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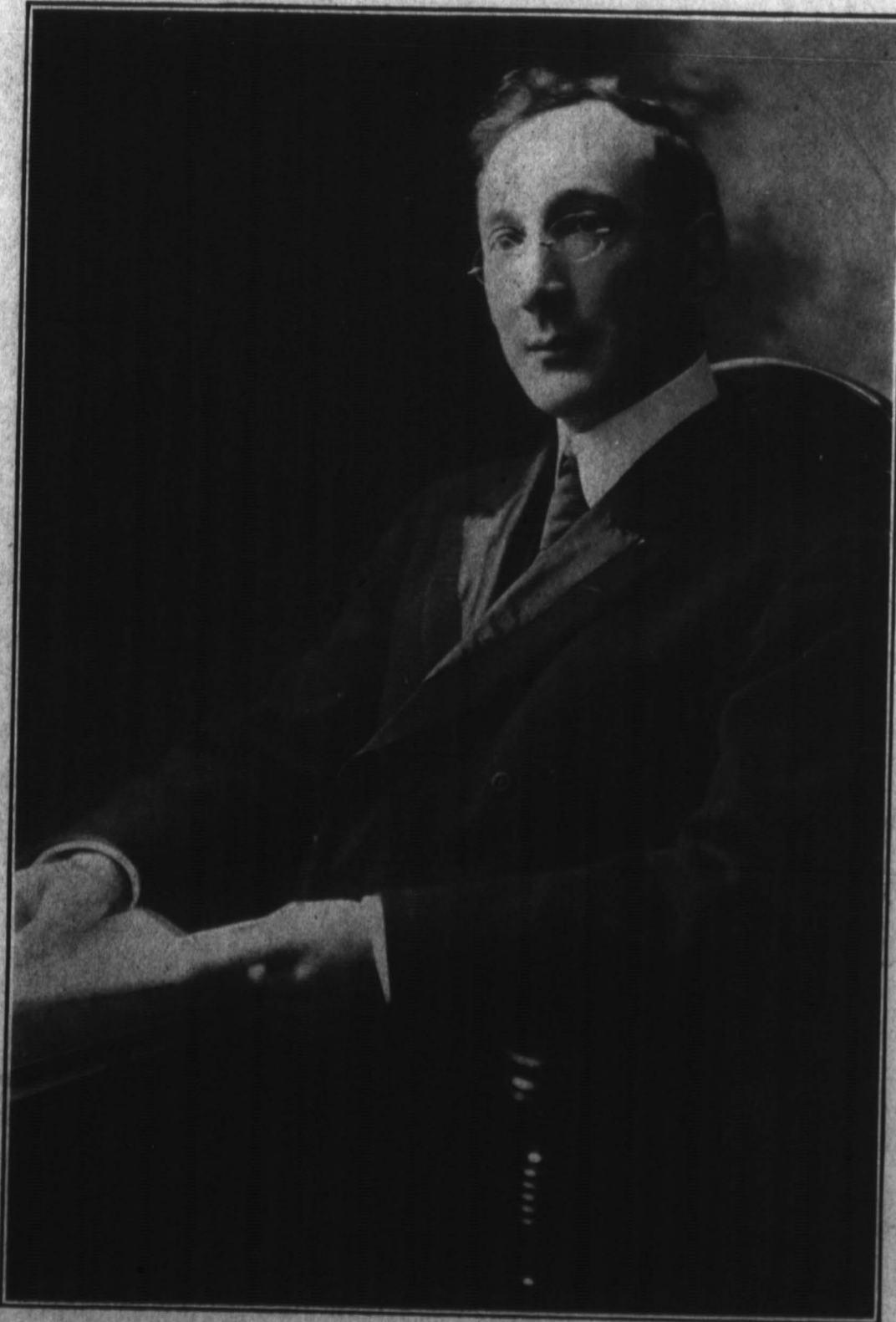
Editorial.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which taken at its flood, leads on to fortune."

AN old saying almost trite but true. It is well known that in the past, the relations between the college and city were perhaps not as cordial as they might have been, we do not intend for a moment to enter into the reasons, perhaps the conduct of the students on some occasions was not such as was likely to win esteem and friendship from the city people.

But this particular time is critical. The college is on the verge of a new expansion to keep up with her growth. In the past, nearly all the cultured society of Halifax centered around the English Military system, which existed here. Now the Military is gone, something must take its place. Let us hope that in the future the culture of Halifax will centre around Dalhousie University.

Already a start has been made. The public debates carried on in a gentlemanly manner and the play put on by the students themselves, have done more to establish kindly



ROBERT MAGILL, M.A., PH.D., Professor of Philosophy.

relations between the city and college than any other thing in the past ten years. Would that this movement will continue. It will certainly be a good thing for the college which cannot stand apart from the city. The men of the city are the very ones who are helping and will help it out in time of need. To Halifax the movement would be equally advantageous, for though there are all kinds of men in a university, real students and otherwise, still university students as a whole are educated men and women, and the culture of a college is the culture of knowledge which if tended by the good citizens of Halifax will bring forth good fruit.

The same is true to a lesser extent of the whole Province with all deference to the other universities, which carry on such good work. Dalhousie is the largest educational centre in Nova Scotia, she supplies to the Province, Doctors, Ministers and Teachers. Half the registered Barristers are her graduates. Certainly an institution which trains these and other young men and women in every walk of life must exercise a great influence over the Province in which it is situated. "The twentieth century will be Canada's," and Nova Scotia, one of the eastern doors of Canada, can share her prosperity, and the future of Dalhousie is the future of Nova Scotia, which cannot grow without her.

Dr. Magill.

Dalhousie's professors of Philosophy have been men of real distinction; Schurman, now President of Cornell; Seth, now of Edinburgh; Murray, now President of Saskatchewan. In choosing their successor the Governors have been singularly happy. Dr. Robert Magill is a thorough Irishman, one of the most brilliant products of modern Irish education, and he is sure of an Irish welcome from staff and students. Indeed he has already received it. He has also enjoyed the broad training of the typical German university. Before coming to Dalhousie, he had proved his worth in and to the community, both as professor and President of Pine Hill and as a zealous student of social and industrial conditions in the province. Our local government showed their appreciation of his gifts by appointing him upon

the Labor Commission. No more eloquent or popular speaker is to be found in our community. He is in demand everywhere for both pulpit and platform.

His career in his native country was most distinguished. In 1890, he entered Queen's College, Belfast, winning two years later first places and prizes in the classes of Logic, Metaphysics, Political Economy. In 1892, he won the Senior Scholarship in Philosophy in Queens College valued at £40. In 1894, he graduated with first-class honors in the Royal University of Ireland, winning at the same time a first-class exhibition of the value of £42.

