



THE TRIAL DEBATE.

On the evening of Tuesday the twenty-second, took place the annual intercollegiate trial debate. As usual the H. L. C. hall was the arena. It had been hoped that President MacKenzie would be chairman, but owing to an unfortunate circumstance for which he has our sincere sympathy, it was impossible for him to be with us. In his absence Dr. Forest very kindly consented to fill the vacant chair. An unusually large audience assembled to hear the debate. A few college songs and yells, interspersed here and there by strains of Chopin, Mozart, Beethoven and Litz from the distant practice rooms, together with a few introductory remarks from the Chairman, constituted the prelude to the main feature of the evening.

"Resolved that the Canadian Tariff should be amended by a reduction in the protective element" is the subject this year for our annual intercollegiate debate.

Mr. Howard Dawson opened for the affirmative. His speech was excellent. The arrangement of his arguments was natural and clear, and he handled his subject like a master. The only advice which we could offer is "More Steam," for Mr. Dawson has everything else that could be desired.

Mr. T. A. Campbell opened for the negative. True to the highest traditions of Adam Smith, John Stewart Mill and others, Mr. Campbell's speech took the form of a dissertation in economics. Not satisfied with the superficial view of things the speaker dug right down to fundamental principles. Without hesitation or a pause of any kind, full of sound logic and with lots of force and vivacity. Mr. Campbell's speech is one that will not soon be forgotten, and his closing was nothing short of a veritable masterpiece in antithesis.

Mr. Rattee continued the argument for the affirmative. Every one expected him to do well, and he certainly lived up to the highest expectations. His speech was good in every respect and the Gazette is glad to learn that he has been chosen to lead our team, we hope, to victory.

Jack MacDonald followed. He is always good, but this time excelled himself. With the possible exception of the preceding speaker, Jack was the only one who got complete control of his audience. From the standpoint of pure oratory and diction, and for grace of expression, be it said with due deference to those who made the team, Jack's was the best speech of the evening.

Bounce Shreve next took the stand. If he excelled in anything, it was in speed. He crammed more into fifteen minutes than an ordinary speaker could get into a half hour. To be more forcible, Mr. Shreve must put some sort of a governor on his tongue. Though his delivery was not of

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DALHOUSIE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS

May go to Niagara on the Lake.

A PLAN is on foot to have all the Officers Training Corps connected with the Eastern Universities assemble in the spring for about 12 days drill. This drill will be carried on much the same scale as the regular drills which take place every year for the regulars of the Canadian Militia.

The McGill Regiment are endeavoring to hold a spring camp and Captain Magee of Montreal made formal application at Ottawa for it. As to this he could say nothing definite, but stated that the regulations of the Officers Training Corps called for the camp to be held this year and that there was every indication it would take place.

Should the negotiations prove favorable it is likely that the Universities of Toronto, Dalhousie, and McGill will unite in holding this camp.

It is stated that in all likelihood the camp will take place about May 1 to May 14. This would allow Dalhousie students two days to make the trip and to return.

Convocation takes place at Dalhousie on Thursday, May 6, but as examinations are all over by May 1st, most of the students would gladly leave for the camp. Dalhousie students would willingly sacrifice the exercises of the last week in order to attend the camp.

The probable location of the camp would be at Niagara on the Lake, near to Toronto. Owing to the time of the year the camp must take place in some warm district, and this would prove the most suitable place.

It is to be hoped that this movement will be carried through by the Dominion Government as it will aid materially in training first class officers for the Canadian Militia.

Certain Dalhousie students are at present planning to perfect their course at Wellington Barracks, in this city, but they gladly welcome the chance of co-operating with McGill and Toronto for a spring camp in the Officers' Training Corps.

MEETING OF THE LAW SOCIETY.

There was a meeting of the Law Society on Friday last, in the Moot Court Room.

In the absence of E. R. Macnutt, the meeting was presided over by R. F. Yeoman. Several important matters were discussed, including the university dinner to the students going away on the Second Contingent.

The Interclass Hockey League was considered. C. R. Barry was appointed captain of the Law hockey team, and a levy was decreed to cover expenses.

DALHOUSIANS TO DINE.

MEMBERS OF ALUMNI, FACULTY AND STUDENT BODY WILL ATTEND.

The dinner to be tendered the Dalhousians leaving for the front with the second contingent promises to be a brilliant affair, and it will certainly be unique, in that it is the first time that the undergrads of all faculties will join with members of the alumni and faculty around the festive board, to wish fellow students bon voyage and a safe return.

