stately seniors" enjoyed their Leap Year Dance.

The ladies, unaccustomed to taking the initiative in such matters, with unnecessarily beating hearts awaited the acceptance of their invitations, and the arrival of their partners. At eight o'clock the invasion of the ball room began, the gentlemen marching between two lines of ladies, who were there doubtless as a bodyguard to the procession.

Mrs. Estey, who has on more than one occasion graced the festive circles of the '12 class, again favored the class with her presence, as chaperone, to the decided satisfaction and pleasure of all.

And then it began, the ladies requesting the dances which were all too readily granted, and the, shall we say wicked boys, enjoying the reluctance with which their partners entered upon their Leap Year privileges. It is doubtful if Woman Suffrage received much mental support that night at the Waegwoltic. Waltz, two-step, gavotte; gavotte, two-step and waltz, with topics for the more sober-minded, thus it went through the whole evening, each order apparently more pleasing than the last. But what are those papers containing oracles from the gods that hang around in different places? Few ever found out. Miss Janet McDonald and Miss Annie Murray alone, who won first and second prizes respectively discovered the poetic connection between the lines, which, placed in proper order, formed a pleasing Leap Year Poem.

At half-past eleven, after the usual cheering and singing, especially the doxology, "Should Auld Acquaintance be Forgotten?" the happy gathering made their way home, those who walked consuming the usual time in the act, while some who took the car, it is rumored, were enabled to lengthen the time and distance considerably. But time and space were small objections to a crowd of students elated with the success of a party admitted by all to have been the "Best yet".

J. K. M. 12

Senior Sleigh Drive.

"One starry winter night we thought we'd take a ride,
And soon each had a lass a-seated by his side."

For some days we had been longingly scanning the notice boards for news, but none was forthcoming. At last, it was on the morning of Thursday, February 15th, the summons came. "College, to-night, 7.30 sharp, D. V. W. P." it read. That being interpreted meant that the Senior Sleigh Drive would leave the college that night at seven thirty, if the walking kept good. So much for

intentions. We were all there on time, except a few who came later, but the caravans did not call for us until 8.30, so naturally the drive started at 8.30. When the sleighs came in sight we all rushed for reserved seats, but most of us were content with general admission and only two of our number had balcony tickets. Professor and Mrs. Moore accompanied us to set the course. We first went out the road which eventually leads to the city of the Dutch and branching thence we journeyed by the road to Rocking Horses back to the city once more. While on the country roads we saluted every man, woman and child by the way and were courteously saluted in return (as a rule). As we drove along we rendered our battle cries and war songs and all enjoyed the trip immensely. Better things however were to follow. As we drew nigh to the city on our return trip, whispered instructions to the helmsman caused a change in our course and a volunteer from our number ascended the bridge and assisted the steersman to bring us safely to the haven. Once arrived we were hospitably received by the "Lady of Armdale" and after feasting sumptuously, we adjourned to the room of music books where a fair lady of our number, assisted by the piano, rendered sweet strains of music and we sang the songs of our Alma Mater. Special mention should be made of the "Delta Gamma" chorus as rendered by the ladies of the party. The time passed all too quickly and soon we sang "Should Auld Acquaintance be Forgot" and departed homeward, after thanking our hostess Mrs. Grant, our classmate Gerald and the ladies of the class, for a very pleasant evening. The closing feature of the programme was a sprint to catch the southbound car. Most were successful in doing so. Those who went north walked owing to a pronounced scarcity of cars and our drive was a thing of the past. What matters it? We had one of our most enjoyable outings and one which we shall not soon forget.

M. P. J. '12.

The Jolly Junior Sleigh Drive.

Tuesday evening, the 5th of February, saw the successful termination of another Jolly Junior function. It was the occasion of the annual sleigh drive of the Junior Class.

The meeting place was,—“that place of all abodes the best,”—the ladies' waiting Room. By 7.30 p. m. some forty happy, joyous care-free Juniors were assembled together, and leaving the college, were conveyed by Robinson's swift, snow-white steeds, through the city, and thence to Fairview and along the shores of Bedford Basin, which lay at one's feet dressed in its winter garb of ice.