In 1895, he procured M. A. in Philosophy in the Royal University again taking first place and first-class honors. He was further awarded a gold medal for highly distinguished answering and a special prize of £50. The next year he won the Studentship in Philosophy in the Royal University, value £300. In 1897, he was awarded a Bursary for pulpit eloquence, in the Assembly's College, Belfast. From 1897 until 1899, he attended courses in the University of Jena and received his doctorate, "Magna cum Laude."

On his return to Ireland, he won in competition the Junior Fellowship in Mental and Moral Philosophy in the Royal University of Ireland, value £200 per annum for four years, with expenses. The subjects of examination were:—Psychology, Psycho-physics, Metaphysics, Ethics, Logic and the History of Philosophy. The duties attached were to examine candidates in Philosophy both junior and senior, to prescribe text-books and courses of reading and to draw up curricula. From 1894 to 1897, he acted as tutor in Philosophy in Kelvin House and in Victoria College, Belfast, preparing students for the B. A. and M. A. degrees. In 1900, he was appointed Examiner in Ethics in Assembly's College, Belfast and in Magee College Londonderry.

Since coming to Pine Hill in 1903, his career is known to all. He has also been in demand outside our own province, giving courses of lectures to the teachers of Manitoba in 1905, at the request of the Education Department, and also courses in Theology in the Presbyterian College of Vancouver.

The GAZETTE welcomes Dr. Magill. "Cead mille failthe!"

New Instructor in Physics.

Thomas C. McKay was born in Dartmouth, N. S. He attended the common school in Dartmouth, and the Halifax County Academy. He entered Dalhousie in 1889 winning a Munroe Exhibition, won a Munro Bursary in 1891, and graduated with distinction in 1893.

He was principal of the schools of Baddeck, C. B., '93-'94, and of Parrsboro, '94-'96.

He obtained the degree of M. A. from Dalhousie in 1899, and was offered a Whiting Fellowship in Physics at Harvard in 1899, but preferred to become Assistant to Professor E. H. Hall of Harvard, the discoverer of the Hall effect and a physicist of international reputation. He was appointed Austin Teaching Fellow at Harvard in 1900, and obtained the degree Ph. D. from Harvard in 1903. During the summer of 1903 he visited some German Laboratories. He gave laboratory courses in Physics at Harvard and at Radcliffe College during the year 1903-'04. In 1904 he was appointed instructor of Physics in the University of California, where he remained till 1909. In 1907 he married a Miss Van Alstine, formerly of the Teachers' College of Columbia University.

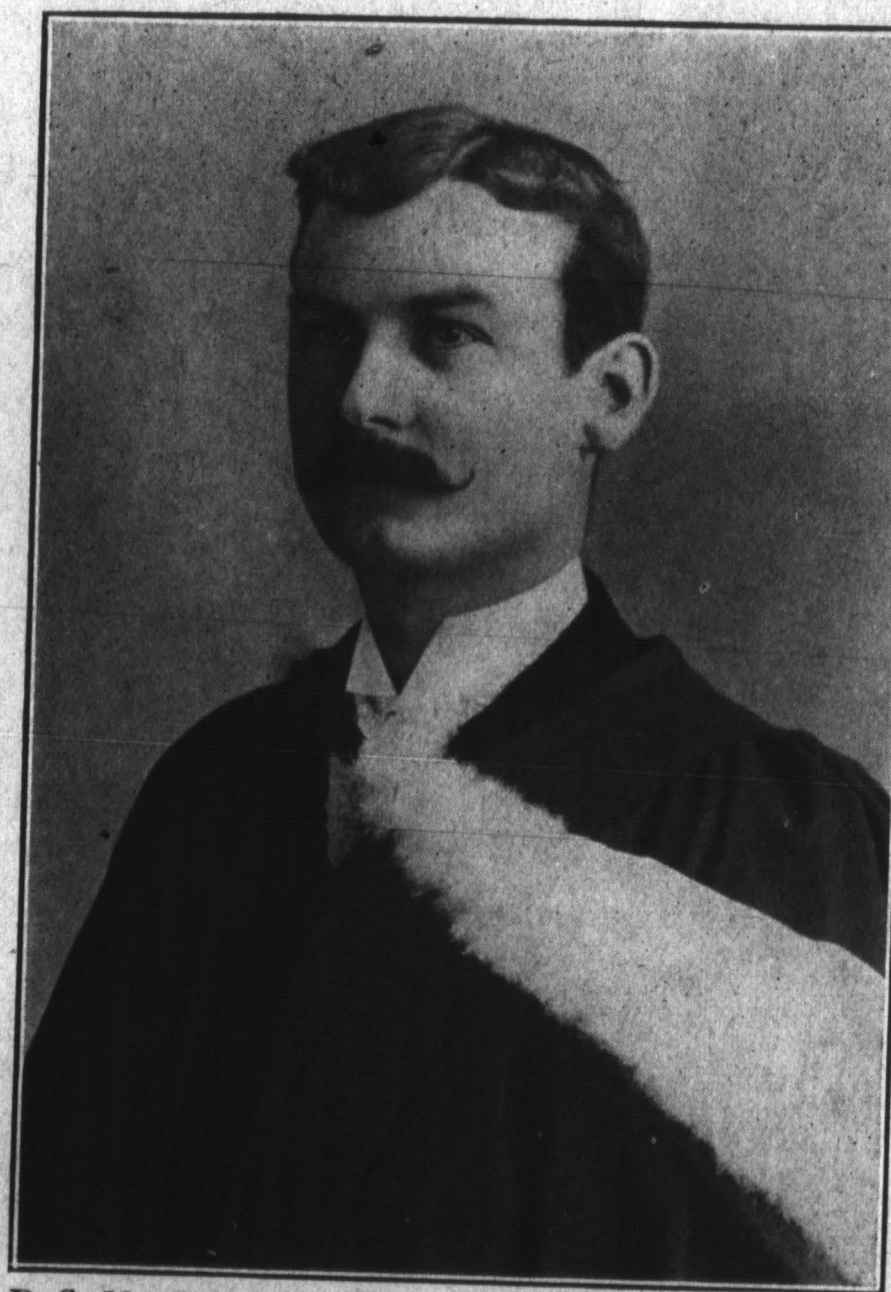
We understand that Dr. MacKay has during this year received offers of the chairs in Physics at the Occidental College, Los Angeles, the State University of Montana and also of Kenyon College, Ohio, but preferred the instructorship of Dalhousie through family reasons.

Publications:—A text-book in physical measurements in 1908. This is used at the University of California, and at Occidental College.