The function is scheduled for the Halifax Hotel next week, and the list of guests will include not only those who have left Dalhousie during the present season but also past graduates. It is certainly expected that all students who can possibly take in the dinner will do so, for we know that it will be an occasion long to be remembered, and we feel that all will look back with pride and pleasure to the night when they bade farewell and good luck to their fellow students who are sacrificing so much in answering the Empire's call.

Invitations to Capt. E. G. Chisholm, Lieut. Keeler MacKay and other Dalhousians of the overseas battery at Fredericton have been wired to them, also to the Dalhousians who are assembled at St. John, all Dalhousians who are on duty in the city will also be present.

The seating capacity of the Halifax Hotel dining room is 230 and the hope of the committee in charge is to see it filled, Music during the meal will be furnished by the Barkers-Schenk trio and all the popular songs of the day will be played, several prominent singers will be present, and with a good menu and the college crowd in good trim what more can we want to make the night go down in the history of Dalhousie functions.

CLASS DAY.

The Class of Arts '15 are contemplating making a change in Class Day proceedings, and a meeting to consider the advisability of the same will shortly be held.

The plan proposed is that of holding the affair in the evening and having a well arranged program of music, etc.

It is certainly to be hoped that the proposed plan will materialize as it will be a long desired and much needed change.

NOTICE.

All members of the Council of the Students are requested to attend an important meeting of the Council on Saturday evening, Feb. 13th, at 7.30 p. m.

By order of the President,

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TWO things are essential for the success of an Officers Training Corps in a University. The first is the active support of the student body, the second is the co-operation of the Senate and Faculties.

That which concerns us most is the attitude of the student body. Up to the Christmas Examinations, the students attended drill almost to a man. Since Christmas the attendance has fallen, 50%. The reason for such a condition of affairs becomes very evident when one looks over the Xmas pass lists. It is true that the students are required to pass the University examinations to obtain their degrees. It is true that the students do their serious studying in the second term of the session only. It is true that every hour counts when preparing for the final examinations. But do any of these reasons justify a student in dropping out of the Training Corps? We submit that it does not. There is not a student in Dalhousie who cannot afford the average daily half hour required for the drill. It is shameful that students in their desire to economise on time should sacrifice the Training Corps.

If the students refuse to actively support the Training Corps, the Senate's co-operation such as it is, will accomplish very little.

THE criticism of the Sodales Society contained in an article published elsewhere in this issue, merits consideration. Too many of our Societies are suffering from the indifference of the officers. If the student body are indifferent, it is no justification for these officers to shirk work.

YEAR BOOK.

For the past two months the discussion as to whether Dalhousie would follow the course of her larger sister universities and issue a year book or not has received considerable discussion.

The cost of such a scheme will be large, but it is almost assured that the same can be met. The only other matter to prevent such a course being taken is the work. This can also be accomplished if all will pull together and at once.

The scheme proposed is that the book shall be bound and contain the pictures of all the professors of the different faculties, members of the graduating class, pictures of the old and new university buildings, athletic teams, class histories.

That the present year is the right time is beyond doubt, for next year Dalhousie enters a new era in her history and it will be a great souvenir for the members of '15 to have with them in after life, besides this it will prove one of the best advertisements that old Dalhousie could possibly get.

Will it be published or not? The answer lies with the graduates of all faculties and will be awaited with interest by many.

ARTS AND SCIENCE DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE debate of Tuesday the 22nd, was of unusual moment. "Resolved that the Railroads of Canada should be government owned," proved to be a subject of general interest.

Mr. Room opened the discussion. He divided his subject and arranged his arguments like an old campaigner. "The Railroads of Canada" he said "After having been subsidized again and again have still failed to bring any appreciable change of rates in favor of the people. Perhaps more than in any other country, our railroads are national utilities. Possessing as we do a territory over three thousand five hundred miles across, they are absolutely essential to our unity as a nation. Were it not for their unifying effect in respect to trade and intercommunication of all kinds, British Columbia and Nova Scotia would to all intents and purposes be different countries. For this reason, if for no other, the railroads being national bands, should belong to the nation. Again, were our roads government owned, their ultimate aim would no longer be large annual dividends. Branch lines would be built in localities where today they do not exist, and thus the real needs of the people would be more truly served. Government regulation is futile. It is a weak half-hearted measure designed to meet a problem which demands nothing short of supreme government control.

By force of habit, Mr. MacNevin, the next speaker, addressed the ladies, who were conspicuous by their absence.

Government Railroads, he said, "stand for inefficiency. Financially they have failed. They are hot beds of political graft in which the sweetest tit bits of party pap are served. Were they to be established in Canada, there would indeed be wailing and gnashing of teeth, for no man indeed knows the wickedness and manifold evils thereof."