The evening was all that could be desired; the zero weather, which had prevailed for a fortnight previously, had become milder. The "wandering moon", at appropriate moments, "her head bowed, stooping through a fleecy cloud", Songs, classical and ragtime, filled the joyous air. Here and there, the startled citizens of Rockingham and Bedford woke from their quiet slumbers to hear the blood curdling yell of the 1913 class as shouted from forty lusty throats. Important subjects of the day were discussed, "Church Union?" receiving particular attention especially from the persons seated in the corners. After having driven some ten miles, the return trip commenced and about 10.30 p.m. the two teams came to a halt before the well known refreshment rooms on George Street, where a delicious luncheon had been prepared under the especial care of the famous 1913 Epicurean, Mr. B. C. Salter. Speeches were made by the class President, Mr. Hawkins, Dr. Estey and others.

With three ringing cheers for the chaperones, Mrs. Macneill, Dr. and Mrs. Estey, the evening came to a close, and homeward the happy couples went, declaring that the 1913 sleigh drive was the greatest success of the season.

J. K. S.

The Law Sleigh Drive.

"There are no flies on Law."

Some twenty two of our embryo lawyers betook themselves to the Florence Hotel, February 7th, 1912, conveyed thither by Fraser Bros. big four horsed sleigh. The drive was the first of its kind ever attempted by the Law School and it was a howling success from start to finish, with the accent on the howling. Words fail to describe the unanimity with which the boys combined together to have a good time. Turkey suppers, Reciprocity speeches, and selections from the Habitant formed part of the program, orations on loyalty, select vocal pieces and "Houlihan" also served to enliven the crowd. No one there should have doubted that all were loyal subjects of His Sovereign Majesty King George V., yet there were some who did. The presence of a party of "Queen's", unprotected, nearly caused a panic but after taking one flight, the stock settled down and before another perceptible rise could be seen, our party were snugly packed in the sleighs ready for the return journey. Many did not want to leave the Hotel for various reasons, the principal one being the "Queen's" with whom they desired to dance some of the latest innovations in the gliding line. The trip was made in easy stages and the intervals were spent in the study of astronomy and admiring the beautiful waterfalls in the vicinity. Towards the "wee sma' hours" the happy company disbanded, some to go westward, others eastward, all intent on one purpose, however hard that might have been, to get home as quickly as possible. If a vote were taken it would be unanimous in its thanks to our committee and hostess Macdonald for the splendid entertainment we received.

Dalhousie Skating Club.

The elements have so far been very kind to the club. The two sessions at the South End Rink, on January 24th and 31st, were thoroughly enjoyable affairs. Unfortunately the latter "rink night" conflicted with the game of hockey, between Kings and Dalhousie but this was unavoidable.

On February 7th, Mrs. Murray Macneill and Prof. Howe served tea to the hungry mob and made such extensive preparations, that alas soup, coffee, cake, etc., galore were left over in spite of the strenuous efforts of all present to prevent the waste.

St. Valentine's Night witnessed the first Dalhousie Carnival. Great doubt had been felt by many about the feasibility of such an affair. It was thought that the students who did not live in the city and were away from home, would find great difficulty in obtaining costumes. However all were agreeably surprised. The carnival was a great success. The costumes though not elaborate, showed great originality and taste and the rink presented a very pretty appearance.

Following the good example set by Mrs. Macneill on the previous rink night, the girls of the club served refreshments, some of the girls devoting all their time to this task, to the exclusion of skating. The ice was good. Dalhousie Night is all right.

Sophomore Sleigh Drive.

One recent Friday evening, the Sophomores succeeded in stealing a march on the Freshmen, and having met at the appointed rendezvous they climbed aboard the waiting carry-alls, and evading all scouts and spies from the enemies, camp, made their way through their lines and reached the open country.