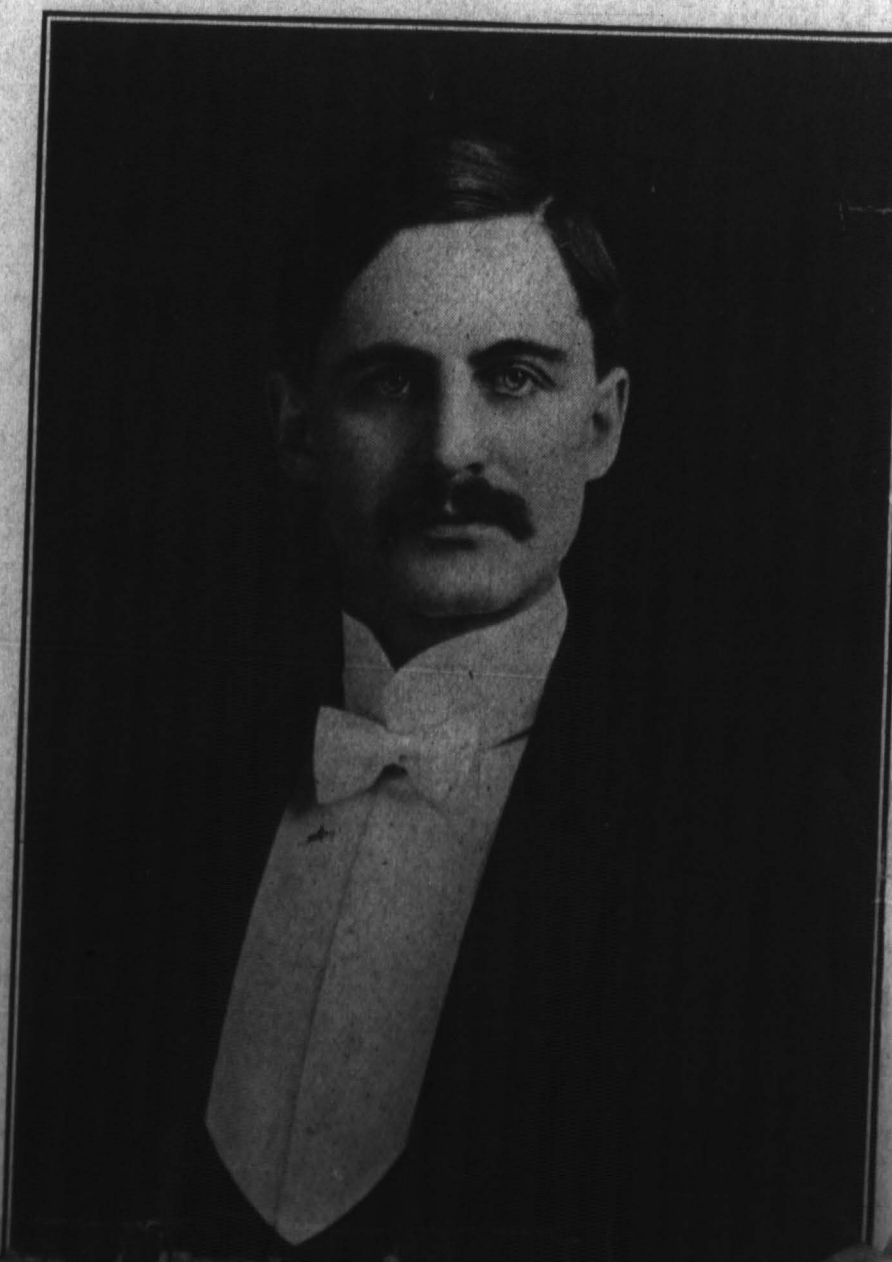
Papers on the calculations of the conductivities of solutions containing a common ion, Nova Scotia Institute of Science 1908.

The Explosive Effect of Electrical Discharges at very High Potentials, American Academy of Arts and Science 1900.

The Effect of Current Density on the Hall Effect in Gold, in the same periodical 1904.



D. S. MACINTOSH, M.Sc., Asst. Professor of Geology.



Recent Methods in Wireless Telegraphy, California Journal of Technology 1906. High Temperature Measurements in the same periodical in 1907. He is at present engaged in problems on Electrical Conductivities in Metals.

He is a member of the American Physical Society and of the Signa Xi.

New Instructor in Chemistry.

Carl B. Nickerson, was born in Bootbay Harbor, Maine. He graduated from the Public Schools in 1902, and prepared for college at Spencer Mass., '02-'03. In 1906 he graduated from Clark College and was a graduate student at Clark University 1906-'07. He was Assistant in Inorganic Chemistry at the Massachusetts Institution of Technology 1907-'08 and in Analytical Chemistry 1908-'09. This year he will assist Dr. E. MacKay at Dalhousie.

Lecturer in Geology.

Donald S. McIntosh, was born in Pleasant Bay, Cape Breton. He studied at Pictou Academy and entered Dalhousie in 1888, and graduated in Arts in '92 and in Science in '95. Later he studied at McGill University and obtained the degree of M. S. C. from there in '08.

Mr. McIntosh will fill the chair left vacant by the resignation of Dr. Woodman.

"The Boke Named the Governour."

All lovers of books must look with a keen consciousness of envy upon those generations of men before whose delighted eyes the Genius of the Renaissance opened the long-hidden stores of classic learning. How they revelled in their new wealth, telling it over and over, glorying in it bravely, displaying it lavishly in season and out of season, those fortunate "nouveau riches" of letters! Every old author they opened was fresh as the springtime and full of beauty and interest, no reference was backstayed, no allusion was banal. The Italian writers of the fifteenth, and the French and English writers of

of the sixteenth century come with healthy school-boy appetites to their feast of good things. Their joy in their "new learning" is too lively to allow much scope for criticism, they hardly stop to weigh their authorities, or to test one author by the statements of another. Montaignes' scepticism seldom extends to a doubt of the veracity of the tales he records. Burton, of the "Anatomy of Melancholy," with placid content will give a long role of classic authors in support of an opinion, and will follow it immediately with an equally imposing list of quotations upholding the contrary view; nor is any need of choice or reconciliation suggested. For these men were not intellectual pot-hunters intent on the acquisition of a moral or a fact, but true sportsmen of letters, whose pleasure was in the chase; and a supreme pleasure it was, intense, absorbing and self-sufficient.