Mr. Blanchard resumed the pro-Government railroad argument. "The stock of private roads being held in part at least by foreigners, the tendency is every year for Canadian dividends to be drawn from our country. Experience has shown and is still showing, in localities where there is no competition, that private roads overcharge. The time has come in our development when such things must cease, and we will demand our right."

Mr. Anderson was the last of the four. "For two infallible reasons," he said, "which up to the present time have never been refuted, and which never shall, so long as it is the tendency of human nature to wallow in the mire and grovel for gold, I oppose this resolution." We think it better to let the arguments go at that. "Were we at this time to adopt the system which the members of the affirmative advise, we should be ground to oblivion in the wheels of industrial turmoil." Doubtless this speaker has under this over heated vociferation some sound argument, and it would be much better for him if he ceased to allegorize and try only to speak plain English.

Mr. T. A. Campbell was critic. That position, he discharged with signal success. The verdict of the judges was that the Resolution should be sustained.

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As a whole, we have no hesitation in saying that this debate was the best held in Arts and Science this year. Each speaker showed that he had studied and that he took his position seriously. After hearing discussions of this kind, Dalhousians should have no fear for future inter-collegiate combats.

January 29th

Without exaggeration this was an epoch marker in the history of the society. The subject "Resolved that Coeducation should be abolished from the university" being an interesting one, drew a large audience of both sexes. So large in fact did it become that it was found necessary to adjourn to the English Room, and even there, quarters were cramped.

Mr. Guy MacKenzie, truly a brave man, dared to open for the affirmative. "Co-education," he said, "is a fatal mistake. It is a mixture of Co and Ed, and the more Co there is, the less Ed there will be." What Co stands for, the speaker did not say, but from his arm action which was rather embracing in character, we infer that that co represents an open fire, an easy chair, a pretty girl and all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto. "Coeducation is not a broad highway but rather a narrow byway, strewn with flowers, and you seek the risk of the byway and you reck not where it leads. Socially, coeducation may be tolerated, but spiritually it is jeopardy to have such a system. It is an evil, unsafe, treacherous morass covered over with flowers so that the danger thereof may not be seen. It results in a manly woman, and a womanly man."

Robert Dawson opened for the negative. "Coeducation is a natural, and separate education an unnatural, system. I believe in Coeducation in all its phases. Let the boy and girl study from the same book." The Gazette wonders how much studying would be done especially by Dawson in such trying circumstances.

It always results in the raising of the general standard of culture among the male students. The Freshman who first leaves the protection of his mother's apron string has as much to learn in this regard as he has from books. Financially separate education would be an impossibility. We could not duplicate our professors," and then followed after this a glowing tribute to every professor in turn.

Mr. Wood followed. His speech was the feature of the evening. He staggered under the magnitude of his subject. His voice shook with emotion. His whole frame trembled, and his face was bathed in tears. "Dearly beloved brethren and sisters," he began, "will you bear with me for a season while I speak unto you of the manifold wickedness and evil of Coeducation." The audience wept in sympathy, and so the permission was granted, "As ye all indeed well know, the position of the woman is in her home. She was designed by Providence not to study all the intricacies of the anatomy of the Australian worm, but to keep the hearth bright and warm in order that her lord should have comfort. For Domestic Science and not for biology is her brain constructed. Yet," and the speaker sobbed in his anguish. "Knowing these things, ye would O ye generation of vipers, O

wicked and perverse people, take this delicate clinging creature from the protection of her fireside and expose her to all the rude experiences of the lecture room. Instead of allowing her to do that for which she was meant, ye would make her one-sided, masculine, and worst of all a spendthrift.

Let me draw a picture of the future of my opponents who will take unto themselves coeds to wife. There he will stand with his pockets turned inside out, without a farthing, cowering before his shrewish wife. He will not dare to say a word and she will O, may heaven speed that happy day when women will at last realize that their true place is at home, amen and again amen.

Mr. MacGregor followed. "Resolved that college education should be abolished from the university." Truly this gentleman places coeducation very high. Socially, it is necessary for it enables a man to get something much more valuable than book knowledge. The close mutual observation and acquaintance that is afforded by cosy corners and other kindred abodes of bliss help the student greatly. Again, by Coeducation one is made familiar with all the endearing elegance of female friendship. So young, So young.

