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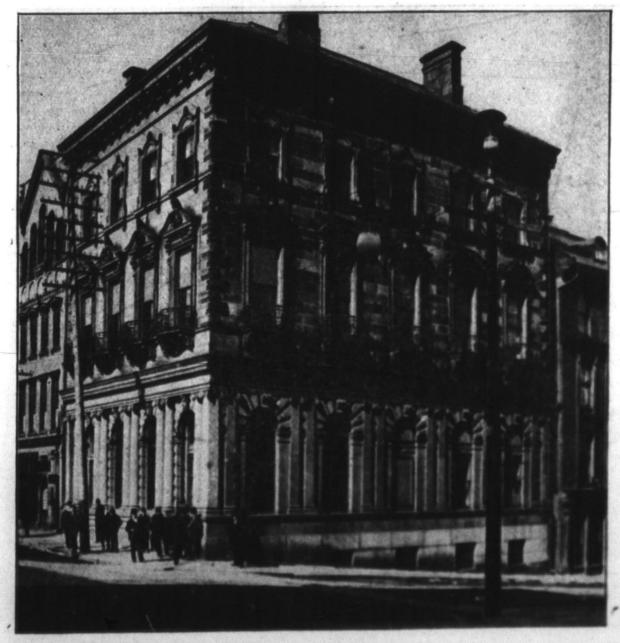
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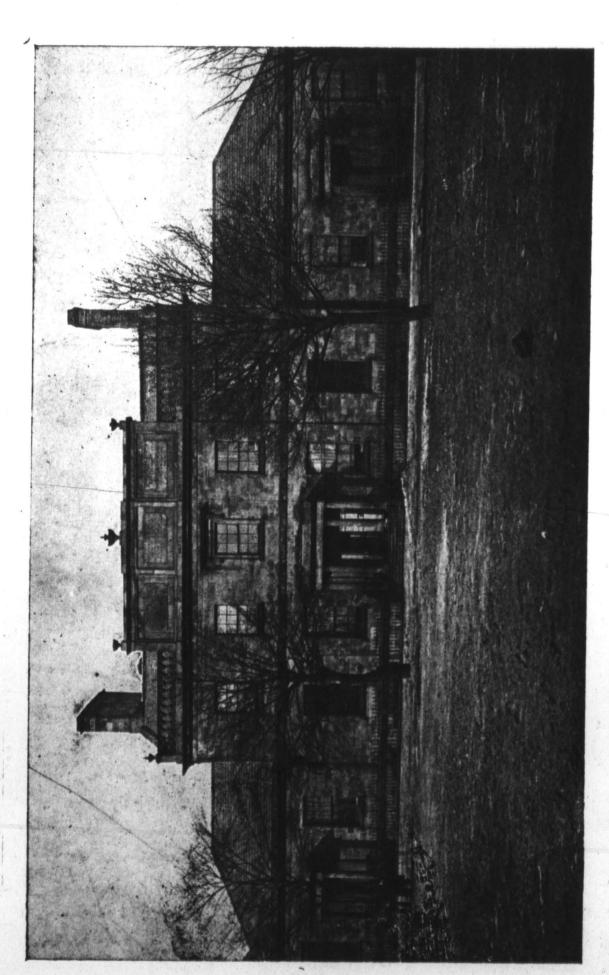
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Editorial.

For thirty-nine years it has followed the even tenor of its way, through storm, and stress, and strain, but never failing to make its monthly bow to the friends of Old Dalhousie. The location of the College has changed, professors and students come and go, but the GAZETTE goes on for ever. To-day it takes a backward glance at itself, and feels proud of the enterprise and energy of the students of other days who founded it as the first College paper in Canada, and guided it during the days of struggle.

The morning of January 25th, 1869, was cold and raw. For a week the snow had been falling, and the streets were almost impassable. The sky was dark and still threatening Suddenly the shadows fled. The sun burst through the snowy vapour, the sky cleared, and the drifts shone with an unprecedented brightness. A black-gowned student came from the printers with a roll of The Dalhousie College Gazette, Vol. I., No. 1.

The first issue set forth its two-fold aim: "To cultivate literary tastes among the students, and the establishment of an organ in which free expression can be given, not only to our own sentiments, but to those others who may interest themselves in our progress and prosperity." It was to be conducted by the undergraduates and graduates. Professors Lyall and DeMille, Sir William Young and Hon. Mr. Howe promised to contribute. It contained the "Salutatory," a poem translated from the German: "The Diver," "Notes on Cape Breton," "The Nature of Falsehood." The men who undertook the task of publication were Messrs. J. J. Cameron, B. A., A. P. Seeton and W. E. Roscoe. Mr. Cameron seems to have been an organizer, for four years later we find him one of the founders of Queen's College Journal.

But Vol. I. was only the venture of a small though enterprising group of students. They were severely criticized for their undertaking, but their success was recognized the following fall, when, at a general meeting of the students, the GAZETTE was adopted by the student body and made its official paper. That year the editors were H. McD. Scott, A. P. Seeton and D. C. Fraser, and they were succeeded by Messrs. D. C. Fraser, A. H. MacKay and J. G. MacGregor, now Governor of Nova Scotia, Superintendent of Education, and Professor of Physics in Edinburgh University, respectively.

At first it was The Dalhousie College Gazette, but in '71 it left out the word College. "Forsan et haec olim Meminisse juvabit" in '70 was dropped in favour of "Ora et labora.' Perhaps the editors of that date also prayed that the students in general would do some of the labour. In '75 a new series was begun, each number being sixteen pages. In that form it appeared until '91, when it assumed its present dress and make-up.

These thirty-nine volumes of the GAZETTE are of great value in revealing the college life of those days. The articles represent a great variety of subjects. At first the aim appears to have been more educative than reflective. Weighty scientific and philosophical essays are found. In '70 the mooted question of co-education was debated and—defeated. The threatening days of the seventies leave their

impress on its pages. Intercollegiate relations were not always pleasant. Gowns were denounced when wearing them was compulsory; they are begged for when their use is permissive.

All honour to the men of other days whose enterprise has left to us so rich an inheritance. Dalhousie then was the struggling college "on the Parade." It unfurled the banner of Undenominationalism, and has ever since been true to its colours. It fought for University consolidation in the interest of the educated industrial life of the Province, but prejudice and political exigencies decreed otherwise. Even when the greater good of a Provincial University seemed hopeless, it was faithful to the principles which had guided it, and sacrificed its developed Technical course and local Technical schools for the general good. To the ideals of the University the GAZETTE has ever been loyal. That it may continue so it requires the undivided support of all Dalhousians.

AST year initial steps were taken to hang the class and team pictures where they could be seen. The small wall space in the New Munro Room and the increased number of those pictures make some new arrangement necessary. It was proposed to hang the large class groups in the corridors, and as the Munro Room is the students' room, make it the abode of the team pictures. A good suggestion, but the walls of the corridors are still bare and unadorned with the portraits of Bachelors and Professors, and the dust is growing thicker, ever thicker, on the groups in the Museum—far from the undergrad's admiring gaze. Can we expect endowments from Alumni whose portraits are stowed away behind radiators! Come, why the delay, U. S. C.?

Nour last issue we accredited the introduction of Class Day to the Class of '03. A correspondent informs us that we were in error, and that it was the Class of '02 which holds that honour. Beg pardon, '02.

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Reminsences of 1872.

You have asked me to write a few reminiscences of my college days in Dalhousie. Everything is so different now from what they were forty-three years ago, when I became an undergraduate, that I fear what I may write will be very stale and uninteresting to the more favored students of to-day. Coming from the country at that time, with only a knowledge of local places and surroundings, a lad felt overpowered. The most of us had only the benefit of country school training, and, in my own case, less than three years of that.