Fortune favored the bold Sophs. and Luna shone in all her splendour on snow that crunched under the sleighs. The eight-mile drive was all too short and their destination the Florence Hotel soon loomed into view.

After a short time they proceeded to do justice to the deposed *Seetam* and all the other good things provided by the genial proprietor. After dining, the president, in a witty speech, thanked the chaperons Professor and Mrs. Bronson, Professor and Mrs. Moore for their efficient services. Prof. Bronson, in reply, said that he realized, on such occasions, the benefits of co-education. Professor Moore outlined the duties of an ideal chaperon in a way which was quite in accordance with the views of every Soph.

Dancing and games followed, until the "wee sma hours" were about to announce themselves, when the Sophs again sought the sleighs and the moonlit road, lustily singing "Where, oh where are the verdant Freshman."

Mr. Justice Riddell's Visit.

The students of the Law School had the great privilege on Monday, February 5th, 1912, of hearing Mr. Justice Riddell, an eminent jurist of Ontario. Dean Weldon in a few well chosen words introduced the learned speaker to the large gathering of students who assembled in the Law Library on this occasion.

Mr. Justice Riddell expressed his great pleasure at being able to address our students and dwelt upon the great part the legal profession was playing in the upbuilding, progress and governing of Canada. The lawyer should not be afraid to take remuneration for his labors for the labourer is always worthy of his hire. This however should not be his highest aim. His highest aim should be to work for the love of his profession and to accumulate as much knowledge of the various branches of our legal system as is possible.

Canada is to be the great country of the future and to the college students of the present, must be left the great

burden of making or marring that future. The law students especially, the men who are trained to make and administer our laws, must bear a double burden in this respect, which should be most assiduously prepared for. They are the future premiers of the Dominion and our provinces, the future Chief Justices and Judges, the future holders of the destiny of our country. On them will fall the mantle of the great men, the sands of whose hour glass are fast running out. Canada must be a wealthy country; her natural resources unsurpassed by any other country in the world, will make her rich and prosperous. But will she be a God fearing, peace loving, law abiding country? Will she be an object of pride or pity to the world? Will she hold fast to the great British constitution on which she is founded? These questions must be answered by the generation that is now growing up, the Canadian college students of to-day.

Amid a hearty round of applause the learned Judge resumed his seat. A vote of thanks was tendered him on behalf of the students by Dean Weldon who endorsed everything he had said. Then the meeting broke up with the familiar Law Yell "Lindley, Pollock, Anson, Beven."

Alumni Notes.

New Glasgow has made a magnificent contribution to the Forward Movement. President MacKenzie and Mr. G. S. Campbell, chairman of the Board of Governors, obtained subscriptions, amounting to about \$25,000, as the result of one day's canvass in Pictou's leading town. Dr. MacKenzie and Mr. Campbell met with a warm welcome and found the men of New Glasgow alive to the value of higher education and enthusiastic over the upbuilding of Dalhousie. This magnificent subscription is not all New Glasgow will give. There is still more to come.

Among the Dalhousians in New Glasgow encountered by our genial President, he recalled the following during a brief interview.

Dr. George H. Cox, B. A. '91 an ear, eye and nose specialist.

Dr. John William MacKay, who is one of the examiners in Surgery in the Faculty of Medicine of Dalhousie.

Dr. John Bell, son of the well known A. C. Bell, Canadian Senator.

Robert H. Graham, B. A. '92, L. L.B. '94, lawyer.

Hiram K. Fitzpatrick, B. A. 1885, with honours in Pure and Applied Mathematics, lawyer.

Stanley T. McCurdy, one of our oldest graduates, '77, customs appraiser at New Glasgow.

R. E. Chambers, B. A., '77, of the Nova Scotia Steel Works.

Archie McColl, Secretary of the Nova Scotia Steel Company and an ex-mayor of New Glasgow.

William M. Sedgwick, B. A. '96, manager of the transportation department of the Nova Scotia Steel Company.

Correspondence.