Coeducation allows woman to enter the professions. It is a wise policy which has and still is breaking down all the foolish prejudice which regarded woman as the weaker vessel. Truly, she has a position to fulfill at home but society has still wider claims on her intelligence and power. Soph, or rather Freshie soph Fielding with freshie in large letters, was the only one to take part in the general discussion. He exemplified in a striking manner that type of freshman of which Mr. Dawson made mention. Perhaps when he has been in college for a few years he will realize that even he has something yet to learn.

Jack Stuart, in the capacity of critic, combined wit with good sense. The judges wisely decided that, for the time at least, co-education should be continued.

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GREEK RELIGION SUBJECT OF LECTURE.

Professor J. W. Falconer delivered the second in the Wednesday afternoon course of lectures on "Ancient Greece." The audience filled the Munro room. His subject was "Greek Religion." Professor Falconer said in beginning that Greek religion touched the home, the school, sport and civic life. He showed that the chief feature of this religion was its humanity. It was an acute anthropomorphism. Man rises above the forces of nature. The progress of Greek religion follows the course of human development. Their gods reflect the advance of human life from the childish immaturity to mature manhood. This progress saw (1) the artistic gifts that produce the classic drama; (2) the intellectual struggle which reaches its summit in Plato and Aristotle; (3) the emotional craving for experience satisfied in the mysteries; (4) the Greek religion and Christian thought.

If we ask how far the Greek religion left undying marks on Christianity, we must remember that the actual worship of the gods had practically vanished many years before the dawn of our era. Polytheism could not stand before the advance of rationalism. Hence, then, Pantheism has long since become a vacated and neglected shrine. The polytheistic worship of Greece fell into forgetfulness except for some relic in saint worship or annual festival.

The philosophy as we have seen continued to mould Christian thought; but more as an intellectual impulse than as a religious or spiritual force. There remains its emphasis upon humanity. We have seen how this was the element overshadowing all else. To quote: "Even his beautiful country was to the Greek only the background to drama of humanity." The Greek read divine things in the terms of man's nature. This was a great advance, but it only paved the way for the greater truth of Christianity. The Christian receives a revelation from God, and in this manner comes to know his own nature in its true sense. "The world was God and the word was made flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth." In the Incarnation is our humanity revealed.

MORE DALHOUSIANS FOR THE FRONT.

Three more Dalhousie students have volunteered for service. These men are studying at Pine Hill but are attending certain classes at Dalhousie. They have entered the Army Service Medical Corps, and leave at once for Salisbury Plains.

They are R. A. Patterson, R. B. Clarke and Cyril Hyde.

R. B. Clarke is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, but has been at Pine Hill the past two years. He is a prominent member of the Dalhousie Skating Club Executive.

R. A. Patterson is a senior in Arts and is familiarly known as "R. A."

Cyril Hyde is the first member of the freshman class in Arts to drop out of college and volunteer. He was a half back on the second football team and was a promising player. The sophs of next year will be the losers.

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The annual competitive examination for admission to the College takes place in May of each year, at the headquarters of the several military districts.

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THE DERBY; A DAY FROM MY DIARY.

WEDNESDAY, May 27th. I rose early and left at nine with the ——— for Crystal Palace, where ——— met us. A motor soon came and, after calling for ——— at Anerly nearby, we left for Epsom Downs, fifteen miles from London, where the Derby is run. The drive to the Derby is said to have been "shorn of its humours and glories", but to me at least it was an experience not to be forgotten. A steady stream of vehicles extending for miles and growing so dense as the Downs were drawing nearer that our speed had to be gradually slackened more and more and all filled with holiday-makers and pleasure seekers united in one purpose, to enjoy life to the uttermost,—this was the sight before our eyes from the time we left Crystal Palace till we reached the Downs. As we sped along every public house was filled with holiday crowds drinking ale and betting and doubtless giving each other tips. At one place where we stopped for a few moments the keeper of the public house tried to bet with ———, whom he had never seen before. At about eleven we arrived at the Downs and were almost in an instant in the midst of that great panorama of life and fun. The whole scene was new to us, both in character and extent, and, getting out of the motor, we wandered in and out of the great crowd, getting a great deal of amusement and having many a good laugh. As Disraeli describes it, "it was the Carnival of England a day, no doubt, of wild hopes and terrible fears, but yet, on the whole, of joy and exultation." In this great throng were gathered together all the thieves, swindlers and pickpockets from many miles around, who literally make a harvest in the midst of the immense crowd of some half a million persons. It was a wonderful scene of brightness and life with thousands and thousands of closely packed vehicles, motors, brakes, coaches and motor buses with their bright colours and flaring advertisements and their tops covered with people all inspired with the excitement of the occasion. There were, also, many gaily dressed ladies, while in striking contrast were many signs of poverty and wretchedness. Above all the noise and excitement of the throng could be heard the cries of the indefatigable bookmakers while they literally scooped in the money. One man in particular attracted our attention, a former jockey with a wooden leg, who danced around excitedly in an improvised ring shouting at the pitch of his lungs trying to sell a book in which there were sure tips on the races. He shouted till he was red in the face and we thought that he would break a blood vessel, but when we left him he was still shouting and flying around in great excitement and doubtless kept it up till the races were over. Then after a while we had lunch and it too was a sight not to be forgotten. All around hampers were dragged forth and soon everybody was eating and laughing and joking while not the least noticeable sound was the popping of corks. Particularly interesting were the groups on the tops of coaches and motor buses as chickens and cold pies and all sorts of things were consumed amidst laughter and fun and the remnants thrown to numerous beggar children, who made their way through the crowd looking

