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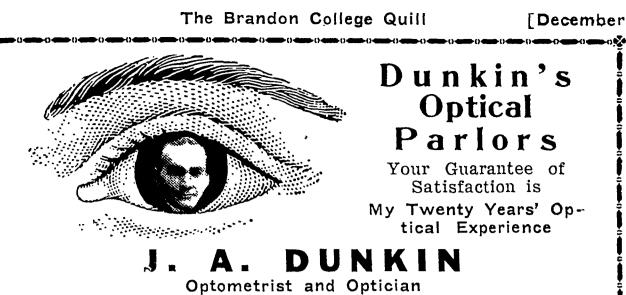
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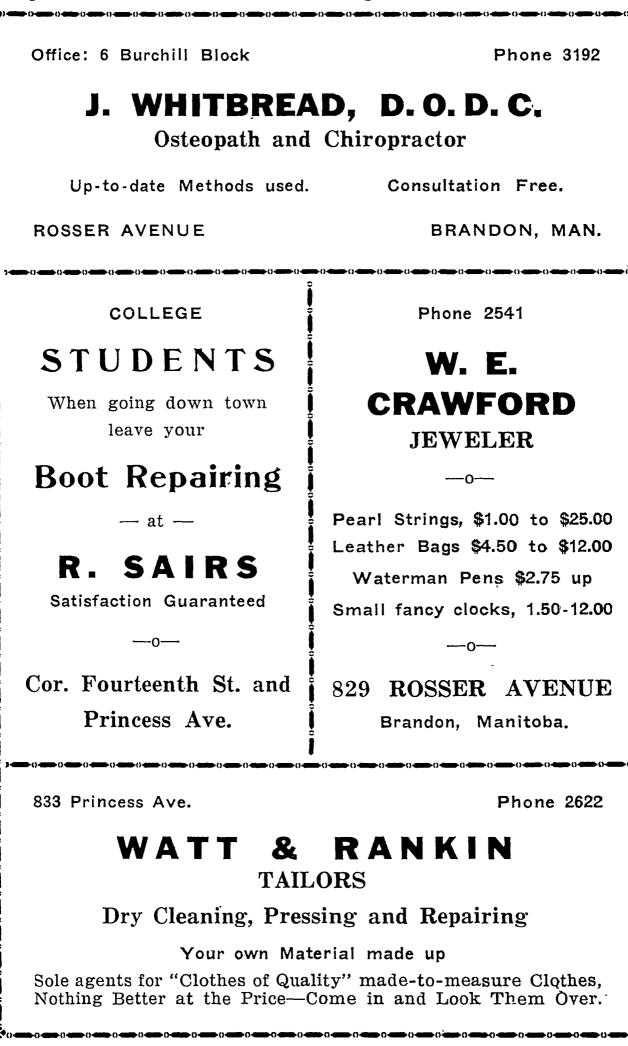
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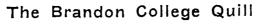
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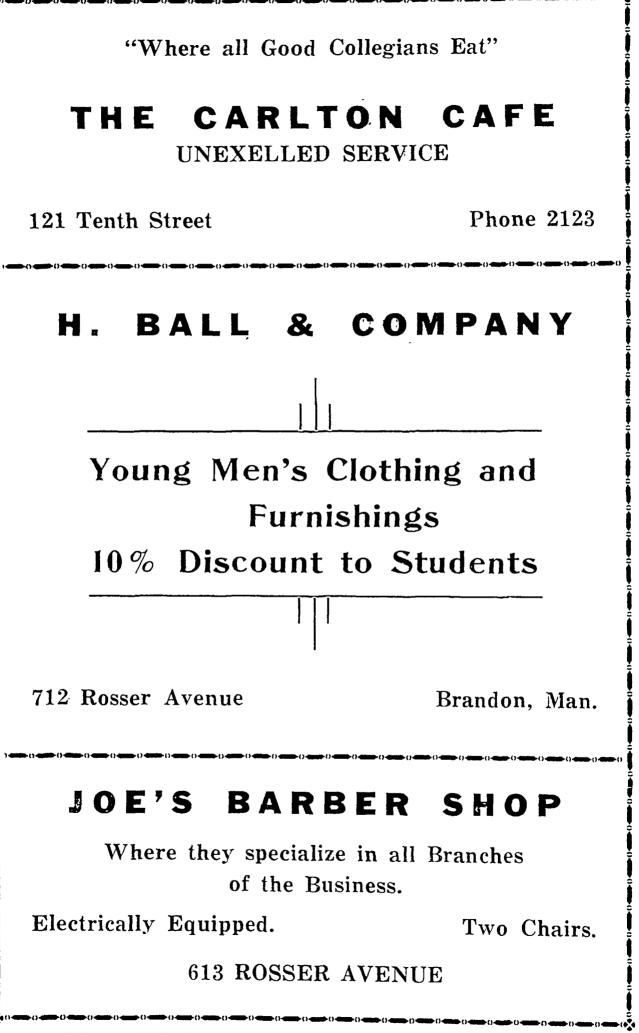
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A WORD OF CONGRATULATION

Contrary to the general feeling that a man of worth is never appreciated in his own immediate circle, we are glad to find that when someone needed to act as President of Brandon College, upon the resignation of Dr. Bovington, our former president, our College Dean was chosen. Ability coupled with faithfulness to duty throughout long years of service, seldom escapes attention and recognition. It is not surprising then, that when the Board was obliged to accept the rather sudden resignation of Dr. Bovington, they turned immediately to Dr. MacNeill to carry on the President's work.

We congratulate Dr. MacNeill on having received this new honor and distinction, and we congratulate the members of the College Board on having on the faculty a professor upon whose shoulders the duties and responsibilities of President could be placed without anxiety.



THE CHRISTMAS COUNCIL IN HEAVEN

The last long rays of Winters Southern Sun, Lit up the Streets of Heaven, paved with gold, They fired the jewelled pillars one by one, Which stood before the Heavenly Court House old, Where all the state administering was done. And from these diamond pillars flowed a light Which banished even thought of dark or night.

A flakey covering of fresh white snow Hung on the mansions like a veil of lace, And lent to those fine lines of gold a glow Of soft mysterious loveliness and grace Beyond what human eyes can ever know, While yet in this slow visioned wordly place. And Christmas Bells were tinkling in the air, --For certainly they do keep Christmas there.

The last great diamond had not caught its light Before a man appeared upon the street This man t'was plain was champion of the right His dress was Puritanical and neat. His learned face was stern and turned to flight Each frightened angel child he chanced to meet. Scarce wonder then this was a man of fame, Scarce wonder then that Cromwell was his name. He mounted up the flight of golden stairs That led into the Court House. And he hurried As if he longed to grapple with affairs Of State. Then others followed, sadly worried As though in haste they missed their family prayers. It takes a lot to make such great men flurried But they had cause, for they were the Committee To plan for Christmas in the Heavenly City.

They gathered in the Mighty Council Hall And sat them down in splendid seats of ease. And read great words of Hebrew from the wall Or looked at noble paintings meant to please The eye. But no reception this or ball They had not come in haste to look at these Now they were here why did they not begin Alas, the chairman had not yet come in.

John Knox took out his watch and looked concerned And Augustine, still healthy at his age Told sadly how in his day men were burned For less than this. Why once a hapless page But suddenly the whole assembly turned To greet a hoary haired devout old sage Then Peter bowed regretting he was late But closing hour was busy at the gate.

To business then they did at once proceed. To celebrate the Birthday of their King As was its due, they felt that they indeed Must take great pains in rounding out the ring Of Festivals. For such occasions need Wise judgement and a plan for everything, Here busily they worked, till, late at night The end of all their planning seemed in sight.

When Moses after looking up the Laws As in the constitution they were writ Reminded them of one important clause, Which they it seems were going to omit, And, reading it, called forth but small applause. The law demanded that they find it fit To send a representative to Earth To see men celebrate the Holy Birth. At once a murmur of dissent arose And Calvia said, "It seems absurd to me That Christmas Day should be a day for those Blind mortals who no longer see Its meaning or its origin. Who knows On all the Earth what Christmas Day should be? Not one, no feast of Love they make it now. Instead they to their God, pleasure, bow.

So I would like this evening to suggest That earth shall henceforth have no Christmas Day." "I heartily agree," said Job with zest, "With what Calvin has said, to take away The institution for a time at least might test Their attitude. In later years we may Give back this sacrament if they can prove They wish to worship thus a God of Love."