It was in the year 1531 that Sir Thomas Elyot, Knyght, "devised" "The Boke named the Gouverneur," dedicating it in the "Proheme" to the "most noble and victorious prince, King Henry the Eight." The earliest treatise in English on the subject of education, it is interesting from the many hints it affords of the every-day life of gentlemen during an especially important period of England's development, the early dawn, namely, of that modern England that shines so clearly and splendidly in the pages of the great Elizabethans. Moreover Sir Thomas is no mean educationist, the root of the matter is to be found in him; he knows something of children's nature, and recognizes the skill that is needed to awaken a love of learning, to develop and strengthen character, and to prepare a man to be a fit leader of men. For Elyot, like Plato in the Republic,—shall we say like our modern English Platonist, Jowett?—is a pedagogue of aristocratic predilections; his aim is to train aright, "The Gouverneur"—him that is, who in due subordination to the sovereign is to rule in the Commonwealth, and who should be therefore an example of wisdom, courtesy, and virtue to the multitude. But what gives a delightful atmosphere of freshness and vigour to this little work is the genuine and whole-souled enjoyment in letters that pervades it from beginning to end. He loves books, and in that age of stern and harsh discipline, he will have the child be led rather than driven to them, so that he may love

them too. Thus the youngster is not to be too long restricted to the grammar. "For grammer if it be too long or exquisite to the learner, it in a manner mortifieth his courage; and by that tyme he cometh to the most swete and pleasant redynge of olde auctours the sparkes of fervant desyre of lernying is extinct with the burdeyne of grammer, like as a little fire is sone quenched with a great heape of smal stickes; so that it can never come to the principal logges, where it shoulde long burne in a great pleasant fire." The first of the "principal logges" of the above simile is to be represented in his scheme by Esop's fables, "in whiche argument children mucche delyte. And surely it is a mucche pleasaunt lesson and also profitable." Following these come "Some quick and mery dialogues electe out of Lucian," or as an alternative, the "comodies of Aristophanes." But these authors are not long to keep him from the "sweteness and fruite" of Homer. As to Virgil, Elyot fairly smacks his lips as he recalls his delightfulness to the young reader. "Verily, no one auctoure serveth to so dyvers wittes as doth Virgil. For what thyng can be more familiar than his Bucolikes? For no worke so nighe approacheth to the common daliance and maners of children: and the prety controversies of the symple shepardes therein conteyned, wonderfully rejoyseth the child that hearith it well declared, as I knowe by myne owne experience. In his Georgikes, Lord, what pleasaunt varietye there is, the dyvers, graynes, herbes, flowers, that be there described, that redynge therein it seemeth to a man to be in a delectable gardeyne or paradyse." Naturally it takes more than one paragraph for this true lover of Virgil to declare the charms of "his boke of Eneidos."

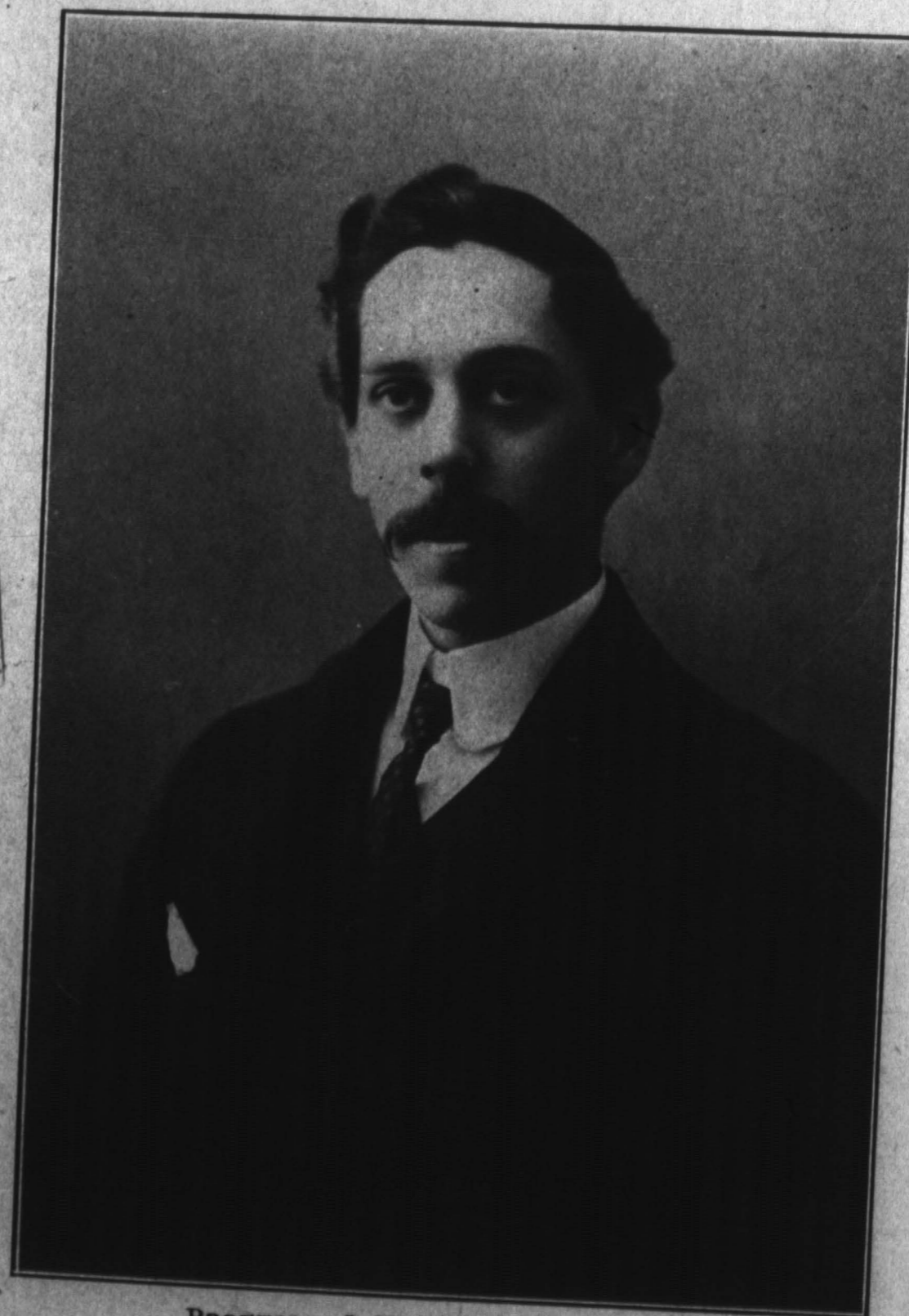
But not alone in the poetry and tales of long ago is delight to be found. "Cosmography," for example, has its attractions:

For what pleasure is it in our house to beholde those realms, cities, seas, ryvers and fountaynes that uneth in an old man's lyfe cannot be journeyed? What incredible delite is taken in beholdynge the diversities of people, beastes, fowles, fysshes, trees fruites, and herbes? To knowe the sundry maners and condicion of people. and the varietie of their natures; and that in a warm studye or parloure, without perill of the sea, or danger of longe and peynfull journeyes. I cannot tell what more pleasure shulde

happen to a gentyll wytte, than to beholde in his own house every thyng that within all the world is conteynel." A "gentle Wytte" truly is here anticipating the sapience of Stevenson's charming nursery philosopher:

"The world is so full of a number of things
I think we should all be as happy as Kings."