for scraps. It was some time after lunch before the great race was to take place and in the meantime we watched some of the other races and walked in and out among the great crowd and to the famous Tattenham Corner. Then, shortly after returning the excitement of the crowd showed that the great event was near. I then climbed on top of the motor as everybody else was doing to get a better view. The horses lined up and soon they were off. It was a time of great excitement as they sped around the course of one and a half miles. Now they were descending the slope to Tattenham Corner and as they drew near us and flashed past we could see that a black horse was ahead. It was Durbar II, a practically unknown horse, and it had won the Derby. Now that we had seen the Derby our object was to get back to London as quickly as possible as I wished to get to Oxford in time for dinner and we wished to avoid the tremendous crowd which is so dense that it takes hours on the home journey. So we prepared to leave almost immediately. However, just before we left quite an excitement arose. Right behind our motor was a bookmaker's stall. The bookmaker had been doing a fine business during the day and had taken in lots of money. He turned out to be a "welsler" and when the few who had won from him came to collect their winnings he had cleared out with all the money leaving a clerk in charge who was packing up and trying to escape in a motor. A crowd, growing bigger each moment, went after him with a roar. Stopping the motor they dragged him out and while one or two gave him a beating the rest turned over the motor car, cut up the tires in small pieces for souvenirs and finally set the car on fire. Our party with the exception of myself had all made small bets with him and all had lost except our chauffeur and great was his indignation at first. He was somewhat appeased, however, by a substantial piece of rubber from the tire which he had taken as a souvenir. As we left the Downs behind us on our return we could see the smoke pouring up from the blazing motor car.
R. F. Y.

A REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE.

We quote the following from the King's Record, under the heading "Athletics."
"Our game arranged for Oct. 31st against Acadia, on our own grounds, was called off for reasons which Acadia herself can best give. Kings went to the expense and trouble of procuring from Halifax a special referee, only to be informed by Acadia after he had arrived, that, owing to unforeseen difficulties which were said to have arisen in the way of their transportation between Wolfville and Windsor, a matter of eighteen miles, the team would not be able to come. Kings was forced to accept this as an explanation, or we should say, as an excuse.
It is a peculiar coincidence that the game arranged to be played in Halifax on November 14th between Dalhousie and Acadia was called off by the latter in much the same way."

Dr. MacKenzie has returned from Texas, where he was attending the funeral of his brother.

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SODALES.

I KNOW nothing of the history or origin of Sodales. The word itself, I am told, by a more learned brother student in Arts means "Comrades" or "Friendship." If Sodales is supposed to be a friendly society, its work has not visibly extended beyond the meetings of the Executive and we know not what spirit of comradeship is generated there.

Sodales is Dalhousie's Debating Society. It attempts nothing else than to carry on debating. It is an organized effort made so far as is known for the purpose of developing the power of expression.

Judging, however, from the procedure of the last two years or so, one would be led to believe that the sole object, the only reason for the existence of, Sodales is to get six men and then three survivors and train them to defeat some other College in the intercollegiate debate of that particular year.

A member of the Executive said he didn't know what Sodales was for if not for the purpose of picking each year three debaters to represent the College.

So then Sodales is not really a Society formed for the purpose of encouraging debating or for the development of the power of expression. I know of few who have received any encouragement from a debate before this Society. No assistance is now given to one who aspires to be a speaker. Many a fine voice and well trained mind and promising debater has fallen by the wayside because at some critical period no one corrected his faults or encouraged him to overcome certain natural obstacles, such as nervousness, or showed him how to enliven his speech with the simplest of gestures.