Assent seemed general when an eagle voice Softly persuasive, musical with all Silenced their babble, "I who know the joys Of Heaven, yet remember every small Joy of my Earthly life, if given my choice Would rather give man one more chance to call Our Christmas day his own, to show some sign That, back of all, he saw that a Divine

Spirit was supreme, than thus to say "These creatures do not understand the plan So why have them even celebrate the Day?" The gleams of Heaven are few enough that man Is blessed with. Even his poor strivings after play Or pleasure, which are none other than Attempts at living life as best he may By clouds of ignorance are dim and grey.

So I, Fra Lippe Lippi, known as he Who often wandered from the narrow path While still on Earth, now make this plea For those whose negligence has caused your wrath Once more send down a delegate to see If they are so unworthy, if he hath Not found by Christmas Eve, in all their mirth, One sign of Love, Let Christmas Day be banished from the Earth." St. Peter looked as if he hardly knew How he should take Fra Lippe's eager speech But Wolsely rose before the saintly few, "Since this pale artist would assume to teach The minds of Heaven what is wise to do Should he not be the proper one to reach The Earth this season and bring us report ()f Christmas celebrations in our earthly court."

So they decided that the Monk should go But should return to Heaven Christmas Eve To bring them tidings of the work below, Of what the Christmas Spirit could achieve. And, since the Barometer promised snow, All thought it wiser that at once he leave. And Fra Lippe was anxious to set out He longed again to roam the streets no doubt.

Twas Christmas Eve within the Heavenly Court The Saints and Sages all were gathered in And waiting for the delegates report Impatiently they longed that he begin And many hoped that he would make it short Though too much haste might prove a carnal sin Yet surely this one night there was just cause For they must all at home be Santa Claus.

At last the Chairman raised his hand and told Fra Lippe Lippi all was ready he must start The Monk drew forth a packet and unrolled His speech. "I shall not bore you with the part Of my story which tells of the cold Journey I had to Earth. But to the heart Of my report I'll go with no delay, For all you desire to get away.

The first night on the earth I wandered through The city streets and looked in every face For glimpses of that Christmas joy I knew— Should be a mark of understanding. Space Would not allow me to describe the view Of human character that I could trace In that great hurried, worried busy crowd, The loneliness, the bitterness hung o'er it like a cloud. I saw some women shopping in a store And paused, their conversation made me blink. The one said, "Really it is such a bore This Christmas shopping I can never think Of something new. There isn't any more Pleasure in the season, If they would sink The whole performance I would not protest Its merely an exchange of gifts at best."

I hurried out appalled when on the street I met some gay young girls and pondered "These Lovely girls will surely have the right Idea of what Christmas means, t'will please Me then to listen and perchance they might Give me the evidence that I desire." ——Alas, the maiden's tone was sharp with ire.

"She criticizes everything I send Two years ago I sent a candy jar She said t'was nice but added that a friend Whose life was busier than mine by far Took time to make a little gift to lend A touch more personal, so, not to mar Her Christmas last year I sat down to sew Her gift, she raved, she never wore it though."

I realized that there was some mistake Could I get inspiration for report From lonesome scenes like these? No I must make Another start. The Winter Wind made sport Of the people's hats and even seemed to shake The very buildings, I was blown about And thought, once back in heaven, I will not soon come out.

Thus all the night I wandered on and on And some complaint they seemed to all express "This awful rush," "The Christmas spirit gone" "One great exchange" "The feasting to excess" Until I feared that I indeed was on A fruitless mission, when some saint, I guess, Directed me to a small cottage door. A warm contented look the cottage wore. And from the shuttered windows music streamed I slipped within and found a family, The Father, Mother, Grandmother it seemed, And four young children singing joyfully Our Christmas Carols, till I thought I dreamed, It seemed that Heaven had now come down to me. The Christmas joy was written on each face. I knew this dwelling was a Holy Place.

The Carols done, the children went to bed, The Mother quickly brought a little doll From out its hiding place, with dexterous thread She made it look a fairy princess small. The Grandmother across her knitting said "I think that Christmas is the greatest gift of all Which forms between us and all those held dear, A bond of Love which lasts throughout the year."

At last I knew that I was satisfied. I left the house and made my slow return. What think you now? Shall Christmas be denied While yet on earth at least these people earn The joy the Day can bring? Shall we in pride Forget the Love our King would have us learn." The chairman rose, "It is for you to say." As one they all replied "Let Earth have Christmas Day."

December 3rd, 1926.

Maria Corlette Grant '25.

SOME LITERARY MEMBERS OF A FAMOUS FAMILY A Burlesque

To the serious student of English literature, the following unrecorded, curious facts concerning the famous members of Samuel Johnson's family may be found worthy of casual attention. "The business of the biographer is often to pass slightly over those performances and incidents which produce vulgar greatness," says James Boswell, "to lead the thoughts into domestic privacies, and display the minute details of daily life." The sketch, here given, seeks in some respects to achieve that end, with due acknowledgment for certain phases of evidence obtained from the pages of Boswell's life of the illustrious author.

The eldest member and only daughter of Samuel Johnson's family, born during his summer residence in Lichfield, in 1737, was Irene, a destined child of tragedy. An original sketch, executed by her father's hand, and rescued from a conflagration a few days before his death, in later years, represents her as an ungraceful, ill-formed figure, in swaddling clothes of Greek, Roman, and English texture. This early reproduction, presented to the King, received his gracious commendation, with instructions that it be immediately deposited within his royal library.

The proud father visioned a stage career for his only daughter, but Mr. Fleetwood, patentee of Drury-lane theatre, declined the privilege because she was not then patronized by an outstanding man of rank. She had altered a great deal before she made her debut, under David Garrick in 1749, where she appeared with every advantage of dress and decoration. Though she ran for nine days, she in no sense achieved the fame of a "nine-days wonder," for she did not please the public. Her father paid her constant homage, gracing every occasion, conspicuously arrayed in scarlet waistcoat with rich gold lace, and a gold lace hat, and was observed to frequent both stage and boxes in a state of suppressed emotion, bordering on deep concern. Irene was not deficient in noble sentiments, fine imagination or fluent language, but she lacked the delicate power of touching the human feelings, which is the principal end of drama.

Johnson's first son of fame was the boy London, born in 1738, with the stamp of his cousin Juvenal in his face, yet bearing in every aspect the inherent characteristics of his noble parent, his love of virtue and supreme hatred of hypocrisy, injustice and oppression. London had a distinctive carcer, but much to the disappointment of his provident father, proved to be no breadwinner. His earning capacity was limited to the meagre sum of ten guineas, in consequence of which, Mr. Johnson was forced to resort to the toil of teaching in order to keep his family together.

The career of a later offspring, born in the country lodging sat Hampstead, was ordained to satisfy the father's supreme Vanity of Human Wishes. This child was philosophical by nature, with a bias toward pessimism. His one aim was to discover the true nature of happiness. Pursuing his project through many countries, observing the experiences of scholar, statesman and soldier, he arrived at the final conclusion, that true happiness was dependent neither upon position or clime but solely upon man's willingness to place himself in every circumstance, under the guiding power of Divine Providence. Even the traditional "black sheep" found a welcome and wholesome protection within the doors of Mr. Johnson's sacred fold. The renowned man was extremely partial to a son of his middle age, known throughout the widest circles of England as "the Savage", and every varying stage of this man's poverty, prodigality and persecution, brought forth from his solicitous guardian, corresponding measures of compassion and loyalty. Sir Joshua Reynolds, upon his first acquaintance with "The Life of Savage," on return from Italy, became entranced for hours, and found his body half-benumbed when he at length became conscious of his surroundings. Mr. Johnsson followed "the Savage" in all his wanderings, through scenes of squalor and despair, meteing out sympathy and devotion until the miscreant's final arrest and death in a debtor's prison.

The decade of the "Forties" was a distinguished one in the life of Doctor Johnson, inasmuch as it marked the birth of a prodigy. The parent searched through every book in the English language in an effort to make provision for its name. Owing to this unusual parental influence, the child developed a rapacious appetite for words, acquiring a vocabulary that excelled all records in the British nation, and because of this became entitled "The Dictionary of the English Language." Never was child more closely attended through the developing stages of its growth, and never was parent more anxious to prove his child's ability to stand upon its own feet and receive judgment upon its own merits.