Yet one is glad to find that the pleasures of the future "Gouverneur" are not wholly confined to books. Sundry exercises are described as giving both recreation and profit; wrestling, running and swimming have favourable notice, though the last named seems to have been of little repute in the England of the Tudors. But what is most highly commended is the ability "to ryde surely and cleane on a great horse and a roughe." Hunting leads to a long dissertation on the hunting of the ancients, in comparison with which the modern chase of hares or foxes is rather disparaged; although he admits that "hunting of the hare with grehounds is a ryght good solace for men that be studious, or them to whom nature hath not gyven personage, or courage apte for the warres. And also for gentlewomen, whyche feare nether sonne nor wynde for appaytyng their beautye." And, peradventure they shall bee therat less ydel than they shuld bee at home in their chambers." "Hawkyng, measurably used and for a pastyme gyveth to a man good appetite to hys supper" Dancing, one fancies, must have been in his youth a favourite amusement with the good Sir Thomas. All history sacred and profane is made to testify in its favour, and with praiseworthy ingenuity the dancing of men and women together is made out to be symbolic of the union of the masculine and feminine virtues. But the principal of all exercises, we are told, is "shotyng in a longe bowe," a sport the decadence of which cannot be enough deplored; "crossbowes and handgunnes" he declares to have been "broughte into the realm by the slyghte of our enemies, to the entente to destroye the noble defense of archerye." Football, on the other hand, "is to be utterlye abjected of al noble men," "where is nothing," he goes on, "but beastelye fury, and extreme violence, wherof procedeth hurte, and consequently rancour and malice doe remayn with them that be wounded, wherefore it is to be put in perpetual silence."



PROFESSOR J. E. WOODMAN, M.A., S.D.

Whence it appears that there has been little change in the indictment against football in the course of three centuries and a half, and we are reminded of another "Elyot" equally its opponent, in our own day.

We need not follow our author into his account of the virtues needed for the "Gouverneur" in adult life. There is nothing original in his moral system, and everywhere classic history, aphorism and anecdote are brought, not always appositely, to the support of his teaching. But however didactic, however rambling the dissertation, under Elyot's guidance we are always conscious of being with an earnest scholar and a true gentleman, one who holds aloft in his own cheerful fashion a high ideal of personal worth, sound learning and good breeding, as constituting the only justification for the assumption of great office and dignities. Such is his interpretation of the old-world motto "noblesse oblige," and such is the message to which we may still hearken from this quaint little black-letter volume of the sixteenth century.

E. RITCHIE.

[Dr. Eliza Ritchie is one of Dalhousie's first Lady graduates, and one of whom she is justly proud. Miss Ritchie was graduated as B. L. from Dalhousie in 1887 with high honours in philosophy; gained the degree of Ph.D. from Cornell, and was for several years associate Professor of Philosophy at Wellesley College. She is also a contributor to several well known periodicals and literary publications. Ed.]

Professor Woodman.

Professor Woodman's resignation of the Chair of Geology in order to become head of the department of Geology in the University of New York, has removed from the staff one of its most active and prominent members. Dr. Woodman came to Dalhousie from Harvard University when the School of Mines was established, in 1902. He was thus the first occupant of the Chair of Geology and from the outset devoted himself with

characteristic energy and enthusiasm to organizing the department and building up the new school of which it formed a part. The Geological equipment in 1902, consisted mainly of the McCulloch collection. This was largely supplemented year by year as a result of Professor Woodman's summer work, and the present considerable equipment of the Geological laboratory is largely due to his efforts. Professor Woodman also took a leading part in organizing and conducting the summer classes in Mining carried on for some time by the School of Mines at Sydney and elsewhere. He was at the same time an active member of the Nova Scotia Institute of Science and of the Mining Society of Nova Scotia and contributed numerous papers on geological subjects to these societies. During the last two years of his residence in Nova Scotia he conducted for the Government an extensive investigation of the iron ore deposits of the Province, and he has published voluminous reports upon this subject of permanent scientific interest and economic value. Nova Scotia can ill afford to lose its active scientific men, and in Professor Woodman's departure both the University and the Province have suffered a distinct loss.

A Morning with the Tuna in Chester Bay, Nova Scotia.

The herring had struck in off the coast and following closely after them came schools of huge tuna, horse mackerel, or albacore as they are locally called. News of the arrival of the tuna reached us on the evening of September 9th. Preparations for a wood-cock hunt were immediately abandoned and everything was got in readiness for a trip for tuna on the following day. There were five of us in the party, three young Baltimoreans, our skipper and myself. As soon as we had gathered our tackle together and had provided ourselves with plenty of grub, blankets, etc., we set sail about 9 o'clock that night and aided by a favourable breeze drew rapidly away from the mainland. Little Fish Island was soon passed, then Big and Little Gooseberry, Big Fish, Clay and Misener's were left behind, lastly Quaker Island with its red light was left astern

and we pointed our boat to where Big Tancook Island loomed up indistinctly in the distance. A run of about two hours brought us to Tancook where we lay-to for the night, our skipper going ashore. About 3 a. m. he aroused us and we hoisted sail and proceeded out to where Ironbound Island stands guard at the entrance to the harbor. As gray daylight came on we could dimly make out the fishing fleet away in the offing, over a hundred sail, and we immediately headed for them as we knew that where the herring were there we would find the tuna. As we drew near the fleet we beheld a most unusual scene. More than a hundred fishing boats were busily engaged in hauling the herring nets and thousands of these fish were being brought in every minute as the nets were slowly hauled in. Everywhere around the boats a constant succession of huge splashes from which foam flew indicated where the tuna were breaking water in pursuit of the numerous herring which were everywhere in evidence. The tuna seemed to have no fear whatever of the boats, but broke water all around them, seeming perfectly oblivious of their presence. After sailing up to one of the boats and obtaining a dozen herring for bait, we worked up to windward and lowering the jib and easing off the main sheet we let the boat drift, and prepared our tackle. This consisted of a long coil of heavy rope one hundred yards long attached by heavy wire to a large steel hook baited with a whole herring. The rope was kept carefully coiled up in the middle of the boat, the free end attached to the mast. We were all very careful to keep clear of this coiled rope, as a man tangled up in it would be easily carried overboard by a tuna in its first wild dash for freedom. We had only been fishing a short time when there came a heavy strike and the line tightened out like steel wire. All of us took hold of the line and began pulling in for all we were worth. As soon as the tuna felt the hook he dashed away like lightning, sounding deep, and in one run took out 90 yards of line. We now succeeded in snubbing him and in getting him turned towards the boat, where we managed to get in a few yards of line, only to lose it again as the fish made another rush. Again and again this was repeated, and a little line gained only to be lost again. After 30 minutes of this kind of

fighting the tuna gradually weakened and yielding to the combined pull of five men on the other end of the line was brought near enough to the boat to be seen, and his immense size could then be observed. Another wild rush and he tired sufficiently to be brought up to the side of the boat, and then the difficult problem arose as to how we were to boat him. We had no gaff but while three men held him by the line just out of water, another man hooked the boathook in his jaws and the remaining man got ready with a 38 caliber rifle. Two shots in the brain and the big fish gave up the ghost and the water for yards around was dyed crimson. A rope was then passed through his jaws and all hands took hold. A long pull and a strong pull and the fish came in over the gunwale and victory was ours. As one man we all jumped to our feet and cheered as the hugh fish was landed. He measured by the tape, seven feet one inch long, five feet in girth, and weighed by the scales just 300 pounds,—a big fish surely!