This is a very short sighted policy. Its effect is evidenced to my mind by the fact that the team of this year were absolutely unknown to Sodales last year. Can anyone point to any who may be regarded as being likely aspirants for the honor of making the team next year? "Laissez-faire" say the powers that be. Next year will come soon enough and we won't be here. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Two of this year's team will be back and they will come out. That is my criticism of the methods of Sodales as regards the only thing it undertakes to do.

The present functions of the Executive of Sodales could be undertaken by the Intercollegiate Committee and then they would have little more to do than they now have. As for developing new debaters Arts and Science now performs the only real work along that line. The Executive of this society are certainly to be commended for their laudable efforts in encouraging new speakers to make their debut and get over the stage fright present to any modest student.

I have some modest doubts as to the value of debating for developing the power of expression. I would like to see Sodales actively undertake to improve the ability which each student possesses to some extent of expressing himself before a few people. The most potent agent of civilization is the power of expression. If it did not exist, the individual, devoid of sympathy, would live unto himself alone. I have some views as to how this should be carried out in a College. In the meantime, I have re-

gistered a protest against the inefficient, lackadaisical method in which Sodales is now being carried on. A reply from the President or any officer of Sodales would be interesting. "How."

U. S. C. ELECTIONS.

Before long the proclamation for the election of members to the Council of the Students for the session of '15-'16 will be issued and once again will the fighting take place. Now is the time to get the men in line. Men who are best qualified to fill the positions which will be assigned to them, and men who will take the same seriously, and do their best; and that best should be the best service of the best man obtainable in the college.

If there will ever be a time when Dalhousie College Society will need strong business parties at the head of their affairs, the session of '15-'16 will be the time, a time when the student body will have a decreased attendance owing to the war, a time when their new athletic grounds will be opened, and financiers will be in demand by all the societies.

We suggest that all feelings of class and friends be sunk for the time being and placing the welfare of the societies above petty bickering and spite let all unite to return officials, who are best capable to carry on the work of the college societies.

THE TRIAL DEBATE.

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the best, his arguments were sound and well thought out, and we look to him for something really worth while in the coming contest.

Frank Patterson was the last. Unfortunately Pat was a little nervous. This minimized the effect of his speech which was otherwise good. Since he has got thus far in his first attempt, with a little more effort next time, we feel sure that he will find himself on the intercollegiate platform.

Dr. Forest then gave a short and much appreciated speech to the audience. Though he said, "This is no time for football and all other such kindred trivialities, we will always, even in times the most strenuous, find room for debate." "Bravo." Dr. Forest paid a glowing tribute to those Dalhousians who have volunteered for active service. "Come down to my house, each of you" he said. "To say good-by and have tea with me before you go. I have a personal interest in you all, and I shall follow your progress in the future with the keenest attention." The students are always attentive, when Dr. Forest speaks, they listen, because to us all he is the very embodiment of Dalhousie's spirit. The judges, Stuart Jenks, K. C., Dr. Falconer and Dr. Stewart chose the three free traders, Messrs. Dawson, Rattee and Shrieve as the final team. The Gazette feels sure that these three gentlemen will uphold the honor of old Dalhousie and it asks for the support of the whole student body to do all they can to help our team to score another victory.

Judge Ritchie presided at the Moot Court on Wednesday. After hearing argument on the case judgment was reserved.

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THE following letter was received in Halifax last week from a former Dalhousian who was in England when the war broke out. He volunteered immediately, and has been at the front since Nov. 1st, 1914.

The letter is dated Jany. 10, 1915, and reads in part as follows:—

"Along our immediate front there is a comparative lull which has continued since yesterday noon. The result is that it seems very unusual. On these rare occasions there is plenty of work to do, especially arranging dug outs, and deepening the trenches. The latter is very important. The heavy falls of rain and snow during the past week have been very disagreeable, and to lighten this, we are compelled to dig little V trenches in one part of our trench. The effect has been most beneficial. They act like caves on a house and carry the water away to a lower level. Take it from me there is little pleasure standing in trenches with water up to your knees. It is bad enough to have your feet damp. However conditions are improving and the chance of changing socks before going to sleep makes one think he is a plutocrat. After a long march I know of nothing more beneficial than a change of socks.

I dislike writing anything about the war. The newspapers probably contain nothing else. I can imagine you read the war news, as entertainment and you do not see in it the life and death struggle of an Empire. We hate to face the obvious.

So far I have escaped without a scratch, but Heavens, how I dislike thinking of those who were less fortunate. Only last week one of my best friends a chap by the name of Wardrope from Aberdeen, was shot right beside me. The two of us had returned safely from the rear to the firing line, where we were about to assume our positions when I noticed Wardrope fall. A bullet has passed right through his chest. The body was left lying there. I will always remember the lighted cigarette which remained between his lips even when dead. All these things are in the days work.