Mr. Johnson was at a loss what to name the next arrival. He sat down on the bedside all one night and resolved not to sleep until he had it christened. He uttered a devout prayer that this infant might receive special spiritual guidance in its conduct through life, but in spite of his urgent petition, it turned out to be "Rambler." It spent every week-end, regularly, in London, and died a premature death at the age of two years.

A child of 1758, "The Idler," as it became designated, followed closely in the footsteps of its former brother. It was of the same mind that produced the "Rambler," but had less body and more spirit. It had greater facility of language, and, though short-lived, experienced more variety of real life. It died suddenly in the year 1760.

The last son of this famous group was "Rasselas," who became the Prince of Abysinnia. Mr. Johnson was so poor that he tried to sell "Rasselas" to defray the expenses of his mother's funeral as well as pay some little debts she had incurred. Mr. Strahan, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Dodsley purchased him for one hundred and fifty pounds, but later added twenty-five more, being enchanted with his remarkable princely ways. "Rasselas" travelled all over the world, beloved for the force and beauty of his character, and to his father's satisfaction, won a high place in intellectual realms because of his philosophical thought and its bearing upon the serious problems of human life.

E. A. W.

"And Truth, or clothed or naked, let it be." —Merlin.

'Twas night, a night of portent, rare pregnant, With thoughts that breathe of Truth divine, and I, Alone, sat brooding o'er when men call Truth,— Oft times all clothed, or veiled in changeful mist. Hath man a soul? Whence comes it? Whither goes? And all my thought was bent on this one thing— To know myself. For there be those—the great— Who read their inmost soul, and rise thereby, While others wrongly read, and erring, fall. Full many deem they know their inner self— The naked truth of all they be! Yet I Make no such boast; and oft I yearned that I Might know, might see my soul within, might read My real self,—the unbared thought therein.

Upon this night,—portentous night!—I groaned In darkling thought upon this mystic thing,-My soul; and craved for light. In answer came A voice, profound, yet wondrous sweet, and clear: "Wouldst know thyself?" I marvelled, answering not. "Wouldst see thy real self revealed? Prepare!" Echoed, "Prepare!" My heart conceived a fear,--My being teemed with fears !--- I dreaded self ! As terror sprang to birth, desire died. I trembled, craven, knew I dared not look Upon my soul revealed, by being bared. With buried eyes, I in deep travail cried, "Nay, hold! I dare not look:" and crying woke. Yet even then I dared not ope' my eyes, Till, calmed, and phantasy dispelled, I knew I had but dreamed How awful is bare Truth!

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Are College Men Wanted?

In the past few years there has been a rapidly increasing tendency for the secondary school graduate to enter realms of college life, resulting in a considerable augmentation of university ranks. The movement was probably due to an increased demand for college graduates who apparently were developing much more desirable traits for the work which society had to offer. The degree-student felt an urgent demand for his services and readily found his place. Of late years, however, in many phases of the com-munity's activity there is a growing tendency to disregard the value of university training and upon close observation one is tempted to believe that such disregard is not without The qualities, which the community demands of basis. college men, in many cases are lacking and this results in an attitude of contempt toward anything savoring of high-er education. There is an inclination on the part of many, to feel that four years at college are perhaps in the long-run

wasted and are not bringing either the individual graduate nor the community desirable returns. From three standpoints, that of the community, the college and the student, let us examine the question "Are College Men Wanted"; one which undoubtedly in the minds of many to-day.

It is unquestionably true that the community is making demands of the college man, which it does not ask of a high school graduate, and rightly so. It is asking for men of a certain calibre to undertake the work which it daily has to offer. On superficial observation it might appear that an individual who has come through his four years university life with high honors is without doubt ready to fill the job on hand. Too long this idea has sufficed and now many are being awakened to the fact that not only is the community demanding an intellectually equipped person but one who also has force of character. It is difficult indeed to define just what is included in that term 'character' for it involves many attributes, but it will be sufficient if we here consider a few of the outstanding qualities, essential to the graduate upon entering the community for service. In the first place 'executive ability' is indispensible, for unless a person can assume responsibility in a competent manner, what good is he for any task? They they must have stability of character; they must not drift with the crowd but hold to some high purpose with utmost tenacity. They also must exercise loyalty in the work on hand, being ready always to sacrifice the lesser good to the more important. Not less desirable to the individual in community life are such attributes as tact, initiative and tolerance, without which there can never be perfect harmony. These are by no means all the characteristics which a person ideally equipped must have to do the best type of work, but if with these in view we can get a glimpse of the really big things, which society is demanding of the college graduate, our end will be attained.

Assuming that colleges realize the demands of the community what are they doing to help the situation? The majority of them we believe are offering the equipment necessary to 'character-building' although in many cases the student refuses to reach out and take it; that is they are not only offering the student a way to realize himself intellectually but also a way to realize himself in developing his personality. Perhaps in the past he has not been forced to see the necessity of development along such lines and has been content to sit back in ease upon obtaining a goodly share of scholastic honors. Since such seems to be the case we wonder if some scheme of 'character examination' (although upon first glance this might seem impractical) could not be introduced to eliminate students before graduation who had not attained a certain standard and thus assure the community that a university graduate is more than intellectually efficient. The point we wish to emphasize is that although instruments for 'character-building' are being offered by the college we find many students graduating with little or no conception of their use; that although the college is trying to develop each man in this direction, a good many apparently are refusing to profit by what the college has to offer. Moreover, as inefficient individuals are being annually turned out, the general level of degree students is being lowered and the university graduate is being brought into disrepute. Wherein does the fault lie? Certainly the college is offering the student facilities with which to fit himself to fill those requirements, it is not at fault. Can it be that the trouble lies with the student himself?

The scholar expends time, money, and a certain amount of effort toward the development of his mental faculties and goes forth from college halls expecting the community to receive him with 'open-arms'. Too often this type of graduate finds himself rejected. Why? He seldom knows the reason, but fails largely because he is unable to cope with those greater demands made upon him. Is it not true that many college students to-day are blindly and senslessly wasting their time in ways which would never help to overcome this difficulty? Perhaps this is simply because they fail to see real values and have never been awakened to their importance. They cannot be depended upon to assume responsibility, it seems to require too much effort; they have no stability of character, a quality which necessitates individual decision on all questions; they are loyal to no phase of college activity and are never willing to sarcifice lesser good to the more important. Yes in short they are neglecting this phase of education called 'character-building.'

Now to return to the question, first suggested —"Are College Men Wanted?" In the light of what has been said, is it not true that in so far as a student goes out from college not only equipped with a keen intellect but with a forceful character he will indeed be royally received by society? There being no character test as a part of the regular examination routine of college, we individually are responsible for the calibre of our graduate class. If then we are to assume that the fault really lies within our scope as students let us each question ourselves, "Am I making the most of what college has to offer along these lines, so that in seeking my place in life, I may be more desirable to society?"

CONGRATULATIONS, PROFESSOR!

There are, after all, but few outstanding events in the life of a college professor. He is admired (and endured) as a baby for then he is essentially similar to all infants. During the indeterminate period of his youth he is of as little consequence as are his companions. When he reaches the age of degrees and discretion he finds himself differentiated. He walks upon a path chosen by a few only of his former comrades. His lot is cast with the recurring generations of students that never grow old.

To sip the nectar of youth! Small space for critical events in a life whose ordinary day is aflame with interest! Why should the professor fret himself about the matters of eager concern to the average mortal? To love, to marry, to bear the daily burden of domestic duty—such themes seem far removed from the even tenor of his way. He professes naught of romance. The recurring tides of curious rumor seem to wash ineffectually against the rocky composure of his days.

One need not go beyond the revered teachers of our own college for abundant illustration. From our honored doctor of philosophy, whose brilliance will never outshine his bachelor's degree, to those who yet with difficulty escape the wiles of the fairer sex, (we leave it to them which is fairer!), our staff numbers ten whose fortitude prevails day by day. (You will note, understanding reader, that with strict regard for fact we limit our discussion to the professors' day-light hours).

But the secret it out! A decade of dreams culminates in a day of celebration. Our college circle is warmed by the fire of another hearth. A new one last year, another this, gives rise to an increasing expectancy. Student attention shifts quickly from the professor who is safely married to the ten who remain, and asks in excited whisper which of the virgins have trimmed their lamps for the feast. To Prof. Lager, and to whoever may next follow his example, we gladly offer congratulations. We beg, however, to remind the next aspirant that ten years is a long decade of hope deferred.