Answers are steadily coming to the circular sent out by the Alumni Society about last Christmas. It is especially encouraging to note that a large number of these answers are from men who become for the first time active members of the society. From here and there among the correspondence of the Secretary we pick selections to mix with the general news.

C. L. Dimock, S. B., Nova Scotia Technical College, '10, writes from Lytton, B. C. "Since leaving Halifax, I have been working for the C. N. P. Ry. Co, first on preliminary survey, then on location work, and now on construction.

The work is very heavy along here, and I am told that the estimated cost per mile is higher on this division than on any other between Edmonton and Vancouver.

The country around Lytton is very rough, but to my mind the climate is hard to beat".

Walter Murray, though *President* of the University of Saskatchewan, still sends "best wishes for the success of Dalhousie" and finds time to take an interest in our local

branch Alumni Society in that great Province, now the third in magnitude of population in the Dominion.

"I am very glad you are having such good success in your extension movement for a Greater Dalhousie and trust that some time I shall be in a position to assist in the good work" from H. F. McRae, of H.F. McRae and Co., Real Estate and Insurance Financial Agents, Prince Rupert, B. C.

Mr. W. A. Creelman, formerly of Truro Academy, now principal of Sydney Academy, has been appointed Secretary of the Cape Breton branch of the Alumni Society.

President MacKenzie has been invited to address the Canadian Club of Ottawa, on the 13th of April next.

We are very glad to hear that Miss Grace Patterson, who has been in the Sanatorium at Saranac, will soon return home in greatly improved health.

Mr. George Stairs '08, who has been in Vancouver, is home on a visit. Mr. Stairs was a few years ago a very active member of the Alumni Executive.

Word was received recently of the sudden death in Edmonton, of Charles, son of Rev. Mr. McLeod, formerly of Thorburn. The deceased young man was very well known and well liked here. He was engaged in the real estate business, a member of the firm of Seton-Smith Co. The cause of demise was appendicitis and heart trouble.

A matrimonial event, of more than ordinary interest, was celebrated recently at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Daviss, Dartmouth, when their eldest daughter, Miss Beatrice Elinor was united in marriage to Mr. John Cahan, the second son of C. H. Cahan, K. C. of Montreal.

The bride is one of the most accomplished young ladies of the city. She is a bachelor of music of Dalhousie University, having taken the degree in 1909. Miss Daviss has the reputation of being one of the most accomplished pianist in the Province. The bridegroom is a Civil Engineer from the same University as Miss Daviss.

Rev. Dr. Stewart, Professor of History in the Halifax Presbyterian College and an old friend of the family, prethe ceremony which was attended only by relatives and intimate friends of the two families concerned.

The couple left by the Maritime Express in the afternoon for Montreal en route to Vancouver, but in the Spring Mr. and Mrs. Cahan will remove to Prince Rupert where Mr. Cahan has accepted the position of engineer of construction with the Power Company at that city. Recently Mr. Cahan has been engineer of construction on the new building for the University of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon.

1911 Class Memorial.

Early in December Mr. H. P. Bell, on behalf of his class presented to the Biological Laboratory a valuable microscope, this being the first installment of the 1911 Class Memorial which is to be devoted to the purchasing of equipment for the Biological Department. Mr. Bell and his class have lost no time in this connection, and we can only thank them for what they have done and at the same time be looking for more to come.

The Late Hon. B. F. Pearson.

Extracts form "An Appreciation" of the late Hon. B. F. Pearson, by F. H. Bell, K. C., Halifax, Morning Chronicle, Feby. 1st, 1912.

Benjamin Franklin Pearson was born at Truro, Colchester County, on the 4th of April, 1855.

He was educated at the public school in Truro and entered Dalhousie College in the term of 1871, but the requirements of his father's business prevented him from remaining more than one year at College. In 1881 he removed to Halifax, when he was admitted to the Bar, and entered into partnership with Mr. O. S. Weeks.