At home you will not realize what the war is until the Ottawa Casualty List begins to recite its tale of woe regularly.

I was glad to see by a Dalhousie Gazette that the students realize all the war means. They are the people who should, and they can do nothing better than by becoming efficient officers. God knows, the test of this war will be efficiency. It is simply murder to entrust men to officers who are inefficient.

We are stationed and have been here for the past month in the Armentieres district, which is immediately adjoining the Belgian border. We are only thirty miles from the coast of the British Channel as the crow flies, and are about half way between Arras and Lille. Where we will be in another month, no one can say. One thing is certain though, we will have advanced and not retreated. The Germans have made several massed charges on our trenches but without injury to us, and at a great price to themselves. They have reached their flood in the West, and from now on each day will see their efforts weaken. But the price we shall pay for victory will stagger posterity.



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Yours as ever,
S. C. Dal '00.

GREEK THOUGHT SUBJECT OF FINE LECTURE.

The fourth of the series of Greek lectures at Dalhousie was given when Professor H. L. Stewart spoke on 'Greek Thought.' It was surpassingly interesting and held the close attention of the large audience in the Munro room of the university. After an appropriate introduction Professor Stewart proceeded to say that the Greeks were the first race to explore the regions of thought. They endeavored to formulate theories regarding psychology, ethics, the meaning of good and evil, and tried to explain the origin and government of ordered states. They explored in a scientific, disinterested and synthetic spirit. To them may be given the name of the first scientists. In a country of glorious traditions and charming legends, the Greeks put aside the folk-lore of their highly imaginative race and began to examine in the light of reason how the phenomena of life are made up, and by what laws they are governed. Though this step was not peculiar to Greece, for Arabia, Babylonia and Egypt had a similar transition from tradition to reason, yet with the Greeks it was more clear, definite and abrupt. Greek thought was disinterested. Plato raised and discussed social problems, compared Greece with other states in an absolutely impartial way. It was the "raison d'etre" to leave to poets the praise of the nation. The Greeks were the first metaphysicians, and sought a universal science.

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"KAISERISM" IN THE ACADIA ATHENAEUM.

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In the first place, it is not in the editorials but in the Exchange Department that one should look for criticism on any other college paper.

In the second place the criticism should be helpful or suggestive. Unfortunately the article "Kaiserism" is neither. However it is just possible that "Kaiserism" conforms to the Acadia ideal of "good, pure and true literature." By the way, what is a "baseless coward"?

The whole article Kaiserism has very little to commend it. Nietzsche after reading a certain article made a remark which is very true in the present instance, "It smells."

THE BAR SOCIETY AND DALHOUSIE EXAMS.

At the regular meeting of the council of the Nova Scotia barrister's society held at the court house, John T. Ross, K. C., president, in the chair, among the business attended to was the appointment of conjoint examiners from amongst the bar society to act with the faculty of the law school at Dalhousie university for the LL. B. degree to be conferred upon students of that institution. The following were appointed:

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These examiners will act at the sessional examinations to be held in April next for the first time, and the barristers' society will be enabled by this method to keep in touch with the law students from Dalhousie who come to the bar of the province.

EXCHANGES.

THE ARGOSY.

"Germany and the War," is a subject of brilliant treatment by W. M. T. in the December number of The Argosy. Mount Allison may well be congratulated upon having as an undergraduate the skilful writer.

We beg gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of the following exchanges: *Royal Technical College Magazine* (Glasgow), *The*

Merchistonian (Edinburgh), *Brandon College Quill*, *Acadia Athenaeum*, *The Argosy*, *The Sheaf*, *The Xaverian*, *St. John's College Magazine*, *The McMaster University Monthly*, *Wycliffe Magazine*, *The Trinity University Review*, *The Manitoban*, *Revue Canadienne*, *Kin's College Record*, *The University Monthly*, *The Blue & White*, *Argosy*, *King's College Record*, *Queen's Journal*, *MacGill Daily*, *Ottawa Ladies College Magazine*.

DALHOUSIE SKATING CLUB.

Wednesday night at Dalhousie is the regular evening given to skating. For this purpose the Arena has been procured for eight successive evenings. The rink has been attended by nearly all of the students, and the cold weather of the past week has insured good ice.

In the absence of C. R. Hawkins, B. A., on account of illness, Mr. E. D. Campbell was elected president, to fill Mr. Hawkins' place. The new secretary is Mr. Howard Dawson, who is filling the position of Mr. Raymond Smith. Mr. Smith has volunteered with the Cycle Corp.