With all sails set and a favoring breeze we sped back to Chester, well satisfied with our catch and our sport with the big tuna of Chester Bay.

L. R. LORDLY, LAW '09.

On Growing Old.

Not until age comes with unflinching tread, and retracts one by one the gifts life has given us, do we know if we have *lived*.

The home of life is the mind, and there it most becomingly abides. Our health, our strength, our capacity for enjoyments are but the "luxuries" which comfort the mind and strengthen it for the accomplishment of its great purpose. Everything seeks after strength, and so it is that these "luxuries" crave to be the constant dwellers in the soul's temple, and thus unwittingly they accomplish a great purpose. Each time they come unbidden and are evicted they create a mental stimulus acquired in no other way. Herein lies the benefit of abstinence.

But when life descends from the mind and finds its chiefest joys in the pleasures of amusement, in strength and the wild rollicking of the appetites, the whole purpose of life is

completely overthrown. No larger is there a tenant in the temple, and soon the mind loses the gloss which once gone will nevermore return.

The test has come. One by one the members of the superstructure are removed and the soul is laid bare to those who would know. Strength, the capacity for pleasure, the delights of the appetite are gone, while pain alone is the new-comer. If the mind sours and is dormant from disuse, if it has refused its life,—God pity us! for we are suicides. But if it bids farewell to strength and pleasure, and rejoices in its happiness we have lived.

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Personals.

Western Canada College, founded by our A. O. MacRae, in 1909, at Calgary, Alta., has now an attendance of over 100. It possesses three buildings and a valuable property. When MacRae went there, six years ago, Calgary had 6,000 inhabitants. Now it has 25,000.

LAST YEARS MEDICAL CLASS.

Clyde S. Hennigar is practising in Liverpool.

Hector A. Grant is at present in Boulardarie, C. B.

E. K. MacLellan is assistant at the Nova Scotia Hospital, A. Calder, F. A. Cox and R. G. Maclellan are on the staff of the Victoria General Hospital.

J. A. MacDonald is at River Hebert, Cumberland Co.

S. R. Johnson has taken a practise at Tangier.

LAW.

C. S. Clark is doing insurance work in Moncton, N. B.

A. Fauquhar is in a Law office in Winnipeg.

A. C. Frame is in Logan & Ralston's office, Amherst.

Colin Mackenzie is in Law office of W. Crowe, Sydney.

R. W. Maclellan was admitted to the bar and is at present in the firm of Messrs. McInnis, Mellish and Fulton.

J. J. Martin is in the Law office of A. D. Gunn, Sydney.

H. W. Menzie, J. J. Gillies, L. R. Lordly, and J. H. Prowse are in Law offices in the city.

G. V. Pelton was admitted to the Bar and is practising in Yarmouth.

D. C. Smith is still in the city.

H. W. Chase is at his home.

Exchanges.

"There is a mission for the universities and their graduates to-day in aiding to assuage the spirit of wide-spread discontent and turmoil in the modern world. Let the university stand as a great organ of public opinion in this epoch of the world's history, when 'force and fear set hope and faith at odds.'"

"I hope that the time will never come when a student can win his way into or through our university without effort, or when intellectual duties can become merely incidental to social and athletic accomplishments."

"History tells us that reformation and revolution have proceeded from the university. But it has always been antagonistic to disorder; it has battled, not against good government, but against destructive conditions."

Extract from President Falconer's address to '09 graduating class.

University Monthly.

SIMPLISSIMO!

"How simple Latin is," said the Science man as he contemplated Cicero.

"'Forte dux in aro'—Forty ducks in a row."

"'Passus sum jam'—Pass us some jam."

"Those Art students have a cinch."

Collegian.

Several copies of *The Student* hailing from Edinburgh University have reached us. This is a bright and newsy college paper.

The *Labor Gazette* published by the Government contains statistics and information on trade conditions all over the

Dominion. It ought to be invaluable to debaters. The August number contains a full report of the causes etc. of the present strike in Glace Bay.

The June number of *The Intercollegian* has a very good article by President Taft of the United States on "The Relation of the Learned Professions to Politics and Government."

The midsummer number of *The Miter* contains an interesting account of "The Rhodes Scholarship" stating very clearly its qualifications and conditions also Mr. Rhodes' conceptions of education.

Other exchanges are the *Revue Canadienne*, *Scroll*, *Allisonia*, *McMaster Monthly*, *Trinity University Review*, *Mechistonian*, (Edinburgh); *Canadian Mining Journal*.

The following is a clipping from the *Acadian Recorder* of 19th of March, 1825.

HOMES O. BECKWITH.

Most respectfully informs his friends and the public that he has opened a Boarding House in No. 84 Argyle Street, in the neighborhood of Dalhousie College.

The tenement is distinguished by the sign of a "Lion and Lamb" reposing together in the most agreeable harmony, being emblematical of that highly blissful and truly glorious period which is approaching, namely, the

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when righteousness shall cover the earth, as the waters do the great deep.

For the reception of country produce, the subscribers have a commodious shop. Also extensive stabling for horses.

We have also received an "Old Home" number of the *Montreal Standard*, which is a tastefully arranged pictorial number of various scenes of Montreal, Canada. The number is also accompanied by two superb panoramic views of Montreal.

Sir Edmund Leslie Newcombe, Dal. '78.

Mr. Edmund Leslie Newcombe, C. M. G., K. C., LL. B., Deputy Minister of Justice, who was recently knighted by the King, was born at Cornwallis, King's County, N. S., 17th, February, 1859; graduated in Arts at Dalhousie College in 1878, from which University he also received the degree of M. A. three years later. He studied law at Kentville in the office of John C. Chipman, Q. C. (now Judge of the County Court for District No. 4) reading at the same time for the law course of the University of Halifax, where he graduated with distinction in 1882.

He was called to the Bar of Nova Scotia in 1883, and practised in Halifax for seven years.

An examination of the reports shows that he met with a high measure of success, the result of industry and skill in the management of his cases.