There can be little doubt that if Mr. Pearson had applied himself assiduously to the ordinary duties of a practising barrister, he would have achieved high rank. But the speculative mercantile instinct was too strong in him for the slower work of drawing conveyances or trying

cases, and he early embarked on the work of company organization and industrial establishment, in which his life was to be spent.

His first important reconstruction was in 1889, when he bought out the rights of the Bell Telephone Company in this Province and established the Nova Scotia Telephone Company. His next venture was on a much larger scale—the organization of the Dominion Coal Company. Later, in 1889, in conjunction with the same men he brought into existence the Dominion Steel Company, largely to supply a market for the enormously increased output of the Coal Company.

In the interval, one of his most important achievements was effected in this City. In 1895, Mr. Pearson had succeeded in again interesting foreign capital, and brought into existence the Halifax Electric Tram Company.

In 1899, on the death of Mr. Charles Annand, he acquired the Morning Chronicle, which he subsequently transferred to the Chronicle Publishing Company, of which he was President, and in which he retained an active interest until his death.

It is needless to say with such a record of business activity that Mr. Pearson was a man of large views and wide outlook, with power both of organization and administration, of a high order. He possessed a singular power of enlisting the interest of other men and securing their co-operation and assistance. In both business life and in private, he was a man of wide sympathies and warm, impulsive disposition. His wide-reaching business relations never seemed to disturb the charm and urbanity of his manner, nor the kindness of his disposition.

To the persons associated with him in his numerous enterprises, he was true as steel, always ready at the time of trial to sacrifice his own interests rather than to allow loss to befall those who had assisted him. To everybody he was ready at all times to give all the assistance in his power, whether by advice, or if possible, by co-operation or financial aid. Probably in all Nova Scotia no man will leave behind him more friends or fewer enemies.

F. H. Bell.

ATHLETICS

Hockey.

Dal. 3.—St. F. X. 2.

Eighteen years is a long time for a record to stand, but the St. Francis Xavier boys may justly claim that for nearly that space of time their hockey colors were never lowered in their own rink. In fact since their spacious structure for skating purposes was first opened they never met defeat on home ice until the memorable night of Thursday, February 22nd when after a hard and closely contested game the Tigers pulled the winning end of a 3—2 score. The ice was heavy and this prevented combination play but some very good individual work was witnessed. For the first thirty minutes the puck was chased from end to end with no score. St. F. X. had slightly the better of the game but they could not get by "Normie" and the two big Littles. In the second half Dal. scored three in a row, Gray, F. Little and Fraser contributing one each. The Saints then took a new lease and notched up two, Fraser and Sears turning the trick but they couldn't fool McKay again and the game ended 3—2. The play was clean with few penalties and only one player injured, Wiswell, our crack center having his knee very badly cut. A brief summary of the game would be that the St. F. X. forwards excelled ours while the Tiger defence surpassed the "Saints." Harry Scott the New Glasgow professional star refereed fairly and impartially.

The teams faced the rubber as follows.

Dal.		St. F. X.
McKay.	Goal.	Gregory.
G. Little.	Point.	Dwyer.
F. Little. (Capt.)	Cover Point.	F. McDonald. (Capt.)
Gray.	Rover.	Reardon.
Wiswell.	Center.	Fraser.
McGregor.	L. Wing.	Morrison.
Fraser.	R. Wing.	Sears.

The return game was ticketed for the South End Rink, Halifax, on Wednesday, February 28th. Owing to a misunderstanding between the players, the skaters and the lights, the game was not finished but was called off with fifteen minutes of the second half still to play and the score 2—1 for St. F. X., Harry Scott who again held the whistle declaring it "no game". During the first half the "Saints" had easily the better of the play and scored two goals to our nil, Dal's defence being worked to the limit to save a larger score. In the second half however the Tigers put on steam and after ten minutes play McGregor scored our sole tally. When the game was called off Dal. undoubtedly had things their own way and were going better all the time. The F. X. line up was the same as in the previous game while there was one change in ours, MacArthur going on at point and G. Little taking Wiswell's place at center. Scott's refereeing was again all that could be desired.