WITH THE ACADEMY.

"Strongheart" an American college play, has held the boards all week and it is well worth seeing and proves itself unusually interesting to students. For through it all runs that story of a football struggle which makes one recall his college days, when he has ceased to be actively connected with the college.

The week of Jan. 13th, finds the company playing in Jim the Penman, a society drama, and one that at the time when it was written was considered to be the best English play. The ability of a respectable man to use the pen, causes his downfall, as a forger.

Following Jim the Penman the players will produce Officer 666, a farce that you are sure to enjoy. In this play Halifax patrons of the Academy will have the pleasure of seeing John Junior in the part he played, with the original company at the Gaiety Theatre, New York. Early reservations will prevent a repetition of what happened to many during the run of the "Girl in the Taxi."

PRESIDENT MACKENZIE RETURNS.

Dr. A. S. MacKenzie president of our university, arrived in the city on Thursday, Feb. 4th from Ohio whither he was called by the sad news of the death of his brother the late Archdeacon MacKenzie.

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After battling for four minutes overtime play, MacDonald of the Crescents, receiving a pass from Reardon, zig-zagged, through the Dalhousie defence and slipped the rubber past Moore for the deciding tally.

The small number of fans who braved the cold and saw the game at the Arena were well rewarded for their pains, to say it was good hockey is to put it mild. It was fast and exciting, especially the last period.

The Crescents played fine hockey throughout the game and especially in the second period when they played the collegians off their feet and five tallies were credited to the Crescents through the stellar work of their forwards.

The first period ended 2-1 in Dal's favor, Dalhousie having a slight advantage in territory.

At the opening of the second period Dalhousie started away strong and in a short time the score board read, Dalhousie 5, Crescents 1, with 11 minutes of the second period gone. But it was not for long for Reardon's stick-handling through the Tigers scored and this started the merry-go-round which resulted in 5 straight for the Crescents and the period ended Crescents 6, Dal. 5.

The third and most exciting period started away fast with Moore and his two stellar supporters saving the day for their team. Harley scored on a pass from Weldon Fraser and tied the score. The play now became very fast and Patterson again put his team in the lead by a fine wing shot. With five minutes to play referee MacPherson faced them off at centre, and Bill Fraser caught a rebound off DeVan's pads and evened the score and the period ended 7-7. The story of the play-off is given above.

The Dalhousie defence played fine hockey but with the exception of Richmond the forward line played loosely and at times showed lack of interest. Of the Crescents we can only say that all the members of a well balanced team combined to win out.

HOCKEY NOTES.

Dalhousie play the return game with St. F. X. in Antigonish on Wednesday the 17th and with Tech on Wednesday the 10th.

The schedule for the inter-faculty league has been drawn up and appears elsewhere in this issue. It was expected that these games would start on Saturday but unforeseen complications with the first team hockey practice arose and the matter has not as yet been settled.

The management have received many offers of games from teams outside the city but lack of time made it essential to refuse the same.

That the team are not getting the support they merit is a certainty and with a team going as strong as Dalhousie are in both the city and intercollegiate leagues, we are far from understanding the poor support and apparent lack of interest in the doings of the team. It can only be hoped that this will be remedied before the next game for we feel sure that with the team getting the support they deserve Dalhousie can win both leagues and then it will be on for the maritime intercollegiate cup.

We have in this and other editions criticized the lack of interest on the part of the students now for the team and the committee in charge.

That the forward line with the exception of Richmond was away off color the other night is too true. Some of the local papers suggest lack of management as the trouble. We think it is too much management; there are too many trying to run the team and no one has control. And it is a continuous overruling of one by the other. That the captain has control of the men on the ice is an undisputed fact but the changing of men during the game can only be successfully handled by a man on the boards and one who knows his business; there is at present sufficient business arrangements to keep the business manager going, so we suggest that the committee get busy and appoint a coach and give him complete control over the practises and changing of men during a game. Give it a try and watch the result.

PERSONAL NOTES.

The members of Delta Gamma were enjoyably entertained by Prof. and Mrs. Stewart at the Birchdale on the 30th.

The Dalhousie Law Dance proved a great success, the room being amply large for the number present. Mrs MacNeill and Mrs. MacRae were the chaperones.

Dr. Bronson, professor of physics, has returned from Montreal where he attended the meetings addressed by J. P. Mott. The MacGill Daily contained a fine picture of Dr. Bronson, along with the announcement that he would be at the meetings.

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