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### CHRISTMAS, 1918.

Halifax will celebrate a very different Christmas this year than in 1917. Last year, not only was the world in the throes of the most horrible conflict history has ever recorded, but the city itself had suffered a tremendous disaster. There were few homes unaffected, and the scenes of horror and sorrow had a depressing effect upon everyone. It was a Christmas only for the children; for others it was a day of bitter memories, and hopes of which the realization seemed far, far away.

This Christmas will be one of rejoicing and happiness. The war is over. Peace on earth, if not complete, is as prevalent as it has been for thousands of years. The years of suffering and sacrifice have born a glorious fruit. Civilisation and Christianity have been justified and preserved.

Many a home will be happy this Christmas with the return of those who went overseas to offer their lives for Canada. Others will rejoice in the knowledge that the dreary days of separation are ended. The Yule log will burn brighter than it has for four years.

Yet, with all these blessings, we must not forget the homes whose Christmas circle has been broken forever, particularly those whose sons died when Peace was near at hand. It will be a sad day for them with the only consolation that death could not have come in a finer way. Scant comfort can come from outsiders, but it is the duty of everyone to remember them and to help make their Christmas less sorrowful.

### HOLIDAYS?

The Christmas vacation this year is lamentably and tragically brief, so short indeed that it will give some students scarcely time to go home and turn round, before they have to come scurrying back to textbooks and lectures. From the Saturday before Christmas to the day before New Year's certainly holds the record at Dalhousie for being an abbreviated breathing spell. For those students living along the Southern shore, we would advise staying in town.

Freshman at Peace celebration, "Do they always make such a fuss as this about Christmas at Dalhousie?"

### NOTES.

Dr. MacMechan's lecture on Marjorie Pickthall was very well attended and the proceeds aggregated the very gratifying sum of one hundred dollars.

The Freshman Class has decided to hold a party of some description before the holidays, while the sophomores, not to be outdone in hospitality will follow suit when the students return after Christmas.

On December 12th, H. E. Mahon, president of the Alumni Association entertained the members at lunch at the Halifax Club. The question discussed was the need of buildings, particularly two dormitories. The present situation is one that demands immediate attention, and the college authorities are doing their best to remedy it.

On December 13th, Arts and Science had a debate in the Muro Room. The resolution was: "Resolved that one of the outcomes of the present Peace Conference should be a League of Nations to enforce Peace." The affirmative was taken by Sydney Zinck and Myrtle Grant; the negative by Ray MacLennan and Freda Bissett.

Lieut. David Livingstone was killed in action at Cambrai on October 10th, just one month before the signing of the armistice. He made many friends during his stay at Dalhousie, who will sympathise with his family in their bereavement.

Stanley Fraser, now a successful agriculturist of Pictou County, was in town for a few days last week to shake the hayseed out of his hair and give the bright lights a once-over.

### REPORT OF MOOT COURT, DALHOUSIE LAW SCHOOL,

1918 A. No. 1.

Between  
John Smith, Plaintiff,  
and  
James Jones, Defendant.

#### Facts stated and agreed on.

Jones is owner of a garage in front of which is a gasoline tank for the service of automobiles. Gasoline was carried through a rubber hose from the tank to the tank or each auto. On December 1st, John Jones was having his tank filled by a garage attendant, when R. Brown drove up in his Ford for gasoline. He drew up just behind Smith's car. Another attendant began to fill his (Brown's) car.

Smith, having received his gasoline was paying his charge when Brown, standing near his own car, lit a match to light a cigar. The servant had just withdrawn the hose from Brown's car and the match set fire to the gas remaining in the hose. Seeing this, the servant at once swung the hose around to get it (by his testimony) away from Brown's car, the tank of which was not yet closed. In so doing, the burning gas-

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### DENNIS FOUNDATION.