The amount of our knowledge was small, so very few books to read, and only the hours after hard work on the farm, with indifferent candle-light, to study, narrowed our opportunities for general information. But the few books were good. They contained correct information, and we were, at least, saved from much of the wretched trash that now passes for suitable reading. As far as it went, our training was exact. The old schoolmaster knew the subjects he taught well, and he had a drastic method, for which I shall always thank him, of seeing we understood, too, what he taught. I well remember my utter loneliness as I stood at the Richmond Station in what I then considered a great city, and saw no one I knew. And when I reached my lodgings, how lone I felt. The terror of my examination, then and always a nightmare to me, added to my wretchedness.

But once enrolled as an undergraduate, and meeting so many kindly students, the feeling of loneliness vanished, and I can say of all my years in college none happier were ever spent by me. For the poorer lads, "lodging" was the usual method employed. A student paid so much a week for cooking, room and bed. He purchased the coal, light and food. In this way he could live as high, or he did live as cheaply as possible. Generally a number lodged together, each in turn for a week acting as purveyor. We had no "table d'hote," but exclusively partook of our meals alone. The several tastes of all were studied, though we all were agreed on such fundamentals as porridge, salt fish, corned beef, potatoes and "Scriven's"

bread. Though our credit was good, we never went beyond our means, though I remember on one or two occasions we indulged in a goose and barrel of apples.

Let not the present day student think they have the advantage under their changed circumstances. After our meals our study was our own, and there we worked, disputed, assisted, and exercised our physical powers to our hearts' content. Each one was willing to lend to the other either a new necktie, a warm pair of gloves, or anything else to set him off when he went to see his best girl, or give the advantage of all he knew to assist him in his work. We were not cursed with "At Homes," dances, or the so-called claims of modern society. Church twice each Sunday and Bible class in the afternoom were our only Sabbath outing. Home letters, with occasional packages of good things, kept us in touch with the loved ones at home.

Y. M. C. A. lectures each month, and occasional visits to the strangers' gallery of the House of Assembly furnished food for thought and subjects for spirited political contentions.

But our life was a pleasant one, and as we were in earnest to gain our degree, we worked hard to overcome our previous disadvantages.

Football on the Common, and the Debating Society we considered almost as binding as class attendance. All our outlay for the former was a couple of footballs. No gaudy colours, no particular badges, no college yells were known. We had all kinds of colours, from clearest sunshine to mirkiest sombreness, but no badges except cotton or woolen shirts, and no yells but those of pain or triumph. No crowd attended to witness our victories. We only had one team with whom we tried conclusions, and as far as I remember, we were never defeated. Saturday afternoon was our usual play day, and neither frost nor mud daunted us. The field was in its natural state. What loads of moist earth we carried away! I am not conversant with the present rules—ours were simple, and only persistent efforts brought success. How many a youthful Ahimaaz now returned to clay ran like deer over that field! Among the students I never saw one exhibition of brutality

such as is witnessed in some of our games to-day. The struggle was to win honourably, and the best men were never envied.

Friday evening was always sacredly devoted to debate. Latterly we had a Senior and Junior Debating Society. The speaking was general; every student was expected to take part. Appointments were made a week previous, and the students named who were to open and respond, as well as those who were to support the leaders. Much reading was one good result of those debating societies, which might not otherwise have been undertaken. Previously, most of us had read but sparingly, and when the various subjects were named we had to make ourselves conversant with both the authors and their subjects. The quiet chap whom you never feared would rise and expose your ignorance, and of course the crowd cheered. Next time, you either knew your facts or only brought forward the few of which you were certain. But a still greater benefit was that you became, by repeated efforts, able to think and speak at the same time. Precise words and special sentences were not encouraged, and anything bordering on the high-flown oratory was jeered at. Classical allusions, except facts, were considered pedantic. The aim of the debate was to present facts in a clear, concise manner, and never did an honest effort to do so receive disapproval. May I express an opinion that much too little time is given by the students of the present day to such exercises of the mind. Clear thinking, with exact information, is an indispensable equipment for every educated man, but this alone will not prepare him for public usefulness. He must even go beyond understanding himself. What he knows and thinks he must study to make others understand. For this purpose he must be able to recast his knowledge so that what he wishes to teach may be understandable by his audience. This he can never do unless he learns to be at ease when he speaks, so as to appreciate whether or not his views have been so expressed as to be plain to the comprehension of those who hear. A light flippancy or ability to emit words neither satisfies nor instructs, however pleasing to the speaker's vanity. Never will good, plain, sensible speaking be at a discount. All the

books ever published, or that may be hereafter issued can take its place. Human beings are so constituted that no amount of reading can take the place of the voice-manner speech of one who personally brings a message.

We accustomed ourselves to prepare carefully what we had to say, but we did not permit ourselves to become the slaves of prepared words. Dr. Roy, a noted preacher of the good old days, once said to me: "Duncan, I prepare my sermons carefully—commit them largely, but I'm no bound by that, for if I, like Abraham, while I am preaching, catch a ram caught by the horns in the thicket, I aye offer him up as a sacrifice." Because I have seen the good effects of our old-time Debating Club in Dalhousie, I strongly recommend to the young students of my now larger Alma Mater to give one night each week to debate. It is part of a liberal education, and will well repay them in after years.

The GAZETTE started on its career in the session of 1868-69. At first it was published by a "few" of the students, fortnightly. In the following session it was taken under the control of the students, and has ever since been published by them as the college organ.

I became one of the editors, and continued to act during the remaining years of my college course. This extra labour, in addition to college work, often prevented us, for a couple of nights, from getting sufficient sleep. Every sentence had to be proof read, the publisher assuming no responsibility. While the students were enthusiastic, they did not generally write for the GAZETTE. It was a new venture and outside of their usual mode of study. Gradually they began to send articles, correspondence, etc., till after a time we never had to hurriedly prepare, at the last moment, something to fill space. We always had something of our own ready in case of need. How glad I now am that no use was made of much that was ready. I speak for myself, for Scott, now Dr. Scott, of Chicago, was a veritable Greeley. He could stand by the swiftest compositor at the last moment and write an article that would do credit to any magazine. Not least among the many advantages to me during my college days was the

privilege of contact with such a man. From Webster's Dictionary we learned the correction marks known to the proof readers, and sent back the first sheets with pardonable pride to the printers. What swelling of bosom when one saw their words in print! "A book's a book though there is nothing in it." The training, however, in correct expression and the labour of all the details in having each issue as perfect as possible helped immensely to detach one from slipshod methods. Our editorial chair was the ordinary one in each other's study. We were not troubled with passing events or political questions. Our chief trouble was to have on hand sufficient funds to meet the printer's bills.

To the present editors of the GAZETTE, with its fine appearance and well-written articles, the little sheet we issued will seem trifling, but they must not forget that the GAZETTE was born amid adverse surroundings and sustained under trying circumstances, and that editors and students, at great personal inconvenience, labour, outlay and determination, established for Dalhousie a college paper now happily ranking high among the best college periodicals.

I trust none of your readers will think I am trying to set up the college of my day as the golden age of Dalhousie. By no means. We had our trials, our successes, and our escapades. No body of students full of life, energy and fun can be found, I might say ought to be found, who will not let off their surplus energy betimes in pranks that may merit a fine. But cruelty and meanness can have no place in their fun. We were not without our failings and demerits. We wore the cap and gown on the street. This made us the mark for the city boys. I remember a companion and I were thoughtfully, at least we tried to look that way, walking to class one cold winter morning when a lot of city fellows jeered at us, and came up taunting us on our garb. My chum was of the true Highland stock, and never ran from any difficulty. To my surprise, quicker than I can write it, he struck right and left, and of course, though I might want to retire, I was compelled to take part. The oatmeal in our systems prevailed, and we scattered our assailants like chaff before the wind.

For myself, for some time I sought other streets for reaching the college, and I never knew that my friend was again molested, though he scorned to go by any other way than the scene of his victory.

