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EDITORIAL.

There have been many criticisms of late regarding the action of the Senate over certain demands of the students, especially in the case of refusing the exchange of hours when King's played us in football and again when a demand was made for a holiday to celebrate Armistice Day. The "Gazette" has permitted the publication in this issue and several others of articles and poems indicating the hostile feeling that is surging through the students minds and now proposes to look at the question from another point of view.

For instance there is only one official mouthpiece of the student body—The United Students Council. According to its constitution it is "the representative governing body of the students of the whole university and its purpose is to act as a unifying force in the university. Again we read "that the Council shall be the only recognized medium between the student body and the university authorities."

Now what is happening? Young students who perhaps have not yet heard of the Council are usurping powers not their own; for example; up goes a strip of paper on the bulletin board on which unthinking students who are swayed by their own desires place their names in the form of a "round robin" believing that such a method will aid them in gaining what! A Holiday. Let us repeat. "The Council shall be the only recognized medium between the student body and the university authorities." No wonder their work is useless. There must be no other power but the U.S.C.

Again certain students want to go to a football game, what do they do? They ask one or two Professors to teach on a noon hour which they are not permitted to teach and thus set free the afternoon classes for the game. The Professors consent but when the matter is brought before the Senate the request is refused. This refusal was quite natural as the benefit of changing hours would only come to a small number. Now who should have made application for any change on that day? No other persons or societies than the Students Council, for let us point out again, "The Council shall be the only recognized medium between the student body and the University authorities."

Is it not about time that the Council woke up and asserted some of its rights?

Would it not be wise for it to state fully what it does, why it does so and from whence it derives its authority? A letter published in the "Gazette" would clear up a great amount of this unfortunate situation which has arisen, where many Dalhousie students speak in derisive tones of its Senate. Certainly some action should be taken looking to the placing of the Students Council in its proper position as the governing body of the students and at the same time prevent this open knocking of the Faculty who are as indulgent to the students as is possible under the regulations which bind them.

OH, MEDICALS!

The Gazette is greatly worried by the failure of the students in medicine to use the columns of this World-Renowned Journal to describe the happenings among themselves down at the Forrest Building. The Gazette is a record of the activities among the students from year to year and its files will be searched and read with interest a generation from now just as its numbers of years ago are frequently re-read by men and women of the present time. But items of interest from the Medical and Dental Faculties have been practically a minus quantity in filling a corner in the Gazette so far this year. The Engineering Students have a column all their own. Why not the Medical men and the Dentals? Every second or third issue we receive some Law Alumni note and Arts and Science endeavor to keep up their end with copious description of their interesting activities but so far no note from Medicine or Dentistry. What about your Medical Society? Isn't it worth while reporting? Or your College Dances at the Green Lantern or the Auditorium. If reported they would help fill a column. Or jokes from the halls and class rooms. They must be numerous judging by the inartistic attempts made by some one to cover the notice boards with them.

Which statement brings us to the thought why use a notice board or the city newspaper to write up the doings in Dalhousie? Usually the articles that appear in the local press are not accurate nor do they do justice to those whom they seek to bring before public notice. For instance, about a week ago the names of two debating teams appeared in a morning newspaper among their personals. Only one name was actually correct in its spelling and proper initials. Again some windy reporter paid perhaps by the inch will devote almost a whole column to describe a dance by the Dentals or Medicals and not a note will appear in this paper. Don't blame the Editor if the "Gazette" is uninteresting. It cannot contrive to get an article on your activities when as a Faculty you do not take it-upon yourselves to attempt to fill some space each week. If everybody would work in concert there would be no difficulty in producing an eight page "Gazette" which would be much more interesting to Graduates than the present method of printing.

VICTORY LOAN PRIZE ESSAY.

The committee appointed to judge the essays submitted by colleges and collegiate schools in Nova Scotia, on the subject of the Victory loan, 1919, have reported that they have read some fifty essays submitted, and that they have awarded the prizes to Wilfred M. Marshall, of Halifax, a Dalhousian and Murray Baker of Acadia Collegiate. They found both essays of equal merit and recommended that each be awarded a Victory bond. The judges were Mr. Justice Chisholm, Rev. H. W. Cunningham, Rector of St. George's, and Major J. W. Logan of the Halifax Academy. The "Gazette" extends its congratulations to Mr. Marshall on his success in the competition.