Commencing Dec. 11th, Dr. H. W. Dodds of Philadelphia delivered three very valuable lectures in the Eric Dennis Course of Government and Political Science. Perhaps his most interesting topic was that of Civic Government, in which he graphically described existing conditions in American cities, and advocated the adoption of a commission with a city manager as the most efficient form of municipal administration. Another subject was; "problems issuing from a league of nations."

### CARTOONS.

This year the Gazette, although far from opulent, has a little more financial fuel than usual, and so is in a position to pay for cuts. It therefore requests that any students who have cartooning talent, should submit specimens of their work to the editor for publication. The cartoons preferably should deal with college subjects, original and not too personal, and should not be very large. Interesting photographs would also be appreciated.

### A DALHOUSIE SPOON RIVER.

The Dean of a Certain Faculty.  
Yes,  
Antony's love for Cleopatra was great,  
And in addressing Juliet,  
Romeo stressed the superlatives;  
But their passions were pigmy,  
Compared with my affection  
For the man who sits on the highest bench.

The Professor of Chemistry.

All my life I have spent among smells,  
Weak smells, woolly smells,  
Violent smells, violet smells,  
Thick smells, subtle smells,  
And just plain smells,—  
The Y. W. might call them odors—  
I am quite acclimated to them.  
I could calmly read Kipling in a glue factory;  
But sometimes,  
For the flesh is not precisely adamant,  
I find myself longing  
To plunge into a vat of Djer-Kiss,  
Jockey-Club or Mary Garden.

The Professor of English.

Kipling has sung,  
"Boots, boots, boots  
"Rising up and down again!"



Report from Moot Court.

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oline in the hose came in contact with Smith (who was just paying his bill) and badly burned him.

**Action.**—Smith sues Jones for damages.

**Counsel:**—For Plaintiff—R. D. McCleave, K. C., V. J. Pothier, LL. B. For Defendant, C. McInnes, K. C., V. C. MacDonald, LL. B.

**Judges:**—E. L. MacKenzie, C. J., J. A. Walker, M. R.

V. J. Pothier, junior counsel for Plaintiff, opened the case with a statement of the facts clearly expressed and easily followed. He maintained that Jones was liable for the actions of his servant, the garage attendant—but the defendants disputed any liability. The question of negligence was discussed.

V. C. MacDonald, for Defendant denied any element of negligence on the part of the servant. The action was merely an act of involuntary self-defence. Mr. MacDonald cited many English and American cases as authorities. He displayed great oratorical ability—so great that it required the combined efforts of the two presiding judges to terminate his flow of eloquence.

R. D. McCleave showed great learning and a most intense research into the case. His citations were taken from as far back as the mediaeval Year Books. His arguments to prove the servant's liability were clearly stated.

C. McInnes gave evidence of a close investigation into the case. The authorities cited brought to light many points bearing on the question. Particular emphasis was given to the famous squib case of *Scett v. Shepherd* and the similarity of circumstance in the present case. The arguments were delivered.

The Pr D. McCleave then summarized the case for Plaintiff and the court adjourned.

CUR AD VULT.

TRAGEDY IN ONE ACT.

**Scene.** Dartmouth Lake.

Ch-rl-- -l--t manfully rowing three girls in a boat.

"Oh, Ch-rl--, come on, row us back in! Come on in, we don't want to stay out here, we're not having a good time." (Ch-rl-- wrathfully relights stub of yesterday's cigarette and mops his perspiring brow). "Aw, g'wan, Ch-rl--, dear do take us back. We don't want to stay out in the old boat. Come on, take us ashore, there's no fun here. G'wan Ch-rl--."

With stifled rage Ch-rl-- muttering "You poor fishes! Br-r-r-r!" turns the boat and pulls for the shore.

Ch-rl-- has other girls now.

Looking over a certain Freshie-Soph's engagement book—

Academy	I.....	N.....
Green L.	H.....	W.....
Church	M.....	W.....
Social	M.....	K.....

And all in one week! Great Guns!

W-lls was late—but not for the supper.