When in 1893, Mr. Sedgewick was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court, Sir John Thompson at once recognized in Mr. Newcombe qualifications which he considered would prove of great service in the administration of the Department of Justice and he, preferring the broader field of professional work which was offered, though at some pecuniary sacrifice, accepted the appointment of Deputy Minister of Justice for Canada, which position he still occupies. In that capacity he has been engaged not only, as his predecessors were, in the administration of the affairs of his department, which includes the advising of other departments of the Government upon legal matters, reporting upon the constitutionality of the statutes of the various Provinces, and many other matters of public importance, but he has in addition, to a considerable extent and with much success, conducted in the courts the litigation in which the Government has been concerned. Mr. Newcombe is eminently fair and judicial in his methods, and his administration of the department has met with general satisfaction. Mr. Newcombe was appointed Queen's Counsel, 18th. November, 1893, and called to the Bar of Ontario, 8th. December, 1893. He has been a member of the Council of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society,

1892-3; Governor of Dalhousie College, 1887-93; President of Alumni Association of Dalhousie College, 1887; Lecturer on Insurance in the Law Faculty of that University, 1892 and 1893. In 1895 he was appointed by His Excellency in Council representative of the Government of Canada to confer with Her Majesty's Government on the subject of Canadian copyright, and in that capacity visited London and conferred with the Secretary of State for the Colonies, both as to the constitutional aspects of the question and for the purpose of removing the causes of complaint then existing on the part of the Canadian publishers. We congratulate Sir Edmund to his being perhaps the first Dalhousie Alumnus to be Knighted.

The Law School.

The regular semi-annual meeting of the Law Students Society, was held in the Moot Court Room, September 15th, at 10 a. m., with President J. Doull in the chair. Secretary R. C. Burns read the minutes of the last meeting, which were unanimously approved and the meeting proceeded to business.

The following were elected to form the Executive Committee for the present year:—W. A. Macdonald, G. P. O. Fenwick and Dysart. The president and secretary are *ex-officio* members of this committee.

The Athletic committee was then nominated and consists of Messrs. K. G. Craig, A. O. Thomas, I. Ralston, B. W. Russell and N. R. McArthur.

Matthew MacLean, was unanimously elected Captain of the Law football team for the coming season.

It was suggested by J. P. McIsaac, that a coach might be procured for the football team at very little expense, since the students were fortunate enough to have in their midst a man well trained in the fine points of the game through his long experience in the West. He accordingly moved that Mr. Hughill be appointed to the position. The motion was seconded, put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

Amidst a storm of applause, Mr. Hughill made a very fitting speech and promised to do all in his power to help the team succeed.

D. C. Sinclair, as a member of the Sodales Executive, wanted to know what course the Law Society intended to take with regard to the inter-faculty debates. His query caused some discussion and R. Richard moved, seconded by W. A. Macdonald, that Law withdraw from the series. J. S. Mavor then moved in amendment, seconded by M. MacLean, that Law take part in the debates provided those in which Law was interested take place before Christmas.

The amendment was carried.

W. A. Macdonald called attention to the fact that books frequently disappeared from the Law Library and some were never returned. Much inconvenience was caused by this ungentlemanly practice and he strongly urged that steps be taken to stop it. As a result, W. A. Macdonald, G. P. O. Fenwick and J. S. Mavor were elected a committee to consider the best way of dealing with the matter.

The meeting was then adjourned.

College Notes.

MOCK PARLIAMENT.—Resumed its evening sessions at eight o'clock, September 27th, with Hon. Speaker Richard, K. C., on the throne. All the members of the new government were present and occupied positions on the right of the Speaker in the following order: J. J. Cameron, Premier and Minister of Interior; John Doull, Minister of Finance and Customs; J. S. Mavor, Minister of Railways and Canals; Ivan Ralston, Minister of Justice and Post Master General; R. S. McLellan, Minister of Public works.

After the Speaker had read the address from the throne, the Hon. Member from Cumberland, (R. K. Smith,) arose and in a speech teeming with eloquence and optimism moved the address in reply. The Hon. Member from Calgary (Mr. Hughill) seconded the address in a speech glowing with enthusiasm.

He repeatedly scored the opposition for its obstructive methods and lauded the good work of the Government.

The general discussion on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was ably participated in by the Honorable Members from South Cape Breton, (N. B. McArthur, Leader of Opposition); Madawaska, (J. J. Cameron, Premier); Antigonish, (J. P. McIsaac); East Chezzetcook, (J. W. Keefe); North Toronto, (John Doull, Minister of Finance); Yarmouth, (C. C. MacKay); York (J. S. Mavor, Minister of Railways and Canals); Kings-Albert, (G. P. O. Fenwick); Inverness, (R. S. McLellan).

The Honorable Member from Kings, (L. M. Robinson) then arose and moved the adjournment of the debate.

The Ideals and Methods of the Gaelic League.

We have received a brief and exceedingly interesting essay under the above caption from the gifted pen of J. D. Logan, M. A., PH. D. Dr. Logan is an old Dalhousian whose marked success reflects a large measure of credit not only on his native industry and ability, but on his alma mater as well. At present he is Editor of the "Toronto Sunday World," and is a vigorous champion of the Gaelic League.

The first portion of the Essay sets forth the true aim and purpose of the organization. The reader will find therein ample explanation of the rapid strides which this movement has made of late, and the unusual interest elicited from eminent men both in the Old Country and in the New. The writer is careful to correct any lurking notion that its object is merely literary. It embraces rather, in its ultimate scope and purpose "the spiritual, economic and social renaissance of the Irish Gaels."

Continuing, the Essayist makes reference,—necessarily brief—to the rich treasures of Keltic Literature, and is especially happy in his selections and comparisons. This portion of the Essay will come as a revelation to those who, through lack of sympathy or through narrow prejudice, have closed their eyes to the fact that the day was when the Keltic people constituted "the finest flower of civilization."

It is encouraging then to note that the efforts of the Gaelic League have already had far reaching results, and that little Nova Scotia, true to her best interests and traditions, can boast of Chairs of Keltic in the Universities of Dalhousie and St. Francis Xavier. Assuredly we may sincerely commend the efforts of those who labor to rescue from complete oblivion a literature which was long the glory and the inspiration of a great race, and which, revived and restored, may yet serve to solve the complicated problems of a nation's life where the best efforts of legislators have signally failed.

Ireland is not dead yet!

Scraps.

Dalhousian's meet at strange times and in odd corners of the earth. Some years ago Jean Forrest was going through the subterranean chambers of the Castle, Edidburgh, when she heard a voice she thought she knew, and coming in the opposite direction was Nora K. Mackay. Neither of them knew that the other was in Europe. The meeting may be imagined. Another case. Last summer, Kent Power was in Fayetteville, West Virginia in the interests of the American Law Book Co. At table he found himself seated beside a Dalhousian, Bernard Morrison. He is superintendent of a coalmine at Dunloop, and was in Fayetteville, giving testimony before the grand jury. Our new Instructor in Physics, T. C. Mackay (class '93) has been in California for some years and while there developed a taste for mountain climbing. One evening when scaling Mount Wilson at an attitude of 6000 feet, and feeling rather tired, he saw a tent with a light in it. On entering he found three men. One began to question him, asked him if he did not come from Nova Scotia etc., etc., until they discovered that they were "all Dalhousians". The man in the tent was H. T. Archibald of '97 better known as "Herby Tom," now professor of classics in Occidental College, Los Angeles.