ARE THEY DEAD?

What about the revival of the Dramatic Club at Dalhousie?

What about the revival of the Glee Club?

Are we going to devote all our attention to the Terpsichorean art?

Athletics has come back to its old place. Why not these above mentioned student activities? With over six hundred students to draw from we might surely produce an opera company.

Last year with a small attendance the Shakespearean Pageant was successfully achieved. Think what might be done during this season. In years gone by these two societies flourished. Let them flourish this year. The students will back them up. To use the language of the day "lets start something!"

SCOTOCCELTO.

EXCHANGES.

The "Gazette" acknowledges the receipt of the following University papers and magazines. The "Argosy," Mount Allison, the weekly issues of the "Ubysey," University of British Columbia, the "Varsity," of University of Toronto and the "Student," University of Edinburgh. University life in one University is much like that in any other University, but one would note in passing the revival of hazing throughout Western Canada, vivid descriptions of which still continue to be the theme of many writers. Then there is the subject of war memorials which is being actively pursued at Toronto as also is the Des Moines Convention. Football occupies a large space in all college doings just now, and one must compliment Varsity on the uniqueness of its methods of displaying its colors during a game against McGill where Varsity was defeated 16 to 3, A group of men formed a large blue T on field of white which from time to time was changed to an M in honor of McGill.

ENGINEERING NOTES.

Engineers! Remember the Song Competition!

The next meeting of the Society will be addressed by Dr. Eben. MacKay. Those who heard Dr. MacKay's lecture last year can assure all that a most interesting address may be expected.

The poor attendance at last Monday's meeting shows the inadvisability of holding evening meetings. After this week they will be held from 5-6 on an afternoon to be announced later.

Engineer's Meeting.

The Engineers held their second meeting on Monday, Nov. 10. After the business was disposed of, the President called on Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Rogers explained the need of and advantages to be obtained from such a conference as the one at Des Moines. All present were agreed that Dalhousie owes it to herself to send the maximum number of delegates.

Professor Wilson then addressed the meeting on socialism. We learned that socialism has been well known since 1835. Many of our pet theories were blasted and we left the meeting wondering if socialism were as bad or as good as we had thought.

W. M. M.

ARMISTICE DAY AT PINE HILL.

Pine Hill celebrated Armistice Day by giving a five course dinner to the students within its halls in honor of the returned men who had come back to their studies after months of absence. The dinner began at seven P. M. and lasted until half past nine. Speeches were made by Principal MacKinnon, Dr. John Forrest, W. R. McCurdy, Editor of the "Mail", Lt. Col. A. H. Borden, Rev. Capt. H. A. Kent, Dr. MacMillan, Principal Kaulback of the Maritime Business College, and from among the students, J. S. Bonnell and Capt. George Murray M.C. Songs were given between speeches by the Dalhousie boys and at the end of the banquet our matron, Mrs. Masters, was toasted, and then brought into the dining hall to receive the thunderous applause of over one hundred students. No woman in Halifax could have ever received a more spontaneous welcome than she did that evening and the writer knowing that most of the hand-clapping performed by audiences is hypocritical can truthfully say, judging from the intensity, and duration of the applause that every man meant what his noise indicated.

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DR. STEWART IN PHILOSOPHY 8.

Advice to Boys.—at least we suppose it was intended thus:—"Always look at what is on the other hand."
"Now I think your fingers are ready for a little more pressure."
Query—Who was the lucky one?

Will someone who has inside information kindly inform us why a certain motorman the other night treated My-t-e G-a-t in such a fatherly manner?

ARTS AND SCIENCE.

The first debate in Arts and Science took place in the Munro Room Friday Nov. 7th, before an exceptionally large attendance of students.

The subject for discussion "Resolved that the Covenant of the League of Nations will be a success" was upheld by Mr. Gillis and Miss Jean MacDonald and opposed by Messrs. A. P. Frame and A. G. MacKinnan.