Our scrimmages were in the old hall. There was nothing to interfere with our festivities but the old coal box, standing nearly four feet high. It was a religious duty that every freshman must be elevated on this box. Most of them wisely yielded to the inevitable, and at once gained a place among the sages. Others struggled and fought, but never succeeded. One morning the whisper went round that a big freshman, six feet in height and powerful of frame, had bragged that he would like to see the students elevate him. This was enough; in he walked. We arranged our forces, a rush was made, and he showed fight. I was one of the forwards, and I managed to get under him. The others held him, and I was walking boldly towards the coal box, amid the shouts of all-shouts that could be heard on Water Street-when who should appear but Professor Johnson. But no one ceased to raise the freshman to his proper place, and on walked the Professor. I was just depositing my burden when he tapped me on the shoulder, while his eyes sparkled with merriment as he said: "A little less energy, Mr. Fraser; much less energy." I was clearly caught, but I hold his memory dear, for he never reported me, nor was I ever even questioned about the matter. No doubt he felt I had borne enough already.

One day two policemen came to make enquiries, perhaps to arrest some of us, and walked up to the college door. We were all out of class, and we determined to permit no base intrusion within our sacred abode. The college was ours, and a few of us met them, and told them not to dare invade this seat of learning, for we would not permit it. On they came, and on we went to meet them. In the end they found themselves beyond a line which we claimed as ours, and overwhich no unrighteous foot could pass. Whether friends got the matter arranged or the policemen found they had overstepped their rights I know not. But I do know we were not again bothered by the policemen.

There were some students who made use of methods to pass their examination that will seem strange to those now attending Dalhousie. They were not honourable, but truth compels me to narrate the facts, giving an example. Ponies, as they were called, were smuggled into class at our examination. Now I trust no one will be too severe on a scheme like this long since abandoned. I said our opportunities before coming to Dalhousie were limited, and as every undergraduate wanted to succeed, those who feared failure wished to make their calling sure. It required adroitness and a face that showed a readiness for beatific habitation. The large majority of us had no such power. We might have the adroitness, but we were sadly lacking in the higher graces. Poor Mr. was not a Porson in Greek, but he passed a fair examination in Greek, to the wonder of others who were immeasurably better classical scholars than he was. He was a man grown, and wore a heavy beard. It was hinted that his capacious pockets bulged out on examination day, but who could suspect that face of any wrong doing. When the next term opened he was on hand, bland and innocent as ever. At our first session of the Greek class he was asked some simple question of construction, and gave an idiotic answer. Then Professor Johnson asked another, with a like result. Pulling his gown closely over his shoulders, as was his custom when he was angry, he said: "Dear me, Mr. -, how did you pass your last examination?" Then, almost hissing, he shouted: "My lad, I will look after you at the next." The ridiculousness of calling that full-bearded man "My lad" was too much for the class, and we all broke into a chorus of laughter. Those who hinted of the bulged pockets now boldly avowed the truth of their suspicion. Whether from fear of the Professor's threat, or finding Greek was not his strong point, Mr. took no more examination, and never graduated. This case was the exception, the rare exception. Some of us were low enough in the marks received, but our answers were our own, showed what we knew-perhaps all we knew.

I had hoped to give my recollections of our Professors and their influence upon the students, but I have written enough in a disconnected way already.

D. C. FRASER, '72.

Government House, Halifax.

Co Hnnapolis Royal.

THE PRAYER OF HER MANY LOVERS.

From the dusty, dingy city,
With its thronged and busy streets;
From the toil, and care, and worry,
Take me to my old retreats:

To the fresh, sweet-scented valley, Where the apple blossoms blow; Where the tides of restless Fundy Softly come, and sleep, and go.

Take me where the silver waters
Gently lap the gliding prow;
Where the white winged yachts together
Ploughing foam, speed bow and bow.

To the lakes 'mid forest hidden,
Tucked away between the hills
Where the whirring reel makes music,
Sweeter than the rippling rills.

Take me to the glowing camp fires
And amid the circling blue
Tell again those tales and legends
Which you swore to me were true.

On the sunset tinted ramparts
Of the old historic town,
Let me dream, in early evening,
Stirring scenes of high renown.

Dream, until a silver pathway
Starting from my very feet
Goes through mountain shadows seaward,
Lost where sky and Basin meet.

ENVOY.

To her soothing, fond embraces
Take me now, at once, to-day,
Let me rest contented happy
On her peaceful breast for aye.

-A. W. L. Smith, in Acadiensis.

An Old Hrithmetic.

One rainy day last summer I was asked to hunt out all the arithmetics from a box of old school-books, to supply questions without answers attached. By the time I got through I had a fine collection of dust and arithmetics—Hall's, Kirkland and Scott's, Hamblin Smith, looking too well-dressed for his company; Sangster in pale green, the Irish National in good gray linen, and even an early number of Kennedy and O'Hearn. At the bottom of the box there was a gentle-looking, faded little book, almost too dusty and comfortable to be disturbed. It looked like a volume of "Pious Meditations," or something of that sort. There were lots of them. However, it came out, and proved to be "The Tutor's Assistant; being a Compendium of Arithmetic and a Complete Question-Book for the Use of Schools." Also, it had an "Appendix on the Decimal Coinage." This looked well. I tried the preface.

"For nearly a hundred years," said the preface, "this work has enjoyed an amount of favour from schoolmasters and teachers far surpassing that which any other has received." So the editor feels responsible. "In a performance of such universal acceptance and exercising such extensive influence in the machinery of education"—beautiful phrase—"it is important that sound principles should be inculcated." Otherwise "it becomes, in so far as the error prevails, an instrument of mischief rather than of good." "The book is more especially valuable for its copious variety of examples and extensive range of subjects." I think it is. Consider a few.

"What sum did that gentleman receive in dowry with his wife, whose fortune was her wedding suit, her petticoat having two rows of furbelows, each furbelow 87 quills, and each quill 21 guineas?" Talk about golden dreams! And this question comes very early in the book, and is less complicated than most of its set. "A gentleman in his will"—the Assistant is strong on model wills—"leaves £50 to the poor, and orders that 1-3 should be given to ancient men, each to have 5s., 1-4 to poor boys, each to have 1s., 1-6 to poor girls,

each to have 9d., and the remainder to the persons that distributed it. I demand how many there were of each sort, and what the person who distributed the money had for his pains?" Some of the section titles are alluring—" Fellowship with Time," "Position, or the Rule of False." "Fellowship" has apalling questions. One contains ten lines of close print. Even the grocers' mixtures are interesting—"Raisins of the sun," with "Malagas" and "Smyrnas," and Canary, sherry, white wines figure on every page. But oh! the Mercers, and Milliners, and Drapers, with their yards of Rich Brocade, Fine Laced Tippetts and Superior Scarlet! But the best questions begin "A lady," or "A gentleman." Under "Single Position, or the Rule of False" is this: "A gentleman overtaking a maid driving a flock of geese said to her: 'How do you do, sweetheart? Where are you going with these 30 geese?' 'No, Sir,' said she, 'I have not 30; but if I had as many more, half as many more, and 5 geese beside, I should have 30.' How many had she?" No maid who could reckon like that should have been a goose-girl. But the ladies are the star calculators, according to the Assistant. Another shines in Double Position. (In this you "make use of two supposed numbers, and if they prove false—as generally happens—they are with their errors to be thus ordered "-as directed.) "A gentleman going into a garden meets with some ladies, and says to them: 'Good-morning to you 10 fair maids.' But he is soon put in his place. 'Sir, you mistake,' answered one of them, 'we are not ten; but if we were twice as many more as we are we should be as many above to as we are now under.' How many were they?" Did the gentleman stay to figure it out, we wonder?

All sorts of strange money diversify these pages. How in the world were the Tutor's victims taught deniers, reas, and maravedis, seeing that now it is hard enough to get ours to reckon dollars and cents, pounds, shillings and pence. "They keep their accounts," says the Assistant, "some in guilders, stivers, and pennings,"—or livres, or rials, or anything else you like to mention. They are all here. All the foregoing, together with the Progressions, were supposed to be learned by the age of twelve or so. Perhaps they were.