--- (A Student of Professorial Romance).

DR. T. M. DADSON

During the summer the degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred on Prof. Dadson, by the University of Chicago. Prof. Dadson had completed the work leading to the degree several years ago and we are pleased that at last his native modesty has permitted him to accept the distinction which he has so very well merited, even at the risk of being addressed as "Doctor" for the rest of his natural days.

We unite in tendering our congratulations to Dr. Dadson for winning one of the highest honors that the educational world has to confer.

WELCOME

MISS GRACE LEEMAN B.E.

We are glad to be able to welcome Miss Leeman back to our midst. Miss Leeman has been drinking deeply from the "Pierian Spring" in the MacLean's College of Dramatic and Speech Arts, Chicago, during her absence from us in the past year. We wish to congratulate her upon the obtaining of her Bachelor's degree in Expression.

Miss Leeman first came to us in 1922. Since that time her winning personality and comradeship have endeared her to Brandon College students, especially those studying in her Department. Her outstanding talent, mastery of the technique of her art and extensive repertoire have rendered her services in the Expression Department invaluable and have delighted Brandon audiences upon many occasions.

It is with high hopes that we look forward to good things to issue from the Expression Department in the future.

MISS RUTH MORGAN

The name of Miss Ruth Morgan is a familiar one in Brandon College and in extending to her the hand of welcome we greet once again one of our own students who has gained fame and honour in another land. Miss Morgan returns to us as teacher of voice after a number of very successful years in New York. She is a Brandon girl who studied at the college under Miss Maude Wilson. At this time she captivated the hearts of her audiences both with her voice and pleasing personality.

On leaving Brandon she went to New York city where she studied at the Hubert Witherspoon Studios under Mr. Witherspoon and Mr. Graham Reid. Later she studied with Estelle Liebeling in the same city. During her stay there she was soloist in the Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church, also the Dutch Reform Church, of Jamaica, Long Island, and broadcasted several recitals from W.E.A.F. While in New York she was closely connected with the Music Settlement School, the oldest one in that city.

Splendid reports came to us of Miss Morgan's successes in the east. Since her return she has pleased many an audience with her delightfully rendered solos. It is in the studio, though, that she displays her true self, and her pupils acclaim her as one of the most sympathetic as well as one o fthe most skilful of teachers. We extend to Miss Morgan our heartiest welcome and sincerest good wishes for success.

MISS J. D. BRADLEY

The board has been fortunate in securing Miss Bradley as our new dietician. As custodian of the interest exceedingly dear to our hearts Miss Bradley has justified their choice and proved herself invaluable to the well-being of Brandon College students.

Miss Bradlev, a native of New Brunswick was born in Nashwaak, where she received her early education. She graduated in household science from Mt. Allison Ladies' College, Sackville, New Bruswick. She then took an eight months course at Macdonald College, Quebec. The next year and a half, Miss Bradley spent at Montreal as assistant dietician at the Sun Life Assurance Co.

We most heartily welcome her to Brandon and to the activities of our College. By her willingness to assure the success of the most important part of our functions she has won our gratitude. We trust that she will spend happy years among us.

TILLMAN G. TITUS

Surely we must congratulate the physics department in securing the ability of Mr. Titus.

He was born in Lynn, Massachusetts; came west in 1911 and received his high school training in Saskatoon. Mr. Titus then entered the University of Saskatchewan where he received his Bachelor degree in Arts, graduating with high honors. After a year as instructor of physics at the University of Saskatchewan he was successful in obtaining a scholarship at Harvard. Still in pursuit of knowledge in 1925-26 Mr. Titus graduated from Harvard with his M.A. degree.

Besides being keenly interested in science Mr. Titus is an ardent supporter of Young Peoples work and has already shown us his ability along these lines.

It is with great pleasure we extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Titus and wish him every success in his new work.

COLIN C. LUCAS M.A. Sc.

We take this opportunity to heartily welcome Mr. Lucas who comes to take the instructorship in Chemistry and Biology.

Mr. Lucas first saw light of day in Winnipeg where he lived until he had completed his public school work, when he left for the west, settling in Vancouver. He there enrolled at the technical high school and was a member of the first matriculation class to graduate from that institution. Following this Mr. Lucas entered the ranks of the British Columbia University, from which he graduated in 1925 with the degree of B.A. Sc. Not content with this accomplishment however he returned in the fall to work for his Master's degree. He professes a keen interest in research work and it is from a summer spent in this realm that he comes to us.

What we have seen of Mr. Lucas in the short time since college opened, has made us feel that we would like to know him better. We trust that his stay among us will be a long and profitable one.

THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF NATIONS FEDERATION

Brandon College has now a group in the Canadian branch of the I.U.L.N.F. One meeting has already been held and plans are laid for regular monthly meetings throughout the balance of the College year. The object of this organization is best stated in the Canadian Group Bulletin No. 5.

"The I.U.L.N.F. is based on the belief that wars are largely the product of ignorance and misunderstanding between nations, with the resulting train of hatred and intolerance, and therefore there logically devolves upon the universities of the world the responsibility of leading in a great educational movement towards bringing about a better understanding and co-operation between the nations of the world. The I.U.L.N.F. aims at fostering in all the universities of the world, the organizing of groups of persons who are willing to devote some of their time to the study of international affairs, and who are willing to utilize whatever means are at their disposal in order to disseminate knowledge of such matters in suitable form to their fellow men."

The organization of the federation is very simple. At its head is the Executive Committee composed of the President, three vice presidents, the Secretary-General, and two other members, all of whom are elected annually by the Congress. Last year the President was a Frenchman, the Secretary-General a Swede, and the three vice presidents included a Britisher, a Frenchman, and a Pole. The last three meetings have been held at Paris, Berlin, and Geneva respectively, and the next two meetings are scheduled to take place at Brussels and Athens. The Secretariat-General is located permanently at Paris.

In connection with the League there is a Summer School of International affairs to which members are entitled to go and the cost is made as moderate as possible. Bibliographies and literature of various kinds are sent out from time to time from the central office. The identification of the Canadian group with the International organization is not yet complete, but it is expected that it will be fully affiliated this winter. Local groups exist already in connection with the following universities and oclleges; Regina, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Toronto, London, Kingston, McGill, Quebec, Halifax, Wolfeville and at Brandon.

There is no doubt of the value of such an organization, not only in training students to think internationally, but in moulding the public opinion of the future. In the last analysis the only effective barrier against war, is an enlightened, and informed public opinion.



Frank Kerr '29.

FIELD DAY

Soon after the opening of College the usual keen interest in Athletics became evident and within a short time baseball, soccer, and tennis were in full swing. Preparation for Field Day was not neglected and the boys began training in good time. In spite of unfavorable weather conditions training progressed fairly well and prospects for a successful Field Day were excellent.

The weather man was apparently not in a genial mood and Field Day dawned, dull and unpromising. Rain began to fall before the beginning of the girls events and con-tinued intermittently throughout the greater part of the day. As a result, although the girls events were run off on the campus in the morning it was necessary in the afternoon to hold the boy's events in the Arena.

Such a handicap made the establishment of new records virtually impossible and even necessitated the omission of certain events. Nevertheless the majority of the events were closely contested. Armand Stade came "into his own". Once more win-

ning the grand aggregate medal with a total of 31 points. Campbell McNeill, a freshman, made an exceptionally fine showing—winning first place in all the Junior events except one and also obtaining third place in the senior division.

George Eaton showed excellent form in the pole vault, winning first place in both Junior and Senior divisions.

The mile race was won by Neil Derby, who duplicated his achievement of last year. Owing to the short rounds however his time was rather slower that last year.

The Inter-departmental cup went to the Senior Arts who ran up a high score.

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Boys Events

50 Yards Dash—1st, C. McNeill 5.8 secs.; 2nd, A. Stade 6; 3rd, S. Perdue.

Standing Broad Jump—1st, P. D. Campbell 8 ft. $7\frac{1}{8}$; 2nd, J. Strahl 8 ft. $5\frac{3}{4}$; 3rd, C. McNeill 8 ft. $4\frac{3}{4}$.

High Hurdles—1st, A. Stade 8.4 secs.; 2nd, P. D. Campbell 9.2 secs.; 3rd, C. McNeill.

220 Yards Dash, Open—(Omitted).

Shot Put—1st, S. Perdue 31 ft. 1 in.; 2nd, A. Stade 28 ft. 7 in.; 3rd, C. McNeill 28 ft. 1 in.