Mr. Gillis opened the debate and dealt with this important subject in a manner which showed careful thought. He argued that the League was a grand international democratic congress, that it had caused a reduction in Armaments, had abolished secret treaties and that each nation was given full democratic rights.

Mr. Frame opposed the resolution hinging his arguments on the Bible quotation "They that take the sword shall perish by the sword." He proved that Force was the Keynote of the Covenant and drew the attention of the audience to article 16 which was proof of this statement. His arguments were well expounded.

Miss MacDonald continuing the debate for the affirmative also showed that she had her subject well in hand. She argued that the Covenant would be a success because of its principle, the introduction of the British Political system, and because of the co-operation and close alliance of Britain and the United States.

Mr. MacKinnon argued that it was difficult to realize European feeling on international affairs and that the League had originated in England but had been expanded by the United States. He pointed out that the policy of disarmament would harm Great Britain's Commerce.

In this rebuttal Mr. Gillis refuted the argument that Force was the Keynote of the Covenant and contended that the men on whom had been laid the responsibility of carrying out the measures of the League were trustworthy.

Mr. Frame closed the debate in a very effective rebuttal. The Hague Treaty, he said, had been hailed as a treaty which would insure the Peace of the World for the future but did it? He warned the audience that the Yellow Peril was still with us—a fact which should not be forgotten.

The judges Messrs. Scott, Zinck and J. W. Colquhoun returned a decision for the Negative. Mr. Bonnell delivered a critique which should serve as a model for others. His was a criticism of the speeches and not a personal criticism of the debaters—a distinct improvement over critiques of former years.

The meeting was now open for general discussion. Messrs. Zinck, Fielding, Walls, etc. waxed eloquent. Mr. Power moved that the custom popularly known as bawling out be abolished. This was seconded and passed unanimously. On motion the meeting adjourned.
D.C.C.

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THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Why did the Class in Geology 4 leave the building by the window and not by the door the other night?

And in this connection what did "Newfy" tell Eben when the latter met him coming out of the Delta Gamma Room while seeking an exit from the building?

What did Hir-le say in the presence of a Prof. when he couldn't get the window down? If Prof. McInt-sh climbed out the window too?

Where did Davy get those cigars?

Prof. Wilson in History II—"Elizabeth was a woman." So we always thought.

DALHOUSIE "PAWNS AND PIECES."

The Dalhousie Chess Club has been re-organized and now meets in the Library every Wednesday at 5 p.m. All those interested are invited to attend.

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A REVERIE.

"Me of't has fancy ludicrous and wild
Soothed with a waking dream of houses,
towers,
Trees, churches and strange visages expressed

In the red embers, while with poring eye
I gazed—myself creating what I saw."

And so of late I gazed into the hearth
And saw the vision of a world I knew

But little of,—but would that I knew more.
An eager throng of students filled the street,
While at their head an old man straight and tall

Was leading in their celebration march.
"Today," they cried, "we've won a victory great,

We've placed our college first. Hurrah!
Hurrah!

Let faculty and students old and young
Join in and sing the praises of our team.
Our college always first" the old man cried.
"Who is the old enthusiast," I asked.

And from a hundred throats the answer came
"Our President," and round about him throng

The faculty of the University.
"But surely," said I unto those about,
"Tis foolish thus for dignitaries so to act.
Have they no thoughts of graver, serious things,

Remember how your college needs more funds;

Surely it is the task of those who teach
To seek above all, revenue and fees.

Besides, how much of learning could be gained
By studious hours spent in libraries,
Or working in the Lab. this afternoon

Instead of wild chaotic clammerings.
In wrath the leader turned and answered thus,

Not from our halls indeed do men go forth,
Trained only how to read a text book's page,
Tis not such men the world has need of now,
But men, big men, who know meaning writ
In God's great message—spelt in lives of men.

Wisdom the sage man said is principal,
Therefore get wisdom, but in getting it,
Get understanding too, and so we seek
To show life's greatest truths to those we teach,

Fidelity to friends and things worth while—
Respect for those who win in any game—
Enthusiastic effort always pays.