The Progression questions are not strong in ethics, we would think. "A servant skilled in numbers," by an innocent looking offer, inveigles his guileless employer not so skilled, apparently, into paying him £5,825 8s. 5\d. for 12 months work. Also "a young Scholar coming into town for the convenience of a good library, demands of a Gentleman with whom he lodged what his diet should cost for a year, who told him f.10, but the Scholar, not being certain what time he should stay, asked him what he should give him for so long as he should place his family, consisting of 6 persons besides himself, in different positions every day at dinner The Gentleman, thinking it would not be long, tells him £5, to which the Scholar agreed. What time did the Scholar stay?" The gentleman should have let his wife arrange the board, for the scholar stayed about fifteen years. Another Gentleman meets "a person"—also skilled in numbers, one would think with cattle for sale, and ends by buying twenty-three for £4,369 is. 4d. Surely, surely, he made the "person" knock off the one-aud-fourpence? The Assistant does not say. Well might any youth dread to face the world without a good working knowledge of Progressions.

The book finishes with A Collection of Questions Set Down Promiscuously For Further Exercise In The Foregoing Rules. Here "Miss Kitty" and "her sister Charlotte" figure in another equitable will—though Miss Kitty gets more than Charlotte. Possibly she was the elder. Here, too, two of the calculating ladies make use of their talent to baffle indiscreet questioners. "A lady being asked her age, to avoid direct reply, answered thus: 'If you multiply my age by three, and take two-sevenths of thrice the product, the square root of two-ninths of the result will be four.' Required her age." And after all, mind you, she was only twenty-eight.

"The purchasers," says the Editor's preface, "have surely a right to more of the author than his title page," and surely one does get more of the Tutor than that meagre allowance. One can fairly see him, neat and prim, in a black suit, with a big white collar, coming into his schoolroom of a sunny morning with the new Assistant under his arm. Even then, no

doubt, he would be pondering the "Improvements and Simplifications" introduced by him into the fifteenth and twenty-first editions. Our own arithmetics are funny enough from some points of view, but the feeling they rouse in us is rather the angry amasement of Bella Wilfer for her cook-book. Perhaps we are too near them to appreciate them; but anyway, they have not the Assistant's "Copiosity and range of subjects."

E. M.

Barrington Memorial Fund.

Advantage has been taken of the present depression in stocks to invest the funds which have accumulated in securities, as required by the Trustees' Act, which will bring a return of over five and one-half per cent. If only more subscriptions had come in the benefits would be greater still. It is earnestly desired that all who purpose contributing to this fund should do so as early as possible, or at least send in a statement of their intentions The object, to provide a travelling fellowship for women graduates of Dalhousie, is a most worthy one, and should appeal to the numerous friends of the institution.

The Dickel.

Now where are you going my little man?
I'm going to the "Nickel" sir, fast as I can.
Father and mother and baby all go.
Say mister, please give us five cents for the show.

But what do you see when you get there, my lad? Pictures. fine pictures, the best to be had.

Dancers and songs—not a moment is slow.

Say mister! please give us five cents for the show.

When I looked at the laddie's haggard pale face, And thought of the odoriferous, close, darkened space Where blinding arc-lightning makes children sore-eyed. I gave him two nickels to keep him outside.

A. W. L. S.

President H. Ross Bill.

Once again one of the large universities has elected to its chief executive office a Nova Scotian and Dalhousian. The appointment of Dr. Hill to the presidency of the University of Missouri is another advertisement to the world of the genius of the men born in Nova Scotia and fostered in our Universities, all the more striking because of the fact that it is only a short six years since A. Ross Hill left the walls of his Alma Mater. The class of which he was a member was a notable one, numbering among others, Dr. Robertson, now President of Prince of Wales College; Webster, of Harvard; MacDonald, editor of the Halifax Chronicle, and Rev. George Johnson, late of Westmount, Montreal.

Dr. Hill entered Dalhousie in '98, securing the junior matriculation bursary. In his third year he led his class, securing another bursary, and graduated in '02 with high honours in Philosophy. From Dalhousie he went to Cornell, capturing a scholarship on entering. The following year he was awarded a fellowship, and had his doctor's degree conferred. The next year he spent in Germany. Returning, he was appointed head of the department of Philosophy in the University of Nebraska, a position which, on account of certain personal and political feelings which were then stirring the University, called for the exercise of much diplomacy and tact, as well as high executive ability. His splendid generalship in this difficult position secured for him a call from the larger University of Missouri, to organize a department of Education. Here again he was signally successful, and within a year his department was conceded to be the equal of any in America. Last year he was called to Corncll, and made head of the Arts and Science faculty. Now comes the call back to Missouri, to be its head, and all Dalhousians, past and present, look with pride on the brilliant young son of Dalhousie who holds the reins of government over one of the largest and most influential Universities in the western portion of our sister nation.

The Dalhousie Quill-Drivers' Club.

It is the GAZETTE's pleasant duty to record the birth of the Dalhousie Quill-Drivers' Club, an organization which gives every promise of an illustrious career. The members of the club are all confessed and professed writers who gather together every Wednesday night to read and criticize original short stories. Each member is supposed to write a story or an essay every week. As far as we know, this is the first club of its kind that has ever been formed at Dalhousie; but it is a club that has long been needed; and now that it has come into existence, it is to be hoped that it will flourish. There should be ten or twelve students among us who purpose to do some dabbling in literature or writing, and of them it is expected that they will identify themselves with Dalhousie's literary element, and encourage the Quill-Drivers' Club by joining it. Nothing astoundingly great is expected of the members as yet, so that shy young writers need have no fear; they will meet only with encouragement. The club's membership list at present includes the names of poets, short-story writers, essayists, and litterateurs in general, and it is the earnest wish of the president and officers of the club that any student whose pen runs in any of these grooves will come forward and add his name to the membership list.

There is no membership fee. Applications for membership to the club should be addressed to the President of the Quill-Drivers' Club, Box Y, Dalhousie. The names of the club's members, and any other desired information will be given gladly.

In the second week of February the club intends to offer samples of its work at an etertainment, which will be given by St. Matthew's Young People's Guild, on which occasion a number of the club's best stories will be delivered by elocutionists.

Th Dalhousie Quill-Drivers Club is a club with a beneficial object and purpose, and it is to be hoped that false modesty will not prevent unknown writers who are among us, from identifying themselves with the club. In the club, by the way, there is as little publicity as possible.

Dew Year Balls.

On Wednesday, January 8th, the onset of that annual epidemic, "Dalhousie At Homes," was ushered in somewhat insiduously by the Medicals; yet it was not without many and varied premonitory signs. From inspection and physical signs of preparations, decorations, etc., the diagnosis of the nature of the function would offer some difficulty to the unskilled clinician, but even the embryo diagnostician, guided by the elaborate preparations, would not hesitate to offer at once a very favourable prognosis. Agglutinated masses of buntings, draperies, ensigns and decorations in college colors, which at the beginning was heaped promiscuously on the college floors, were transferred with marvellous rapidity and artistic skill to the ceilings, walls and pillars, forming arches, alcoves and banners. A cranium niger set over a humerus and femur was displayed on each of the yellow curtains, giving the whole an unique appearance. The period of incubation extended over a term of three days. Then, all being in readiness, the floors were sprinkled with concullonified glycozone and all antiseptic precautions taken.

At eight o'clock the guests of the evening arrived, and were received in the Arts Library by the chaperons, Mrs. N. Cunningham, Mrs. L. M. Murray and Mrs. M. A. Curry. Several amusements for the guests were prepared by the committee of management, but nearly all showed a dancing diathesis. Even those who suffered from acute bi-lateral

athetosis indulged in the invigorating exercise.