Inter-Faculty Hockey this winter has aroused unusual interest and some very good games were witnessed. The final results show that Arts '13 & '15 have won the League, having won every game they played and with only one goal scored against them all season. Their team includes four of the first hockey team and is well balanced, with a fast forward line and an exceptionally strong defence. They played clean, heady hockey throughout and well deserved their win.

The following composed the team.

Goal.	McKay.
Point.	F. Graham.
Cover Point	MacArthur.
Rover.	G. Little.
Center.	Gray.
Wings.	Dobson, Hawkins.
	Blair, MacAloney.



Basket Ball.

This line of sport, which was for some years dormant at Dalhousie, has now revived and a team has been developed quite capable of upholding the name of our College in indoor athletics. So far the University Basket-Ball team has played four games and has won three, being defeated at Wolfville by the Acadia team and winning from the Yarmouth team, Sydney and the city Y. M. C. A. This is a branch of sport that should be encouraged and developed and we trust that steps will be taken to do so.

The following have played two or more games for the College.

James '12, Marsters '12, Graham '13, Mahon '14, Cowan '14, MacDonald '15, Earle '12.

As we go to press we receive the pleasing tidings that in a return game between Acadia and the Tiger Team, our boys were victorious 27—23.

Any Old Thing—With Apologies to Nobody.

My task is this,—to solve, in verse,
The riddle of our universe.
Thales down the law has laid—
"Out of water are things made,"
And earth, and air, and fire were used,
Till all in Pedocles were fused.
Atoms, next, were all the cry:
Then Socrates, who would not try.
Plato had "ideas" on high
And we on earth for them do sigh.
But Totle was of different mind:
His "ideas" in things we find.
And to these ancient guesses mad
Our modern works do little add.
But wait! 'way back to times of "thinkers" prior,
There were some men with sacred fire;
And these (for me) the riddle have read,
"Know thyself" is what they said.

STRICTLY ANONYMOUS.

[The writer of these noble lines has been in a rather misanthropic mood lately, and could not stand the gratulations which would be showered on him. Requiescat in pace!—EDITOR.]



The Kings College Record from its pinnacle of perfection, says:

"We must confess to a feeling of disappointment on reading the November Number of "Dalhousie Gazette." However interesting the magazine may be to present members of the University, we cannot help feeling that there is a lack of anything really worth reading to those unacquainted with the undergraduates. The prominence given to the collection of jokes of a rather indifferent order in which the words "Freshie" and "Soph" recurs so frequently, is rather unfortunate. We trust that the editors' rebuke to the selfish man who allows his classmates to do all the work, will bear fruit. If anything is wrong with a college magazine, it is not the fault of those who do, but of those who do not contribute. Dalhousie Gazette should be one of the best college magazines in the Maritime Provinces". Criticisms are judged and weighed by the standard of the critic, and while we know that the Gazette is far from being a model paper, we feel perfectly assured that it at least is not inferior to the "Record". It is our aim to meet the demands of all classes, the undergraduate, the graduate and the public at large. Our magazine is essentially an undergraduate magazine, for the greater part of our subscribers are undergraduates, and whom should we cater to but those who pay their good money that they may read something that is interesting to them. If the majority of the Record's subscribers were undergraduates, they would have a very small circulation, and so they have to go outside to get their readers. Circumstances alter cases, and because of our circumstances we try to interest all classes, but principally the undergraduates.

"The Scroll" as is usual, presents an attractive appearance. It always has a good word to say for "The Gazette" That is right, ladies, boost, don't knock, we find enough knockers around Nova Scotia, without going elsewhere for them. Your matter is excellent, your caricatures apt and your exchanges are as refreshing as a mouthful of cool water is to the thirsty traveller in the Great Sahara.

"The University Monthly" contains an article entitled "The Faculty and the Students" which might well be read by everyone in Dalhousie. To quote "Not least among the existing blemishes which are working against the accomplishment of more successful results in our colleges, is the very apparent lack of co-operation, or rather in many cases the antagonism between the faculties and the students.