Pole Vault, Open—1st, G. Eaton 8 ft. 4 in.; 2nd, A. Walberg 8 ft.; 3rd, P. D. Campbell 7 ft. 10 in.

Low Hurdles—1st, A. Stade 7.2 secs.; 2nd, C. McNeill; 3rd, J. Strahl.

Running Broad Jump—1st, A. Stade 17 ft. 7¾ in.; 2nd, J. Strahl 16 ft. 8½ in.; 3rd, P. D. Campbell 16 ft. 7 in.

Tug of War-1st, Seniors; 2nd, Juniors.

Running High Jump—1st, A. Stade 5 ft. 4 in.; 2nd, P. D. Campbell 5 ft. 3 in.; 3rd, C. McNeill 5 ft. 1 in.

Mile Run—1st, N. Derby 6 min. 14 secs.; 2nd, D. Wilkie. Hop, Step and Jump—1st, A. Stade 36 ft. 10½ in.; 2nd,

J. Strahl 34 ft. $11\frac{3}{4}$ in.; 3rd, C. McNeill 34 ft. $5\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Relay Race, Open (110 Yards)—Omitted.

One-Half Mile Run—1st, N. Derby, 2 min. 46 secs.; 2nd, S. Perdue; 3rd, H. Young.

Junior Events, 16 years and under.

50 Yards Dash—1st, C. McNeill 5.4 secs.; 2nd, H. Young; 3rd, G. Eaton.

Running High Jump—1st, C. McNeill 4 ft. 10 in.; 2nd, G. Eaton 4 ft. 9 in.; 3rd, H. Young 4 ft. 8 in.

Standing Broad Jump—1st, C. McNeill 8 ft. $5\frac{3}{11}$ in.; 2nd, J. Campbell 7 ft. $11\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 3rd, S. Bass 7 ft. $2\frac{1}{4}$ in.

Pole Vault-1st, G. Eaton.

Running Broad Jump—1st, C. McNeill 15 ft. $6\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2nd, H. Young 15 ft.; 3rd, G. Eaton 13 ft. $11\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Hop, Step and Jump—1st, C. McNeill; 2nd, G. Eaton; 3rd, C. Eaton.

Medals were awarded as follows:

First Grand Aggregate—A. Stade.

Second Grand Aggregate—D. Campbell.

Pole Vault—G. Eaton.

Aggregate Cup—A. Stade.

Junior Medal—C. McNeill.

Inter-Departmental Cup—Senior Arts.

Freshman's Aggregate—C. McNeill.

FOOTBALL

Football has always held a prominent place in the realm of sports in Brandon College and the brand of soccer displayed in this year's games was well up to the usual high standard. Although the competition was not as keen as that which characterized last year's games the fine type of sportsmanship manifested throughout was of the highest order.

College had not been open long when soccer enthusiasts began to get busy. Several games of speed ball (which is a combination of soccer, rugby and basketball) were played. This game although new to most of us proved very interesting and promises to become quite a popular game among the athletes of Brandon College.

In spite of the fact that the new game took so well it was felt that it was not sufficiently known to substitute it for soccer as the fall game for inter-departmental competition. So a schedule was drawn up for inter-departmental football.

Each department started out with high hopes and confidence in their ability to win the majority of games. The first game was played by Junior and Senior Arts. The Juniors under the able leadership of Lloyd Bowler put out a strong team. Bowler and Alsford were the pick of the Junior forward line while Holstein, Thom and Millar played well in the defence lines. Even before such a line-up as this the Seniors refused to take defeat and the result was three goals to nil in favor of Senior Arts. The second game was played by Senior Arts and Hash. "Chuck" Eaton as captain of the "Hashites" lined up his team with the hope of bringing the Seniors down to defeat but his hopes were shattered for Hash was forced to take the short end of a 3-0 score.

The third contest which was between Hash and Junior Arts resulted in a victory for the Juniors.

In the Hash line-up "Chuck" Eaton, King, Tolton and Buss were the stars of the forwards. On the defence lines Macpherson, Mott, Peterson and Hyndman ably upheld the honor of Hash. In spite of their valiant efforts however "Hash" proved unable to keep up to the pace set by the other two teams.

In the senior aggregation Strahl, Crawford, Dink, Prof. Kerr and Lowe constituted a forward line that proved to be a real goal-getting machine. An almost impregnable defence was offered by Gainer, Martin and Stade as halfbacks and Walberg and Perdue as full backs while with Dunc. Campbell in goal it was exceedingly difficult to score.

Senior Arts made an enviable record by winning all their games and having only one goal scored against them. This was a remarkable feat in view of the fact that Senior Arts had not won the league for a number of years.



PERSONNEL

Left to right, standing:—Crawford (I.F.); Walberg (F.B.; Kerr (I.F.); Stade (H.B.); Strahl (O.F.); Gainer (H.B.)

Sitting:—Martin (H.B.); Perdue (F.B.); Dr. Evans (Ref.); Derby (C.F.); Lowe (O.F.);

Campbell (Goal)

The last game of the season was between Senior Arts and a picked team from the ranks of Hash and Junior Arts. The result was a victory for Senior Arts, thus proving conclusively that they had the best team in the league.

Football this year was a decided success and there is little doubt that it will continue to hold its prominent place in the athletic activities of Brandon College.

BASEBALL

Despite the adverse weather conditions the enthusiastic supporters of this popular pastime managed to stage a few games between rains to the evident enjoyment of all conterned.

The baseball season was brought to a spectacular close by the playing of the "Brandon College World Series" between the "Hitless Wonders" and the "Murder's Row." The players on each side were chosen rather indiscriminately—some for their good looks, some for their ability, and others for no apparent reason at all.

At last the opening day of the "Serious" arrived. Only a limited number of fans were admitted since an unduly large crowd would have necessitated ground rules and in this way detract from the quality of the game. After careful consideration on the part of the managers Strahl was chosen to pitch for the "Hitless Wonders" and Hyndman for the "Murders Row". It was evident however after the first few innings that no pitchers could stand the intense strain for more than five innings, accordingly Andy Derby and Prof. Kerr were appointed to carry on the good work. After several innings featuring spectacular fielding and base-running performances, the score sheet was consulted, but gave no evidence as to which team had won.

By mutual agreement it was decided that one more innings should be played, the team scoring the greatest number of runs to be declared victors. As a result the "Hitless Wonders" emerged victorious.

Note:—Concluding games of the "Serious" to be played in the spring (weather permitting). Seat sale now on.

TENNIS

Had the weather man recovered from his grouch and condescended to give us some real tennis weather, tennis would have held a very prominent place in our athletics. A mens' doubles tournament was arranged, with sixteen entries, but before play started, winter had set in.

We are however, looking forward to some real tennis in the spring, and all indications point to the best tennis year the College has had for sometime. New players taking a prominent part are: Buster Holstein, who comes with a long list of honors attached to his name; Scotty Thom, well, to watch him in action is a treat. Then we have Dunc Campbell who rivals Tilden—in height.

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We are hoping for an early start in the spring and are looking forward to challenge games with the Normal School and the Collegiate.

BASKETBALL

With the disbandment of last year's famous basketball team prospects did not seem very bright for '26-'27. In fact it was definitely decided that the College would not enter a team in the senior league of the city. We, however, heing accused of poor sportmanship by the city basketball fans, made renewal efforts to organize a team. By invading the ranks of last year's Junior team two promising players were found in the persons of Bob Maxwell and Gus Dunkin. These two, with Campbell McNeill, a player from last years Collegiate team, formed he nucleus of the new team. They were readily joined by Prof. Kerr and Stewart Perdue, and with Armand Stade, a member of last year's team, as captain, the aggregation was complete.

In the first practice Dr. Evans organized and inspired the team to such an extent that they came within two points of winning the opening game on October 18th against the fast travelling and experienced Hi-Stars. The final score being 26-28.

On November 11th after having a couple of good workouts the College team succeeded in defeating the Reds 28-24.

On November 18th in the second game with the Hi-Stars the class displayed by the College in the preceding game was lacking and as a result they were defeated 34-17.

Now, following two weeks of training and energetic coaching on the part of Dr. Evans the team does not anticipate experiencing any more defeats.

The Junior basketball team has suffered from the promotion of Gus and Bob to senior ranks. Although the Juniors have lost their first three games they have shown that with a little more organization and team play they will be able to reverse the scores.