The music—McNally's Orchestra—was a specific for neurithenia. It was administered in full doses and at short intervals. Its physical as well as its physiological action on the dancers were markedly perceptible. During the intermissions all those not suffering from anorexia, on the advice of the attending physician, withdrew to the drafting room, where Mr. Alexander put them on full diet and stimulating beverages of ternstromeacee and C₈ H₁₀ N₄ O₂ H₂ O, which he dealt out in doses of xxxii drachms. The sialagogue effect of these wholesome dietetics was soon evident. At I A. M., the physician in

charge, as a prophylactic measure, advised rest in bed and abstinence from dancing until the following evening, at least. Acting on his advice, the crowd dispersed, well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

The committee of management, who are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts, were

Messrs. M. E. McGarry,
(Chairman.)

R. C. Shatford,
W. A. McLeod,
R. G. McLellan,
K. McLellan,
K. McLellan,
Messrs. W. V. Coffin,
F. Kenny,
McKay,
McKay,
Balcom,
Dennis.
M. R. McG.

Delta Gamma At Home. — Undergraduates who have mastered their Greek alphabet think that they know all that the mystic phrase "Delta Gamma" involves. Perhaps they do; probably they do not. But on occasion the veil which conceals the mystery is lifted, and something is learned of the very nature of that most interesting of college societies.

The veil was lifted for the space of about four hours on the evening of January 10th. The girls of the Delta Gamma had invited the boys to "come awa' to Auld Dalhousie 'twixt the gloamin' and the mirk," and every gallant was found ready at the appointed hour. The door of the Ladies' Waiting Room had been a ne plus ultra to the boys. It was such no longer. For here the guests were welcomed by the President and invited to partake of the evening's good cheer.

Right royal was the greeting extended to the guests The song of welcome rang out clear and strong:

"Sing we this song to welcome all our gallant brave co-eds
Of Arts and Science, Engineers, Pine Hillers, Laws and Meds.,
But to our kind Professors, and their wives especially,
Sing we welcome to the party of the girls of Dalhousie."

It was an evening for the Scot. Four kilted Highlanders had come to pay their respects. Two hailed from Cape Breton, one from Pictou, and one all the way from Bonnie Scotland. They were "braw, braw lads," and displayed all the gallantry of their race.

Whilst the chiels were having their cracks and passing their good cheer, a sound was heard which stirred the blood. All hastened to the hall, and there discovered a wee laddie discoursing sweet music on that instrument most dear to the Scottish heart. Long he played, and long they listened. At length the music ceased, and the little lad was loudly cheered as he gave his parting salute.

The best history of the lad of Bonnie Dundee was presented by Miss Mabel MacLeod and Mr. D. R. MacLean. The complete history was read by Dr. MacMechan, who also presented the prizes to the winners. We cannot forbear to make one quotation:

"Many the wonders she learned from his pen,
How the Wanderers and Crescents trembled when
They heard "The March of the Cameron Men;"
And how the north bleacher cried, "Hail to the Chief,
Famous in football, from Cape Breton's heath."

The supper which followed was worthy of the occasion:

"Scones and jam and Scotch cakes, Just the kind the guid wife makes, Shortbread, barley-sugar, too, Coffee o' guid Hielan' brew."

The Two Step and Rye Waltz were followed by the Highland Fling. "Auld Lang Syne" brought the function to a close.

The boys of Auld Dalhousie are deeply indebted to the President and members of the Delta Gamma, and unite in wishing long life and prosperity to that queen of College societies.

ENGINEERS "AT HOME."—The first "At Home" of Dalhousie's Engineers was given on Monday, the 13th inst., and was an unqualified success. The three hundred who accepted invitations and the three hundred and "one" who were present pronounced it the best yet. The guests were received in the Arts Library by Mrs. H. P. Jones and Mrs. E. A. Stone. Here, in the interval between dances, the originator of "Paddy Murphy" entertained his audience with graphaphone selections.

As to the decorations, it was clearly evident that it was Engineers who had effected such a metamorphosis of the Munro and Draughting rooms and the first and second corridors. National and college bunting, festoons of black and yellow, combined with decorations of a technical nature, to give the rooms a gay and cheerful appearance. "Geoff's" model of the Quebec bridge, and the demonstration of the "cyanide process" of gold extraction were features of the evening. And the cozy-corners—well, "Ed." and "Jack" are experienced men, and evolved their experiences in a highly-satisfactory manner.

The programme of dances was a well-arranged one, and with the ever-popular McNally's at their best, nothing was possible but a good time. And the pace set up by Don., Bas., Stewart, Bung, etc., in that fourteenth "Turkey in the Straw" two-step indicated clearly that the programme was ending all too soon. The vigor displayed was in no small measure due to the excellent catering, and notwithstanding the fact that "Kirk," "Don," etc., took them seven at a time, the table was still replete before the last dance.

To the committee in charge, Messrs. Cahan, Archibald, McCunn, Flemming, Ralston, C. J. MacKenzie, and Creichton much credit is due for their untiring efforts in making such a brilliant success of Dalhousie Engineers' first "At Home."

Way down the Irrawaddy.
The surplus population,
In an unknown tongue the word goes round
A chocolate's lost,—cannot be found
Way down the Irrawaddy,
An allegator's face is crowned
With blissful smiles, He's sleeping sound
Way down the Irrewaddy.

A. W. L. S.

College Notes.

DELTA GAMMA.—The last meeting of Delta Gamma for the year 1907 met at the home of Miss Prisk, 51 Edward Street. The President, Miss Webber, made some stirring appeals to the girls for cushions for the waiting room. The committees for the "At Home" had already been appointed, and as there was no new business, all gave each other a good time. Each girl went there representing a song. The most clever ones were "Sweet and Low," "Sweet Adeline," "After the Ball " and in " Black and White," represented by Miss Smith, Miss Frances Tupper, Miss Irwin and Miss Prisk, respectively. It was very hard to distinguish, though, for all the hits were good. The prize for guessing the greatest number of songs was given to Miss Grace Tupper, while the consolation prize was divided between Miss F. Grant and Miss Chase. It being St. Andrew's night, Miss Sibley read an appropriate paper explaining the origin and meaning of the night. The evening closed with songs, and after thanking the hostess for a very pleasant evening, the Delta Gamma adjourned until 1908.

Sonales.—November 29th. "Resolved, that the Canadian Senate be abolished," was the resolution for the evening's debate. Messrs. Davis and Titus represented Medicine, while Messrs. Hamilton and Sutherland spoke for Arts '08 and '10. Messrs. Shatford and Calder for Medicine, and Messrs. McKeigan and E. A. Munroe for Arts, took part in the general discussion. Mr. Margeson was critic. The judges, Messrs. R. MacLeod, MacLellan and George Farquhar, returned a verdict in favor of Arts '08 and '10.

December 6th. The subject for the evening's debate was "Resolved, that Canada should have Unrestricted Reciprocity with the United States." Messrs. Sinclair and Bell debated for Arts '08 and '11, while Law was represented by Messrs. E. C. MacKenzie and Martin. Messrs. Farquhar and Pelton for Law, and Messrs. Thomas and Rosborough for Arts '08 and '11, joined in the general discussion. Mr. Coffin's critique

was an instructive and interesting one. The decision of the judges, Messrs. Frame, Cahan and Watson, was in favor of

December 8th. At a special meeting of the Society, the intercollegiate subject was debated, viz., Resolved, that the admission of Japanese into Canada, according to our present (November, 1907,) regulations, is better for Canada than their exclusion." Messrs. Margeson and Calder upheld the resolution, and Messrs. McKeigan and J. Cahan opposed it. A vote of thanks was tendered to Dr. Weldon for his kindness in attending the meeting.

December 14th. The regular weekly meeting was held in the law lecture room. The subject debated was, "Resolved, that individual hazing should be abolished from Dalhousie." that individual hazing should be abolished from Dalhousie." Messrs. Farquhar and Archibald, representing Law, opposed the resolution, while Messrs. McGarry and Coffin, for Medicine, upheld the resolution. Messrs. Molliet and Davis, for Medicine, and Messrs. Pelton and E. C MacKenzie, for Law, took part in the general discussion. Mr. Molliet was critic for the evening. The judges, Messrs. Jonah, Shatford and Sinclair, decided in favor of Medicine.