These are the greatest truths that man can learn,
And so to teach these things our college aims
From President to meanest Freshman here.
We make compulsory—not by rulings firm
For by example more than precept given,
Is knowledge spread—to give support and aid

To college institutions—everyone.
Men know tis worth their while debates to hear,
Else why do professors all attend?

Men know athletics all deserve support,
For why do Faculty and Graduates vie
In giving their support and sympathy?
Men know our college life is worth the while
For those who lead our college spread the truth,

By sending men abroad to try
Conclusions with the other colleges.

I was revelling thus, in reverie I was,
When someone called me up to skip a class,
And see a football match between our team
And K—'s, a neighboring University.

VICTORY.

On Saturday afternoon Dalhousie clinched the Senior and Junior Rugby championship of Halifax by twice defeating the Wanderers 13-9 and 3-0 respectively. Both games were clean contests, replete with swift passing, long punting and hard tackling.

In contrast to the preceding contests no one was banished from the field and the best of good will was shown by both teams.

The Junior game began at 2.30 sharp. Dal. kicked off against the sun and wind but in spite of this handicap Marshall crossed the Wanderers line in about fifteen minutes.

It was a pretty piece of passing, the ball travelling right across the half line. Dal. had much the better of the play in this period. Wanderers started the second half determined to force over a score, and kept the ball in Dal's territory for the greater part of the half, but the timely kicking and dribbling of the Tigers saved the day and the call of time found the score 3-0 for Dal.

The Senior game was the best exhibition of football seen this year. The outcome was in doubt up to the last minute and the excitement was intense. Dal. started off well and rolled up eight points on two tries and a convert before the Wanderers woke up.

Baxendale, Haslam and Fluck were responsible for these scores. However the Wanderers came back strongly and on two penalties succeeding in twice dropping the ball over the bar for a total of six points.

The period ended with this score. In the second half the Red and Blacks rushed Dal. to their five yard line and forced a touch over which Palmer failed to convert, score 9-8 for Wanderers. The cheering now became intense and one could scarcely hear oneself talk amid the racket of horns, screams, whistles and human lungs. Play hovered around center-field for a while and then—pandemonium! Grant Holmes, following hard upon a high punt, seized it on the bounce and with an amazing burst of speed shoved off his pursurers and planted the pigskin behind the goal posts for a clean try.

If there had been noise before we hesitate to name what now took place but we maintain that the explosion was no louder. Fluck converted nicely which added if anything to the din. The whistle blew in one minute and Dal. had won the championship 13-9

The line up:—

JUNIORS SENIORS

Logan Marsters

MacLean MacKenzie

MacOdrum Campbell

Smith Ernst

Pacey MacQuarrie

Hall MacNeil J. I.

Moore Hattie

O'Brien Baxendale

Conroy Ross

Laing Jones

Marshall M. Haslam

Wickwire J. B. Haslam

Coster Fluck

Pentz Holmes

Hayden Lilly

Dr. Cock of Truro refereed very satisfactorily.

NOTES.

Holmes is our speed merchant all right and is there with the goods.

Fluck gets better and better every game. His "boot" is some life saver.

The series standing:—

JUNIOR

Dal 6, Wanderers 5
Dal 3, Wanderers 0

Wanderers 0, Dal 0
Wanderers 0, Dal 3

Dal, won 3, drawn 1, lost 0.

SENIOR

Dal 11, Wanderers 0
Dal 5, Wanderers 9

Wanderers 3, Dal 8
Wanderers 9, Dal 13

Dal won 3, lost 1.

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THE SPECTATOR AT DALHOUSIE.

No. 1.