The fine sportsmanship displayed by both Junior and Senior teams is indicative of another successful year in the realm of basketball.

BOXING

This is a new phase of athletics in Brandon College but one that it fast becoming popular. Plans are being made to arrange organized bouts and it is hoped this "manly art" will become one of the recognized lines of athletics activity.



Neil Derby '29.

INITIATIONS

On the afternoon of October the ninth, a rather unique procession filed through the portals of Brandon College. This was added to by an equally unique troop from Clark Hall. Led by the gallant McPherson and their noisesome and self-appointed band, the Freshmen journeyed down the main thoroughfares of the city. Wheel-barrows, milkwagons and every abnormal relic of attire imaginable added interest to the demonstration. At every important street corner, they stopped and gave the Freshman's yell. After doing the town they returned to the College where the Brandon College and Clark Hall processions again divided. The men repaired to the upper corridors where they were first compelled to leap from a high window, and later were branded with a sizzling iron which somehow was converted to ice at the moment of application. Following this, they passed through several mysterious and inspiring proceedings. At last they were through and there was a general mingling of freshmen and old students in room H where refreshments were served to all. After lunch, the freshmen contributed in a large part to the programme which was held in the chapel.

FOWL SUPPER AHOY!

Once more the season of fowl suppers is over. At least once, each class in the institution attended one of these gala affairs. Nor were their learned professors backward in accompanying the members of their respective class. It is rumored that Dr. Evans lost count of the number attended at the thirteenth. It is also rumored that the Associated Board of Fowl Supper Promoters is going to ask that in future Dr. Evans and Professor Kerr be not allowed to attend the same fowl suppers or, as an alternative, that a special quantitative price be set for them. We students who have had the unfortunate experience of being present on such occasions, heartily endorse the action of the board.

HIKING

To the east of the city where the C.P.R. tracks cross the Assiniboine stands a monument to many a merry college party. The Iron Bridge, as it is fondly known to students is just an ideal distance from the college--just the right distance to whet the appetite and yet not far enough to daunt the enthusiasm of the most timid. For years past, the picnic grounds of the collegians has been there and full advantage has been taken of the ideal location several times this season. To there, on Saturday, October the eighth, the All College Hikers were directed. Upon arriving the Hikers divided, some playing soft ball, others interesting themselves in various other games while, last but not least, a group was detained to make coffee. Soon from several fires the aroma of roasting weaners was evident and basket after basket of rolls consumed. Then all gathered round the parent fire for a sing-song which wound up with, "Hail our College," and "Hippi Skippi." Then came the all too short hike homeward and the big event was over. Later in the season individual classes took advantage of weather conditions and held similar pleasant trips.

ARTS III FUNCTION

It behooves us to observe Arts III this year. We certainly must admit they are stepping out. Their function was nothing less than a theatre-party. This event took place on Tuesday, November the sixteenth. At seven sharp the male members of the class gathered in Clark Hall, prepared for immediate departure. However, we are convinced that Arts III are just as human as the rest of the world in so much that it was seven-thirty before the last demure damsel took her place by the side of her knight. The party was well chaperoned by Miss Fielder, ably assisted by Prof. Kerr. After seeing "The Campus Flirt" all repaired to the home of Miss Doris Cochrane where a dainty luncheon was served.

Axel Walberg:—"Say Mardi, didn't I see you taking a tramp along the river yesterday?"

Mardi:—"The very idea sir! that was Lloyd."

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Believe it or not:—Woman was created after man and she has been after him ever since.

Freshman (timidly):—"In which building is the library?"

Senior (wearily) :--- "If we have one you'll find it mentioned in the Calendar."----Ubyssey.

"THE GOOSE HANGS HIGH"

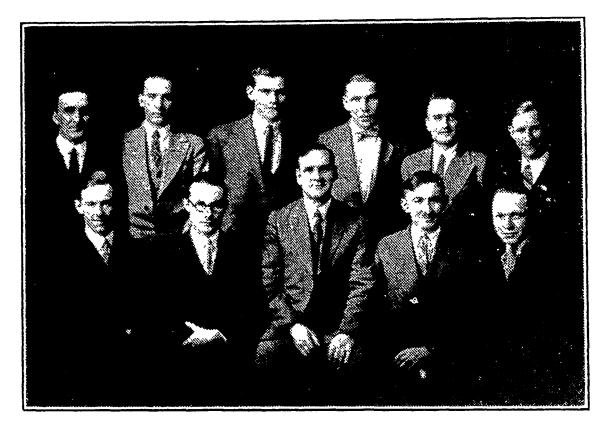
The annual College play this year came well up to the high standards set in the past.

"The Goose Hangs High" is a delightful three act comedy by Lewis Beach, which shows that our modern young people are not as bad as they are sometimes pictured by their elders. The Christmas setting was particularly appropriate to the time of production which was December 9th and 10th. Miss Rose Hyndman as "Lady of the Play" formally opened the entertainment.

The personnel of the cast was especially outstanding, as each member interpreted his role with exceptional ability. "Granny" Bradley was played by Miss Ruth Willey, who was inimitable. She completely captivated the audience with her clever interpretation of the quaint lovable old character, and provided most of the evening's laughs. Another bright light was Miss Kathleen Underwood as Lois Ingals, the modern girl, attractive, flippant but a good-fellow withal. Miss Ruth Clement as Eunice Ingals and Norman Todd as Bernard her husband, portrayed their parts of the self-denying and ever-loving parents in a most real-istic and creditable manner. John McLellan as Elliot Kimberly interpreted his role of the "deep-dyed" villain, to perfection. Ormand Shuttleworth and Scott Leith as the two sons of the Ingals family excelled themselves and added a great deal toward the success of the play. Miss Ethelwyne MacKay, as Hugh's fiancee and Miss Leta Fry as "Aunt Julia" also deserve much credit and revealed no small amount of dramatic ability in their presentations. These outstanding student artists were ably supported by other members of the cast, including Miss Katherine Kilgour, J. B. Thompson, T. Douglas, Lorne McFarland and L. B. Crawford.

We are surely justified in congratulating the play committee and especially Miss Leeman on the success of this presentation. Throughout the entire play the untiring effort and good judgment of the director was very evident. The agressive and painstaking work of the executive under the able leadership of L. B. Crawford resulted in two packed houses. On both occasions an enthusiastic audience made evident their deep appreciation of Brandon College dramatic talent.

In addition to the splendid entertainment provided by the play, several solos rendered in a pleasing manner by Miss Ruth Morgan contributed much toward making the evening's programme a great success.



SUNBEAMS!

Motto---Ab factu ad posse.

Yell—Wher-r-ee-yow^{*} (whistle) Boom-a-a-a-ah Sunbeams!

Personnel –Dr. Evans (leader), Shutty, Hainy, Ambish, Dink, W. Derby, Josh, Walter Waite, John McLellan, D. Millar, Wilkie Westcott.

The "Sunbeams" is an organized study group. it is composed of Dr. Evans and ten members, membership being limited to ten. It originated and was first organized last year. At the beginning of this year the group reorganized, new officers were elected and four new members taken into the group.

In our discussions, matters of major importance are treated. These discussions are based primarily upon the significance of the Social teaching of Jesus. These teachings are treated in such a manner that the greatest benefit is derived therefrom.

Within the group there is a general spirit of goodfellowship. A "Sunbeam" is every ready to be of some assistance to anyone in need of such. We have a male voice quartette in the group which is worthy of note, nor is this our only noteworthy feature, for we also have a hockey team in our midst. You who read this will come to learn more of our quartette and hockey team during the winter months to come. Hikes are arranged from time to time. Every member takes a keen delight in them, for on such occasions the Sunbeam spirit is at its highest.

POENA IMMERITA

The sanctimonious atmosphere of Brandon College was rudely disturbed early in the week immediately preceding November 19th. A great decision had been reached. One who has tramped the halls of this institution for years was found to be involved in a most heartless and dastardly crime. The great student body gasped at the audacity of the affair, and awaited the decision which should mark the fate of the accused. Accordingly, on the night of November 19th, a great crowd had gathered in the chapel to see justice done to the arch-criminal.