January 17th. The subject for debate was, "Resolved, that trial by judge and jury is preferable to trial by judge alone." Messrs. Margeson and W. A. MacDonald upheld the resolution for Law, while Messrs. Smith and W. K. Read, representing Arts '08 and '10, opposed it. Owing to the small attendance, general discussion was precluded. The judges, Messrs. Davis, MacKenzie and MacIntosh, decided in favor of Law.

Y. M. C. A.—On November 17th, in the Munro Room, the second lecture of the Y. M. C. A. course was given by Prof. J. W. Falconer, of Pine Hill. Professor Eben MacKay occupied the chair. There was a large attendance of students, and the lecture was listened to with much interest and profit, and the lecture took as his subject "The Presence of Christ," The lecturer took as his subject "The Presence of Christ," and pointed out three practical ways of realizing this: by service, obedience and meditation. It was, indeed, a master-

piece of style and delivery, and all present were deeply indebted to the speaker. Mrs. Bezanson sang a very appreciative solo.

The third lecture was given on December 8th, by Judge Russell. Dr. Forrest occupied the chair on this occasion. The lecturer took for his subject, "Right and Wrong Uses of the Bible," and dealt ably with the question. The College quartette, consisting of DeBlois, Ralston, F. Archlbald and Wood, rendered a very acceptable selection.

ARTS AND SCIENCE.—November 29th. The subject for the evening's debate was, "Resolved, that Imperial Federation would be a benefit to Canada." Messrs. Muise and Gass supported the resolution, while Messrs. Rice and Leslie opposed it. Messrs. Bell, Lawrence, J. Read, Milligan, Thomas, Kemp and Cahan took part in the general discussion. The vote of the meeting was in favor of the resolution. Mr. K. Munroe read an interesting and instructive critique.

January 17th. The first meeting of the new year was held in the Mathematics Room on the above date. Mr. Learment was appointed captain of the Arts and Science hockey team. Messrs. Thomas, E. A. Munroe and S. MacKenzie were appointed a committee to look after hockey matters. The debate for the evening was then proceeded with, and the following resolution was discussed: "Resolved, that conscription is a benefit to the country which adopts it." Mr. C. H. MacDonald and Mr. Kemp supported the resolution, and Messrs. A. MacKay and MacLellan opposed it." Mr. MacDonald's closing speech was the feature of the evening. Messrs. Read, Dawson, MacIntosh, Malcolm and the President joined in the general discussion.

Mook Parliament.—November 23rd. On the defeat of the previous administration, a new Government was formed under the leadership of Mr. E. C. McKenzie. The cabinet was composed as follows: A. E. McKinnon, Minister of Public Works; H. S. Patterson, Minister of Justice; E. B. Jonah, Minister of Finance; J. Cameron, Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

The speech from the throne presented a somewhat elaborate bill of fare, including government ownership of telegraphs, government control of the liquor traffic, reform of the Senate, and amendment of the election law. The address in reply was moved by Mr. Morton and seconded by Mr. Doull. Mr. A. Farquhar, leader of the Opposition, followed. He stated that he would support a reasonable amendment to the election law, but had no faith in either the sincerity or the ability of the Government. Messrs. McKenzie, McKinnon, Patterson, McDonald and Robinson spoke in support of the Government, and were opposed by Messrs. G. Farquhar, Sinclair, Russell, Rettie, Archibald, Corey, Frame and others.

November 23rd. The Government on this occasion brought forward a bill to amend the election law. Its provisions were intended to prevent certain forms of corruption not dealt with by the present act, and to provide better methods of trial by the abolition of the present system of action by a petitioner. A Superintendent of Elections for the Dominion was appointed, and under him was a Public Prosecutor for each Province. Information was to be laid and trial carried on in much the same manner as at present followed in the case of crimes. The bill was moved by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Cameron. These gentleman pointed out the defects in the old law, and endeavoured to justify the view of the Government that offences against the election law were crimes, and should be dealt with as such.

The Opposition, on the other hand, lead by Mr. Farquhar, claimed that the bill was one of the worst pieces of legislation ever brought before the house, that it would result in a multiplicity of actions against members, and was a decided step backward. Their views were set forth by Messrs. Farquhar, McLellan, Russell, Rettie and Smith. On the Government side Messrs. Jonah, McKenzie, McKinnon, Cameron and Doull spoke in support of the measure, which passed by a small majority.

BREAK-UP DANCE.—The usual Xmas break-up "At Home" was given by the students on the evening of Friday, December 20th. As the committee's time, in common with everyone elses was pretty well taken up with more serious matters, no

elaborate decorations were attempted. But the function was none the less enjoyable on that account. The guests were received in the Arts Library by Mrs. Murray MacNeil and Mrs. E. A. Stone. "After the transaction of routine business," they found their way to the Munro Room, where a delightful succession of "Polly Prims" and "Happy Hayseeders" speedily drowned all unpleasant memories of exams. Alexander officiated, as usual, in the Draughting Room, and dispensed cake and lemonade, whose density was inversely proportional to the time. Altogether, the affair was as thoroughly enjoyable as all our college functions happily are, but is it not time that our break-up "At Homes" were Dalhousie "At Homes" in every sense? One of the greatest benefits to be derived from these functions is a more intimate acquaintance with our fellow-students and our "co-eds," and while we heartily welcome our many friends throughout the city, we surely defeat our own ends by going too far. May we hope to see next year's "Break-up" a more purely collegiate affair.

The committee in charge consisted of Messrs. Flemming, McCunn, E. K. MacLennan, MacRitchie and Hanaway.

"Diving and finding no pearls in the sea Blame not the ocean— The fault is in thee."

Deeds of kindness like the sands of the sea, are carried by the tide of Time, whether often we know not, yet of this we are sure,—they go to form islands and even continents of character.

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Bockey.

The Intercollegiate Hockey League was re-organized December 20th, at Truro. J. Learment represented Dalhousie. King's College and University of New Brunswick sent delegates to the meeting, seeking admission to the League. Considerable difficulty was experienced in arranging the details. Dalhousie wanted to play in Wolfville this year, as they wished to avoid the disadvantage of playing in the small rink at Antigonish. On a vote being taken, it was decided that Dalhousie should again journey to the East. The League was divided into two sections: (1.) St. Francis Xavier, Acadia and Dalhousie; (2) King's, Mount Allison and University New Brunswick. In case of a three-cornered tie in either division, the team having the net majority of goals should be declared winners. The leaders in each division play-off for the championship. Following is the schedule:

Dalhousie vs. Acadia, Halifax, January 22.
St. F. X. vs. Dalhousie, Antigonish, January 30.
Acadia vs. St. F. X., Wolfville, February 10.
U. N. B. vs King's, Fredericton, January 22.
Mount Allison vs. U. N. B., Sackville, February 4.
King's vs. Mount Allison, Windsor, February 17.

The final play-off must be played not later than February 27.

DALHOUSIE 6-ACADIA 3.

The first game in the Intercollegiate Hockey Series was played in the Arena rink, January 22. The contestants were Dalhousie and Acadia, and the former won by a score of 6-2. The ice was soft and heavy, and the ring of the gong was heartily welcomed by many of the players, who were almost exhausted. About two hundred spectators witnessed the game, and made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in numbers.

The teams, on the whole, were evenly matched. The visitors are fast skaters and clever stick-handlers, and are capable of producing a good brand of hockey. Their forwards play well together, and were more than a match for their

opponents. They appeared a trifle weak at shooting, and either shot too far out or wide. Faulkner and Hughes are a tricky pair in mid-ice, and played good hockey from start to finish. Bates and Eaton are strong wing players, and did much effective work for their team. Lewis, at cover point, played a brilliant game. He cleared well, and carried the war into his opponents' territory by many pretty rushes. DeWitt, at point, did excellent defence work, and played consistent hockey. Allen, in goal, made a number of good stops, but, compared with his team-mates, he showed poor form.