The members of the faculty as a general rule think that the students do not work enough, that they are too much given up to social pursuits or pay too much attention to athletics, in short that they are wasting their time and are not making the most of their opportunities. The students on the other hand, feel that outside the lecture rooms the professors have but slight interest in them or their affairs, that their attitude towards athletics is not as favorable as should be and that on the whole a constant vigilance must be kept to prevent any of those deeply revered and venerable customs—whose origin by the way is shrouded in mystery—being wrested from them."

Other exchanges received with thanks:—*The Inter-collegian, Manitoba College Journal, Xaverian, The Student, The Theologue, The Acadia Athenaeum, Queen's Journal, McGill Daily, Educational Review, Our Dumb Animals, Normal College Gazette, Western University Gazette, The Gateway, The O. A. C. Review, The Maritime Student's Agriculturalist, Blue and White, McMaster University Monthly, St. John's College Magazine, The Mitre, The Scientific American, Shepody Loyal and the Western Weekly Reports.*

Dalhousiensia.

Note from a recent Latin paper.

(1). Take care that the Swish of the *oxide* does not make its noise on your back."

(Prof's. comment.—"A rather strong *reaction*.)

Chr--st-e.—(3rd year law) at Photograph Studio.
"How do you get this hood to stay on your head anyway."

At table d'hote dinner held near Bedford.

McG--r.—"Cu--ie do you understand French".

Cu--ie "Not a word".

McG--r "Waiter being my friend and myself a bottle of rare old *vin ordinaire*."

"Ah "yawned Da--s "this world is but a gloomy prison".

"To those in solitary confinement" remarked his female companion".

Sm-ley—"February 4, and 3 days of grace, makes it February 7, does it not sir?"

Professor "Quite correct. Mr. Sm-ley, you seem to know a lot about dates for a married man".

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Sophette.—(translating sight in Latin II.) "When the swords are removed the mother-in-laws and son-in-laws shake hands."

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1. Why doesn't Freshie Y--ng wear his spats now?
2. Who is Kemp's Barber?

The Bills and Notes class at its last meeting decided unanimously to ask the Law Hockey coach the following question. "Is your talk convincing, does it win, or is it just Talk?"

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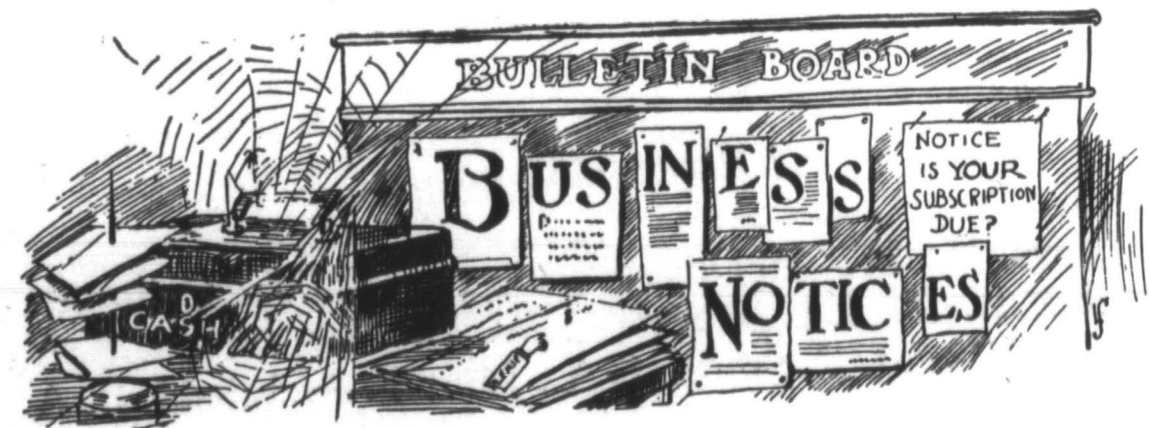
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