At the momentous hour of eight, a state of high tension prevailed over the entire court room. Sir Thomas Douglac K.C., Donald Lowe M.P.P., Counsels for the defence, and Sir Stewart Perdue and Dr. Norman Todd, Crown Attorneys, entered and took their places. Immediately following came the dignified and courtly Judge McPherson. When he had taken his place the court was declared open by the highly elongated court-crier, Dunkie Campbell. The prisoner was then called in. Escorted by constable Mc-Arthur, Neil Derby entered, pale but determined looking. A deadly hush fell over the court-room! surely some injustice was here! Surely one from whom such innocence and purity radiated was wholly incapable of such a crime! The jury was then sworn in. Some were objected to on the grounds of personal antagonism to the prisoner. Judge McPherson then charged the jury and the trial was on.

In clear resonant tones Sir Stewart read the charge, viz, 'that the accused, Neil Derby alias Cornelius MacCellundy alias Neil Dobush did place in the domicile of Joshua B. Thompson a ferocious speciman of the feline family, namely a cat, and this with malicious intent toward the person of the aforesaid Mr. Thompson." The witnesses were then called and the evidence proved beyond a doubt that the room of the aforesaid Mr. Thompson was in such a state of chaos that to place a cat there certainly showed malicious intent toward the cat and not toward the plaintiff. Furthermore, evidence proved that one of the witnesses for the prosecution distorted the English language fearfully and that it was only as an exponent of the Darwinian theory that the accused ever associated with Mr. Waite. The crowd showed in no uncertain manner that they approved of the choice of the accused, in so much as Mr. Waite is as near the original speciman as is possible to get in this enlightened age. Sir Thomas Douglas finally made an impassionate plea for the accused. During his summing up of evidence he read a letter which he had received that morning from Indian Head in aid of the accused. It breathed of feeble old age and most pathetically pleaded leniency. Surely a man with such a Grand-mother must have sterling qualities. Sir Stewart then summed up his evidence scathingly denouncing the accused as a hobo, criminal and general miscreant and strongly advised hanging. Judge McPherson then addressed the jury and they withdrew.

general miscreant and strongly advised hanging. Judge McPherson then addressed the jury and they withdrew. In a surprisingly short time, they returned with a verdict of guilty, to the amazement and intense wrath of the crowd assembled. Judge McPherson then pronounced sentence, namely that the accused should practice before the audience that pathetic ballad generally known as "The Prisoner's Song." The Prisoner was almost overcome by emotion but finally complied. At the first note a great hush fell over the court-room. What beauty was there! Such a voice! Such pathos and feelings! Tears came to unbidden eyes: The prisoner broke down in the midst of his grief. The crowd filed silently out. The trial was over.

STUDENT SABBATH SCENES

It was a beautiful Sunday evening. Church was just out and the streets were thronged with surging crowds homeward bound. Toward the suburbs the crowds grew more and more scattered till finally the sole silent surveyor found himself alone in front of a large impressive building, from end to end a riot of lights. Ah! What sound was that? Music! The Sole Silent Surveyor listened enraptured. To him came the sound of soft, pleading feminine voices in exquisite harmony and unison in that soulful dirge, "Why do you tarry, dear brother?" And then wafted back on the breezes to the Soul Eilent Surveyor came the answering roar of fifty male voices, strong and eager, "Till be there." There was a patter of feet and they were there. Then there was much singing and harmonious blending of voices. The music died down. Again the Sole Silent Surveyor became all attention. Was not that the voice of Beatrice Clendenning; assuredly, ah now! it is Ruth Clement. Listen now, are not those sounds; produced by the nimble fingers of Mardi Forrest? Then there was much applause. Soon followed the clatter of many dishes and the laughter of many young voices. Then came the sound of an opening door and in two's and threes the joyful crowd faded down the moonlit paths. The Sole Silent Surveyor sighed and wended his way homeward. It was two weeks later. The Sole Silent Surveyor stood

It was two weeks later. The Sole Silent Surveyor stood in what he had once known as the Brandon College chapel. But now? Never! Instead it was an unusually attractive drawing room graced to capacity with young men and young women. They were singing again, this time, "Tarry with me". Leading them again in his lusty baritone voice was Stewart Perdue, the host of the evening. Now the boys quartette were rendering a melodious anthem. Hark! Mr. Brown's violin speaks. Again there is heard hearty applause. The music ceases, again the rattle of many dishes, then the sound of laughing voices. The Sole Silent Surveyor backs further and further into the shadows. The crowd fades away in two's and threes.

"Oh talk to me not of a name great in story The days of our youth are the days of our glory And the myrtle and ivy of sweet two and twenty Are worth all your laurels though ever so plenty." —Lord Byron.

PADDED SOCKS

It has been stated that down through the ages man adapts himself to the needs of his environment. A change in environment must needs be met by a change in adaptation. Hence we find revived the noble art of self protection, necessitated by the aggressive attitude of our new students. To cope with the situation, many old students have donned the gloves and numerous interesting and novel styles of fistic battles have been staged. Many men have proven stalwarts in the boxing game. For latent receptiveness Armand Shuttleworth is the uncrowned king. In untiring aggressiveness none can touch the famous Ambition Gainor while Norman Todd parks a mean punch. For Tommy Douglas' lightning thrusts a certain member of the faculty states his ever-growing dislike. All told the manly art of boxing is proving a source of real benefit, both in the realms of entertainment and physical culture.

LITERARY SOCIETY

The Literary Society was unfortunate this year in that Edna Rand, the duly elected president was unable to return to hold office. A by-election was held at which Margaret Forrest was selected to fill the vacancy. The assisting committee consists of Miss Leeman, faculty representative, Wilhelmine Malcolmson, secretary and Walter Waite, treasurer.

The first program was held October 22nd, when, following Dr. Evans suggestion, the president took advantage of the Field Day organization and called upon each of the three divisions, Senior Arts, Junior Arts and Academy, for a twenty-minute program. Two new musical organizations, the Junior Arts Punk Songsters and the Harmony Hounds, sprang to life for the occasion and caused us acute emotion, sometimes pleasurable and sometimes otherwise. The result of the whole program was to make us congratulate ourselves on the fine material we have in the College this year.

The Literary Society is offering a Shield to be awarded yearly to the class giving the best evening's entertainment. Arts IV opened competition for the shield on November 12th, when they presented a very good miscellaneous program of songs, a reading, a violin solo and two sketches. We all agree that the other classes will have to work hard to equal the standard set by the Seniors.

The second program was presented by Arts '28 on Friday evening, November 26th. The Arts III male trio opened the entertainment by leading a rousing sing-song. A one-act play, a reading and an original musical comedy all aided in making this lit. a decided success. The next program in the competition will be given by Academy early in January.

S. C. M.

"The S. C. M. is a fellowship of students based on the conviction that in Jesus Christ is found the supreme realization of life" With this as a criterion, the S.C.M. has outlined its program this year, so as to be Christocentric.

Dr. J. D. Freeman of Winnipeg began the series on December 1st with an excellent message on the topic—"The Sanctity of Now, the Christ of the Present." We expect Dr. Wallace, head of the Geological Department of Manitoba University to be our next speaker at the meeting on December 16th dealing with "Christ in Science." Rev. R. H. Lowry, Mr. J. E. Matthews and others will be the speakers next term on such topics as "Christ in Education," "Christ in Business," "Christ in Politics," "Christ in Religion." Rev. C. G. Stone and Rev. Philip Duncan and Mr. H. L. Porter spoke to us during the first part of the term, and their talks made a profound impression on those who heard them.

The Study groups in Clark Hall have become a vital factor, while the men's unit has been having talks from various men of Brandon linking up Christ with their various vocations.

With such a program in view we feel that the S. C. M. will have a successful and beneficial year.

DEBATING

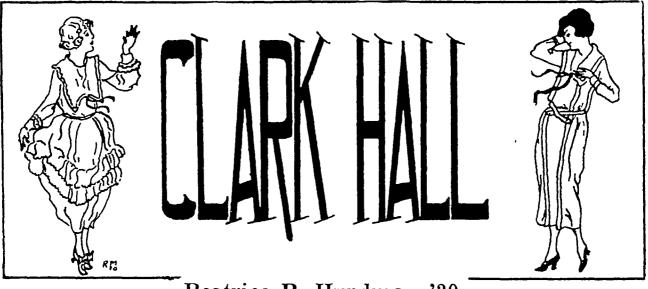
Interest in debating this year is very gratifying. The first debate of the term took place on Friday evening, November 5th. The subject debated was "Resolved that marriage in the clergy is detrimental to the profession, and as such should be prohibited by law." The affirmative was upheld by Scott Leith and Leta Fry, the negative by Charles Smith and John Gilmour.