Where the Acadians were weak Dalhousie was strong, namely, in goal. Seymour McKenzie handed out a brilliant exhibition of goal-tending, and proved himself one of the very best twine-bag performers in the business. Time and again he saved the situation for his team by sensational stops, and but for his great work between the posts, the score would have been much closer. Ralston showed up well at point, and repeatedly led the attack on the Acadia goal. R. G. McLennan displayed some of his old-time hockey ability, and played a clever game. Learment, at centre, was inclined to be off-side, and did not show up as well as usual. Munroe played good, fast hockey, and with more practice will make a valuable team man at rover. McLean is a fast skater, and while figuring in the attack, was also mindful of the defence, and saved a number of what looked like sure scores. Thomas is hard to beat at right wing. He follows up well, and has a wicked shot which he used to advantage, finding the Acadia net three times in quick succession in the second half, and clinching the victory for his team.

The game was a fair exhibition of hockey. The ice was so sticky that combination work was difficult, particularly in the second half. There was considerable rough-house work, and several players on both sides were ruled off for exhibiting an overplus of pugnacity. The first half ended with the score 2-0 in favor of Dalhousie. Learment scored first for the victors in the second half. Then Acadia got together, and netted two in short order, both tallies going to Faulkner. The next five

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minutes were full of anxiety for Dalhousie rooters. The visitors were displaying great form, and were liable to even the score any moment. Then came a rally and a rush by the yellow and black forwards, and three scores resulted, putting the game beyond the reach of the visitors.

We congratulate Captain Ralston and his men on their victory. Victories in hockey are few and far between at Dalhousie. The success of the team on this occasion should arouse some enthusiasm among the students, a great many of whom are decidedly lacking in college sports, as was evidenced by the slim attendance at the game.

Harry Young was a most impartial and satisfactory referee.

Following is the line-up and summary:

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McKenzie, Ralston, McLellan, Munroe. Learment, Thomas,	goal point cover rover centre right wing	Allen, DeWitt, Lewis, Hughes, Faulkner, Eaton, Bates.	
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Referee, H. Young. Timers, J. Martin, S. Coleburn. judges, B. McCunn, Dalhousie; Black, Acadia.

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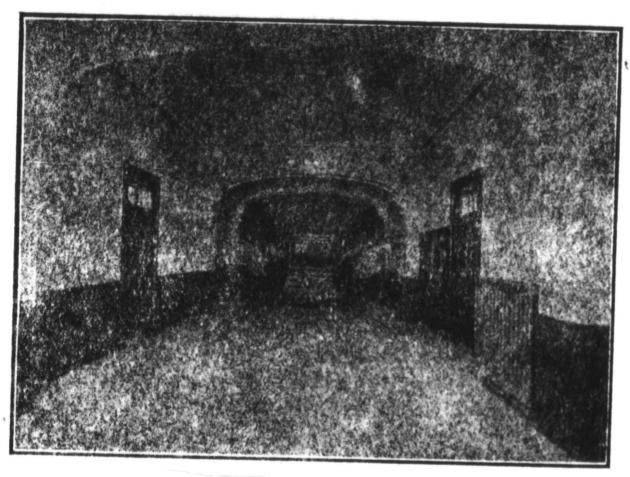
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"It is not what a man says, nor what he does, nor even what he is, that counts; it is what he aspires to be, -that is the final test."

E. B. LIVETT.



Hround the Halls.

Our Professor of Latin and Greek
To Toronto went off for a week,
Then a new L. L. D. came to old Dalhousie
On the freshmen his vengeance to wreak.

Lord John is the father of "Poli,"
He's best when at football by golly,
At Homes he indorses,
And order enforces,
But Scrims he considers mere folly.

We have on our staff a Torontonian Whose ideas are quite Tennysonian; In the French Renissance He leads us a "Dawnce," In this he is quite terpischorean.

There were locked in fair maids and men handsome,
When Jones cried who'll crawl through the transom,
Then in spite of advice,
A Sophomore named Rice
Crawled over—What happened his pants then?

Oh! wad some power the giftee gie us, To see ourselves as ithers see us, It wad frae mony a blunder free us, And foolish notions.—Burns.

Another milestone passed, that of 1907.

Hockey is the topic around the halls these days.

"We all do not look at things in the same way," said the freshman, as he took his eye from the keyhole.

When displaying gymnastic feats in the hall, remember the ladies passing through.

"How a litle thing bothers one," sighed the sophomore; but those hearing him thought that it was the big one that bothered him most.

Exchanges.

The Academy Annual comes this Christmas better than ever. From cover to cover its contents tell the story of happy, united and successful work. Besides reports of the various clubs and societies, it contains creditable verse and interesting short articles. The Academy graduates now attending Dalhousie, who made their initial efforts in the Annual, should come forward and assist in making the Gazette the better of their contributions.

The following version of a verse from Tennyson's "Maude" appears in the Annual, and will be enjoyed by certain student residents of the south and west:

"Come into the garden, Mande,
Bring a brickhat or a stome,
There's the biggest cat you ever saw,
And I'm here with the beast alone?
Oh! it's crouching for a spring, Mande!
It's voice has a dreadful tone?"

"After a long absence, we again welcome THE DALHOUSIE GAZETTE. The editorial is good, and the literary department is of special merit, as it contains good, instructive reading. The poem "In Gaie Societie" is amusing."

The Roaring Branch.

The Presbyterian for December 19 contains an interesting and valuable article by Frank Baird, entitled, "Ruskin, the Prophet of Sincerity." It will repay the reader.

The Christmas number of the Argosy shows much care in the editing. The articles are of an interesting nature, the right length, and properly paged. The illustrations are well printed, the tail-pieces are noticeable for their number and appropriateness. They picture, for the most part, scenes of interest in the Maritime Provinces, as "Ruins of Louisburg," "Natural Park, Truro, N. S.," etc.

The Student comes with its usual amount of solid matter and clever witticisms. There are many parodies. Kipling seems to be the favourite victim, probably owing to the life of his metres. Even Milton does not escape. But here is one neither of Kipling or Milton:

"Mary had a little lamb,
It's foot was black as soot,
And into Mary's dinuer pail
He put his dirty foot.

Now Mary was a pious maid,

Her feelings she could smother,

She only said one little word,

Which to the lamb meant—mother."

To-day a College should, and doesin most cases draw its students by the merits of its course. Yet at the same time, like religion and politics, it appeals to many through family traditions and associations. This is well illustrated in Dalhousie. Take, for example, Pictou County, and see how well it is represented. On the other hand, how many students are there from Yarmouth, Digby and Annapolis Counties? Very, very, very few. This should not be. Every Dalhousian should be a missionary for his Alma Mater.

The University Monthly, speaking on this subject, says: "There are ways—and ways—of doing this. There is the man who talks too much and who fails to see the merit of the other college and who uses poor judgment in his work. There is the man who says nothing and gives people the impression that he is disappointed in his choice. And there is the man who throws out a word of truth when the time is right, who 'allures to the brighter world' of his own college, to whom people listen when he does speak and who conducts a canvass that does things."

It was commencement day at a well-known girls' seminary, and the father of one of the young women came to attend the graduation exercises. He was presented to the principal, who said: "I congratulate you, sir, upon your extremely large and affectionate family."

"Large and affectionate family!" he stammered, looking very much surprised.

"Yes, indeed," said the principal. "No less than twelve of your daughter's brothers have called frequently during the winter to take her skating and sleighing, while your eldest son escorted her to the theatre at least twice a week. Unusually nice brothers they are."—The Argus.

The consolidated school system in Nova Scotia is not to the fore as it was a year or two ago. An evidence of its effective work in New Brunswick is seen in the issue of Shepody Loyal, a neat little paper, well edited and printed. It is published by the Shepody branch of the Empire League. This League has branches comprising pupils and teachers of schools in all parts of the world, who by correspondence and interchange of native products, are doing a great work in inspiring a true imperial spirit. We wish the Riverside Consolidated School every success with their paper.