The papers of the "Spectator at Dalhousie" are, it may be mentioned, written neither by Mr. Addison nor by Mr. Steele, but are obtained from many and varied sources throughout our city. It may be remarked that these papers do not bear a motto in Latin or Greek as did the original Spectator papers. In answer to that pertinent inquiry it may be stated that the authors of these papers know but little Latin and less Greek, and would rather disappoint some exacting readers that horrify those who were more classically inclined. These papers will be chiefly concerned with letters from my old friend, Sir Roger, who is greatly interested in the welfare of Dalhousie. In his latest letter, which is before me now, he says:—

"As you probably know by this time, I have been spending some time in Halifax, amusing myself in divers ways and means. Among my numerous diversions is that of renewing the days of my youth by taking a class at Dalhousie. It would be a long story, were I to tell you why I picked out Dalhousie and if you are interested I would ask you to look over some of the Freshmen theme books for the answer. I might say that I have observed, so far, one outstanding thing which I heartily detest, and that is the habit that some of the childish students have of making remarks concerning any of their fellow students whom they see in town with a lady. This odious custom, you will immediately see, has two results—one outside the College and one inside. To those outside it creates a wrong impression concerning the manners and general behaviour of the students, which with the exception of these few, is of the best. Now for the impressions created within the College walls. A student of Dalhousie is, I am certain, a good enough sport to stand a little fun at his expense and these, my remarks, concern not the views of a student. But, my dear friend it is an exceedingly unpleasant position for the lady to be in. I have heard such expression such as 'Who is she?' 'Where did you get her?' floating across the evening air. Now, I ask you, is this the right manner for students who like to call themselves gentlemen to behave in a public place? This matter has got to such a point that some ladies do not wish to enter a public place in company with a Dalhousie student, for fearing of being PUBLICLY INSULTED by this small body of students, luckily a small body, who make a practice of this manner of showing to the world at large that they are not gentlemen. I am aware that the lot of the unfortunate Freshman is a hard one and were these remarks confined to the members of the Freshmen Class I might not have so much to say, but not long ago a member of a graduated class, walking on the public street with a lady, was insulted in this manner by some students who, at the time he first entered College, were in the eighth or ninth grade at school. This student gave up his College, served his country in France and then returns to be insulted publicly by these foolish youngsters!"

My friend, Sir Roger, writes in this strain for some time and I shall not bore you with further extracts from his letter. In fact his feelings on this matter are so strong that his extract has had to be carefully expurgated before displaying it to the public gaze. His remarks being called forth solely by observation, it is dreadful to think what he might have written had been in a position

liable to render him a target for these odious shafts. Should my friend, Sir Roger, again write me of any of his experiences at Dalhousie I shall in due time communicate them to you. A.

THE HAS-BEENS WALKING PARTY AND DANCE.

The members of the Has-Beens held a walking party and dance on Wednesday Evening, November 12th. The class with its chaperones, Professor Nickerson and his wife, together with the invited guests met at the Munro Room at eight o'clock and after a few minutes spent in preparation, wended their way for two hours through the streets of the city. Arriving finally at the Green Lantern they were joined by those who preferred dancing to walking and the party continued until even the most enthusiastic of dancers were satisfied. Before breaking up, our President, Mr. N. A. MacKenzie made the best of a golden opportunity and spoke briefly about the Des Moines Convention emphasizing the importance of Dalhousie sending her allotted number of delegates to Des Moines. After this address and the final dance the party dispersed, each couple wending their way to the home of the fair one where after a hasty good night?? they dashed for their place of abode to catch a few hours sleep before the whirl of University life should begin again.

SACKVILLE ST. RESIDENCE ITEMS.

The Residence had a very enjoyable social evening, on Thursday 8th. It had been the intention to have a walking party but the condition of the roads made that impossible.

About thirty couples went in a body to the "Orpheus." Leaving there, about nine, the merry party came back to the Residence, where dancing held sway till near midnight. In the intervals "Dal" songs and yells were given and a very successful evening's fun broke up with the serving of refreshments. Mrs. Teed, the residence matron, very kindly acted as chaperon. Many thanks are due the committee for the success of the evening and it is to be hoped many more will be held through the winter.

The following has been adopted as the Residence Yell.

Rumble'—Bumble'—Hulla'—Buloo'—
Whistle'—Thistle'—Boola'—Kazoo'.

H-o-o-o-l-d It.

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Rah! Rah! Rah!

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