W. Kent Power '04 has accepted an editorial position with the Edward Thompson Co., of Northport, Long Island, which issues "American and English Annotated Cases."

Dalhousiensia.

No flour falls around the halls,
For that's a game of ancient story,
But the freshmen quake and still they shake,
When the naughty sophs are in their glory.

Freshie Gray, (while being pressingly invited to a soph. flour festival :) "Here now, you fellows, you just let me go or I'll tell the professors on you!"

President of Sophomores, (on the arrival of the 22nd freshman at the soph prison:) "Say, boys, this is getting monotonous, taking so many freshmen out without any opposition."

Freshie Clements: "Aw well, what can you expect? You fellows won't give us a chance to organize."

Irate gentleman, with horsewhip in hand, tearing side out of the soph headquarters: "Did you see anything of my little N-rm-n?"

Freshie St-irs, performing in front of Halifax Ladies' College: "Ladies please come closer and see the show."

A few nights ago the Sophomores secured the services of the Freshmen Bohemians, who performed in several places and gave a brand new program at each performance.

First, Freshmen L-g-n attempted to give a vocal selection, but was not in very good condition and before he had finished his first "spasm" the critical audience demonstrated their intention of giving him "the hook." To save him that calamity he was shipped by freight to Bedford.

The remaining troupe, consisting of Freshmen C-mpb-ll, F-rg-s-n, D-ck-e, K-mp, male quartette, and Re-d and Cr-wf-rd, end men, gave several performances. The numbers that were most applauded were the singing and dancing of the band as a whole. The signing embraced everything classical and every form of dancing was exhibited, from a Mohawk war dance by Freshie Cr-wf-rd, to the Highland Fling by Freshie C-mpb-ll.

Freshie D-ck-e appeared to be rather downhearted, no doubt because Freshie K-mp had prettier decorations but both these gentlemen performed creditably.

Freshie Re-d covered himself with glory by his eloquence but chose a poor subject, namely, "Ice Cream Parlors." A freshman should confine his discourse to appreciation of attentions shown him, as Freshmen F-rg-s-n properly did.

Freshie F-rg-s-n said in part: "The 1912 class is the best class a person could want to meet with. They have treated us well and we are glad to be with them to-night."

Freshie Macd-n-ld attended West End Baptist Church a couple of Sundays ago and was invited by a member to attend the "Baraca" class. A few minutes later another member asked Freshie Macd-n-ld to come to the class and received this reply:

"Thank you, but I promised another fellow to go to breakfast with him."

A few nights ago several verdant freshmen took it in their heads to try to catch two sophomores. Can you imagine the audacity of it! However, when they had "copped" their *sophs* it required a display of badges to drive into the heads of the freshies that they had caught two innocent firemen in the discharge of their duties.

Pretty work, freshmen!

Freshie to Soph, on one of the night excursions: "Does that fellow board at the Ladies' College?"

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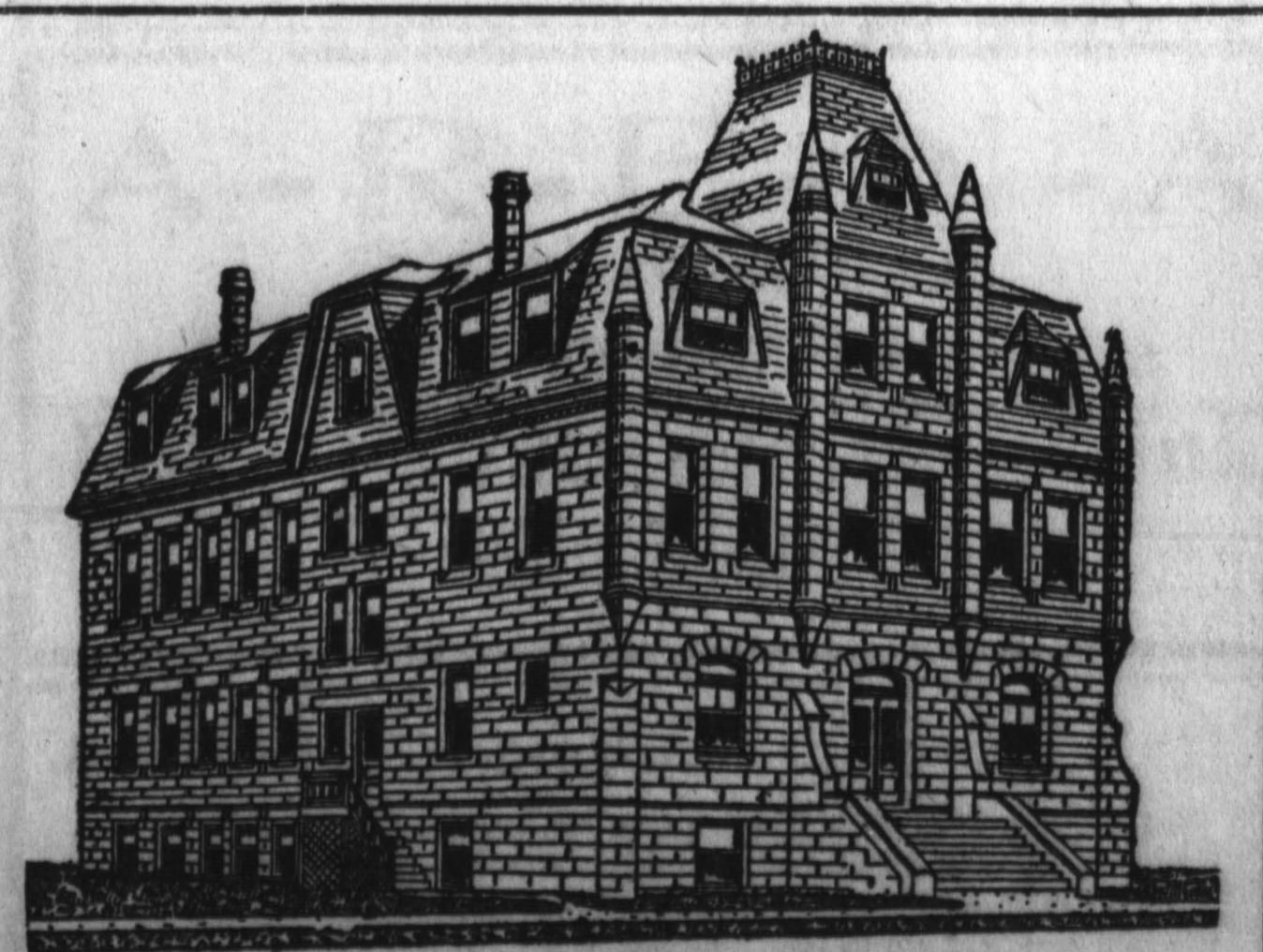
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