Boys! Stop! Look! Listen! Don't throw away your cigarette stubs. Give the

BUCHIN CASTLE.

Hoiley, Eng.,  
Nov. 9th, 1918.

To the Editor of the Gazette:—

Dear Sir:—

Many times since I left the Old College by the sea I have thought of writing or rather trying to write something to put in your columns but have not because there seemed to be nothing of interest to write. But just now I've had an opportunity that does not come to every Dalhousian, in that during my recent trip through parts of Scotland I've been able to visit the home of the Dalhousie family, the family whose ancestors founded our beloved Alma Mater.

A few details of this visit may be interesting to you and the readers of the Gazette. So I shall attempt to give in a few words an account of my visit.

Leaving a beautiful seaside town, Montrose, where I was spending a few days, I cycled one morning to a quaint old Scottish town called Buchin. On the outskirts of this town, built high up on a rock overlooking a river, is Buchin Castle the home of the Dalhousie's.

Although the greater part of the castle has been rebuilt in recent years, still there are parts of the castle which date back into the earlier centuries. In the walls of part opening on the courtyard are still the old loop-holes which used, centuries ago, to be used in the defence of the castle. The moat though has been filled in during the rebuilding in recent years so the small part of the building with the loop-holes is all that remains of the old style castle.

The interior of the castle is very plain, though magnificent. About the main staircase are hung the portraits of the old family and occupying a prominent place is the portrait of the Earl of Dalhousie who was founder of our dear old College. On passing through the castle I noticed one relic he had taken back to Scotland with him. It was a pair of snowshoes, which here are not known at all.

There are also almost priceless relics in the form of carvings that later members of the family have brought from India. In the dining room are hung pictures as near perfect as any human hand can paint and which could not be bought with money. These portraits and some beautiful carvings form the only decorations which adorn the walls. From the window of this room one can look down on the river winding over a hundred feet below and across over the trees, which forms an excellent view.

The gardens and parks although at present much neglected are beautiful. And the flower gardens when in full bloom are beyond description. There are many very rare shrubs throughout the gardens which add greatly to the beauty of the grounds.

I suppose this will be considered very poor but I must admit that I never was a success in Prof. MacMechan's class and so the result is quite evident.

Sincerely,  
A MEMBER OF '17.

Any student of chemistry eager for a new experiment might try the following: To exhaustion of the body due to the non-pr of breakfast, add super-sa- knowledge. The further in- of Class

Y. W. Conference.

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long line of cabins. Four of these cabins were given as headquarters to the delegations from Mt. A., Acadia, U. N. B., and Dalhousie. If your delegation was small, as in the case of U. N. B., all the girls lived together in one of these houses; but as Mt. A. and Dal. were each represented by 17 girls, and Acadia by a slightly smaller number, our delegations had to be divided. Those who were not fortunate enough to live in the cabins lodged in nearby houses. For this purpose four houses were commandeered and I doubt if anyone could have been happier or more comfortable than the four Dal. girls and Dr. Jessie Allen who were living together in one of them. The chief drawback to this arrangement was the distance some of us had to walk to the hotel for breakfast. In one instance it was every bit of a mile. As I said, the cabins were delegation headquarters. Let me describe the one that belonged to us. It was composed of two bedrooms and a living room. The latter was furnished with a sofa, chairs, tables, and best of all, an open fireplace. Many were the happy hours spent telling stories around a rollicking good blaze, or watching the glowing embers fade away. The walls were festooned with gay prints, Dal. banners and posters. In every way it was just as cosy as you could imagine, and fairly spelt "Come in" to every passer-by.

Maybe you wonder why we wanted a fire in July? Well, it seems that in Annapolis Co., they have what other people would call "a rainy spell" and during this time you must paddle along the muddy roads regardless of personal comfort. Dr. Bronson didn't mind the weather. He went out into the fields at all times of day and night, picking strawberries; and for this, and several other heroic deeds, won the distinguished title of "Dalhousie's Amateur Crook."

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