"President Falconer, of Toronto University, dropped into McMaster chapel service on Thursday morning, November 21st. On the Chancellor's request, after the reading of Scripture, Dr. Falconer led in prayer. Afterwards he addressed the students for a few minutes in a strong, practical way. He

warmly reciprocated the sentiments of friendship expressed by the Chancellor in introducing him. Dr. Falconer made a most favorable impression on the students as a strong, able man. 'Varsity has made a wise selection."—McMaster University Monthly.

Other exchanges: The Nova Scotia Normal, The Merchistonian, In Cap and Gown, The Oracle, The Mitre, The Queen's University Journal, Truro Daily News, The Mining Journal, The Acadia Athanaeum, The Manitoba College Journal, The Wanagan, Crop Report, 1907, Nova Scotia Government; King's College Record.

Book Reviews.

"Roger Davis, Loyalist," by Frank Baird, published by the Mission Book Co., Toronto. It has just been received by the Dalhousie Library, with the author's compliments.

Mr. Baird, has in this story pictured, in a simple and vivid manner that period of English, United States and Maritime Provincial history when the United Empire Loyalists held the stage of action. The feelings underlying the decision to leave their comfortable homes and happy family circles, and to emigrate to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, is well portrayed throughout the work. The story is not centred around a love episode, but the interest is maintained by the vivid and varied incidents of the critical period described. We recommend the book to anyone desiring a pleasant and instructive two-hours' reading.

"The Secret of the Stream," by J. B. MacLean, B. A., B. D., Dal., '91.

"The Secret of the Stream" is the title of a charming little book from the pen of this well-known Dalhousian. It is an attractive book, well printed, and well bound. But whence the title?

"Ask the rush if it suspects
Whence and how the stream which floats it
Had a rise, and whence and how
Falls or flows on still!"

It is the old question over again: Life, what, where, whither? It is the old question answered in a bright, engrossing and fascinating manner.

The book is an apology for the spiritual and Christian conception of life. Each of the twelve chapters is in itself a complete essay, but together they form a unity in thought and plan. The riddle of the Spinx is solved by Œdipus, but a greater than Œdipus has solved the riddle of life-has showed what life means. The Common-place World is ennobled in the life of service. From the Mount of Vision is obtained the Vision of God and the Vision of man, and we see that the beauty of old Greece and Rome, sung, painted, wrought, lies close at home. The Influence of man on man, the great and the humble, is set forth and emphasized in the harmony that comes by responding to one controlling will. The Garden of God is heaven, and heaven is where God makes his home. How refreshing to look back over the Day's work at the End of the Day and feel that, though our attainments are meagre, after all it is character that counts. Apothesis is the apt title of the closing chapter.

The "Secret of the Stream" is a weighty subject, but the attractive manner in which it is set forth makes its reading a literary treat. The style is bright, strong and well balanced, enriched with a wealth of allusion and illustration from the best of ancient and modern literature. An ever-attractive theme, a literary treat, a suggestive book.

Personals.

John C. Douglass. Law '94, is mayoralty candidate at Glace Bay, Canada's largest town.

J. B. Morrow, Arts '06, has taken a position with the Douglass Smelting Co., in Douglass, Arizona. Mrs. Morrow, formerly Miss Alice Gladwin, Arts '05, accompanies him.

John H. Barnett, Arts '05, Law '06, has recently taken over the practice at Innisfail, Alberta, of Judge Carpenter, recently appointed Judge of McLeod District. Mr. Barnett writes in part to the Gazette: "There is now a solid list of Dalhousians from Calgary to Red Deer—J. E. A. McLeod at Didsbury, L. H. Cumming at Olds, and myself here. Dalhousie is very much to the fore in Alberta. The first two to be admitted to the new Alberta Bar were Dalhousians—M. W. Eager and myself."

Louis Brehaut, Arts '04, later one of the Rhodes Scholars from P. E. I., has been appointed assistant to Prof. Bosanquet, St. Andrew's University, Scotland.

Garnet Sedgewick, Arts '03, who was teaching last year in Toronto, has joined the western exodus, and is now in Vancouver.

R. F. Logan, '04, and Frank Smith, '06, are teaching in Kamloops, B. C.

Enos Locke, Arts '04, Law '06, and A. A. McGillvray, Law '06, have been together in Vancouver during the past year. At present Enos is taking charge of a practice in Kamloops, and Mac is at his home in Quebec. Both return to Vancouver shortly. Another Dalhousian in the western metropolis is Horace Dickie, who has forsaken the road for a law office in that city.

Up in Victoria Charlie McDonald is growing older and wealthier in the ranching business.

The GAZETTE extends especially-hearty congratulations to Thomas Carlyle Hebb, Arts '02, later Professor of Physics during the session '04-'05, who was married on October 26th, 1907, to Miss Evelyn Shewell, of Chicago;

And to James G. MacKenzie, of the class '07 Eng., now Government Inspector of Mines for Nova Scotia, married on December 25, '07, to Miss Eva Thorubeau, of Richmond, Quebec.

Dallusensia.

1809 and Conroy still fresh!

Dr. F, to Delta Gamma girls asking for permission to have an "At Home"—the Engineers and Meds, has just received their permits.

"H-m-m! I wish you young ladies would unite with the Engineers or Meds."

One of the girls: "Some of us are."

Freshman to Junior: "Say, old man. who is this girl 'Poly Coun' I hear the fellows talk so much about?"

Secy. of Comm. collecting for Men. dance:—" Say Doc., can I depend on you to pay your share towards defraying expenses?" Doc:—" P-u-t my name down fol-low-ed by an in-ter-rogation

mark."

R-d-n to H-y:—"I see you're in the Gazette again, old boy." H-y, indignantly:—"I'm going to sue that Gazette for ruining my reputation!"

The Delta Gamma "At Home" on Friday evening was a very enjoyable affair, due to the presence of Mr. Conroy, who kindly attended without an invitation.

The night was cold but cheery,
The game began quite late,
Yet Murdoch to his Laura
Says:—"Dear, this feels first-rate."

John Beaton, Med., while dispensing drugs:—" Dr. Putner may I have a small bottle of aqua dilutum to take home with me?"

Freshie Earle, translating:—" Venturæ memores jam runc estote senactæ.—" Even now be mindful of coming old women."

Dr. H .: - "Oh not yet, surely, Mr. Earle!"

Freshette:—"What are you studying for?"
Sophette:—"Why, I'm studying for a minister!"

Dr. McKay in Clinic:—" Which is the greater and which the lesser Sacro siatic joramen?

Doc.:—"The larger one is the greater, and the s-mall one is the lesser."

The Engineers' "At Home" on Monday evening was a decided success, owing to the presence of Mr. Conroy, who kindly attended without an invitation.

Billy:—"There is a man in the Infirmary who has cholilithrasis choledocholittiasis, nephritis and pneumonia!"

McGarry, M. E .: "If he were twins he could not recover."

Dr. Currey, during an operation :—" Have you ever seen a case of Chloroform Narcosis?"

Thibault :- " What kind of Chloroform is that?"

A. K. M. is learning new trix (i. e.) in skating.

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You're not Sophs yet! Boys of 'eleven,' Tho' you're had a turn in the mill, Tho' you're written an exam., And then gone home To tell The glorious times you had, To blame the Sophomores bad, To describe each dire professor, To flount your learning Before your admiring friends. Then though you're back again And looking better, Remember! You're not Sophs yet! For, to reach that envious stage You must yet suffer privation-But its worth it! You must spend your nights and days Change the general appearance of your looks, And get bigger! You must write another exam., still, Then go home but with a truly wiser head; And the summer long must pass, Autumn come with it's "opening day," Then you'll assume the "toga,"-But you're not Sophs yet, Remember !!!!

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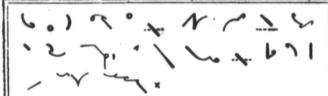
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