The leader of the affirmative bombarded his opponents with many and weighty arguments, and was supported by the fair sex with a credible show of independence, but the gentlemen on the negative put forth all their efforts and waved eloquent to maintain their rights—doubtless due to the fact that the matter was so pressing to them personally. We gathered from these arguments many side lights on the future plans of our fair young Theologs.

Parliamentary procedure was followed throughout, the question being thrown open to the house before the rebuttals were given. Many and varied were the opinions expressed by the representatives from the different constituencies. The decision was left to a vote of the house, which decided in favor of the affirmative.

On the evening of November 14th, Neil Derby, alias Cornelius McCillicaddy, Brandon's most notorious criminal was arraigned before Judge McPherson. The prosecution brought many of the prisoner's misdeeds to light and in spite of an impassioned speech by the defence, the jury returned the verdict of guilty.

At the time of going to press the result of the first interdepartmental debate between the Seniors and Academy is unknown. The Juniors declare that they are prepared to give the winner a stiff fight for the inter-departmental medal.



Beatrice R. Hyndman '30.

APPRECIATION

On the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of Clark Hall, we would remember Dr. Clark, in appreciation of his donation toward the building of the girls' residence of Brandon College. At the time of the endowment, he was a physician, living in Winnipeg. Being interested in education, he gave sufficient funds to erect in 1906 a girls' residence as an addition to the Baptist College at Brandon. The residence is by no means the only product of Dr. Clark's generosity. We feel that he would count himself amply repaid, could he realize the harmony in work and pleasure, the ideals and the friendships shared by the girls whose privilege it has been to come to Clark Hall—and this would be but an imperfect measure of the true significance of his gift. Most of us have never known or seen Dr. Clark in person, yet by means of his portrait we have come to regard him as an acquaintance. On this twentieth anniversary we know that Clark Hall girls far and wide, would have us dispatch a special packet of good wishes to Dr. Clark, for this and many more Christmas seasons.

INITIATIONS

Thursday the 9th of October was an eventful day in the lives of Clark Hall freshettes. The sun rose-- and so did the freshettes. Early rising was essential for this was the morning that they were to aid the seniors in the task of house-cleaning. Needless to say, they performed their duties well, and without complaint. Thursday afternoon the outside freshies enjoyed themselves in the club-room, polishing the seniors' shoes. Thursday and Friday the girls were privileged to attend classes and meals with uncurled locks and shining noses, in order to prove the debatable question as to whether girls still have complexions of their own. They proved it.

On Friday afternoon, the girls, adorned with green ribbons and red noses, left the college for a parade down-town. At intervals, they broadcasted yells to inform inquisitive passers-by just what they were. Arriving at the C.P.R. depot the girls employed their spare time by sweeping off the station platform. Tired travellers on the 4.40 train were overjoyed to find Brandon such a hospitable city, but looked rather crestfallen when informed to remember Brandon College in their wills.

In the chapel at 7.00 in the evening the girls took their oath of allegiance to the College. The freshettes assisted by the freshmen of Brandon College, then provided entertainment for the seniors in the form of sketches and musical numbers, after which everyone adjourned to the diningroom for lunch.

Miss Turnbull revived an old and pleasant custom this year when she invited the gentlemen of Brandon College to a sing-song in Clark Hall on the evening of Sunday, October 3rd. Miss Turnbull and Miss R .Hyndman received the guests at the reception-room door. Dr. Evans led the singing, in which everyone joined heartily. Vocal solos by Miss B. Clendenning and Miss R. Clement, and an instrumental by Miss M. Forrest were much appreciated.

Refreshments were served, after which the senior stick, on behalf of the gentlemen thanked Miss Turnbull for a very pleasant evening.

The reception room at Clark Hall was thronged with guests on the afternoon of Saturday, October the twentythird, on the occasion of the annual reception arranged by the staff of Clark Hall. Receiving with Miss J. Turnbull, were Mrs. H. L. MacNeill, Miss R. Morgan, Miss D. Bradley, Miss G. Leeman, Miss E. Moore, Miss G. Whidden, Mrs. E. Whitmore and Miss E. Fielder. Mrs. E. Scott Eaton assisted in entertaining the guests throughout the afternoon. The room was tastefully decorated with yellow and mauve chrysanthemums and yellow candles. During the afternoon tea table honors were done by Mesdames James Wade, J. S. Clark, J. F. Kilgour, A. Shewan, J. S. Willmott and R. Darragh while Mrs. G. F. Doig had charge of the tea room. A number of senior students assisted in serving.

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The Hallowe'en party was held in the dining room on the evening of October 29th, with a goodly number in attendance. The evening began with fortune-telling and many were the good fortunes—and dire calamities predicted. While some were eagerly waiting to hear their fate, others attempted to eat apples suspended in mid-air. Next came the parade, and as the couples marched around to music, Miss Fielder and Dr. Evans judged the costumes. Prizes were awarded to the Misses Bingham, Squires and Hitchings and Messrs. Gilmour, Todd and Walberg. Partners were then chosen and everyone went to the gym for pumpkin pie and coffee—and lolly pops. In due time, the evening was brought to a close by "Hail Our College" and "Hippi Skippi."

Be The Best Of Whatever You Are

. If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill, Be a scrub in the valley—but be The best little scrub by the side of the rill; Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush be a bit of the grass, And some highway happier make

If you can't be a muskie then just be a bass— But the liveliest bass in the lake! We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew, There's something for all of us here.

There's big work to do and there's lesser to do, And the task we must do is the near.

If you can't be a highway then just be a trail,
If you can't be the sun, be a star;
It isn't by size that you win or you failBe the best of whatever you are!

CLARK HALL ATHLETICS

O altar of eternal youth! O faith that beckons from afar! Give to our lives a blossomed fruit— Give to our morns an evening star!

Happy is the girl who can enter with zest into the different phases of the physical side of life. One receives just as much as one gives and those who benefit are the girls who put their whole heart into their play and enjoy themselves in so doing. A girl with a healthy body and quick mind is of priceless worth in our Canada today and it is only through exercising her faculties to the best of her ability that this desired objective may be obtained. Girls! Will you join us in our happy times.

• FIELD DAY

The weatherman was unkind to us this year. We thought he might have picked out a better day for our sport. However despite the unfavorable conditions there was a large crowd gathered to watch the happy contestants win or lose. We found two young ladies added to our ranks who did credit to their respective classes; both of them breaking records.

The first event was the running broad jump won by Margaret Draper 13.8 ft. The second place was taken by Geraldine Balmer 13.2 and third by Ruth Harris 12.3.

The next event was the running of the Low Hurdles. The winners were: 1st, Geraldine Balmer; 2nd, Jean Fotheringham; 3rd, Ruth Harris.

The Hop, Step and Jump, an interesting feature, was won by Geraldine Balmer. 1st, Geraldine Balmer 26.7 ft.; 2nd, Ruth Harris 26.6 ft.; 3rd, Margaret Draper 26.1 ft. Baseball Throw: 1st, Ruth Harris 162.5 ft.; 2nd, Laura Shanks 115.7 ft.; 3rd, Jessie Hamilton 111.8 ft.

The Seventy-five Yards Dash was a fast event, the stars being: 1st, Jean Fotheringham; 2nd, Margaret Draper; 3rd, Mary Armstrong.

Standing Broad Jump: 1st, Margaret Draper 6.9 ft.; 2nd, Geraldme Balmer 6.6 ft.; 3rd, Jean Fotheringham 6.4 ft.

The Relay Race aroused much interest among the various departments taking part but the Academy came off victorious. Junior Arts were close behind and last but not least came Senior Arts.

Basket-ball Throw: 1st, Ruth Harris 62.5 ft.; 2nd, Jessie Hamilton 49.5 ft.; 3rd, Minnie Leason 48.1 ft.

The Running High Jump, although the last on the programme, created the greatest interest because of the close contest. After jumping several times to clear 4.2 the height was put back to 4.1 and Margaret Draper was able to prove her claim. 1st, Margaret Draper; 2nd, Ruth Harris; 3rd, Geraldine Balmer.

The ribbons and medals were presented in the evening by Dr. McNeill. The Inter-Department Cup was won by Senior Arts.

FIELD HOCKEY

Field Hockey is practically a new game to many of us because it has not been played for, several years. This year however it was decided we should renew our interest. With Miss Whidden and Dr. Evans as able coaches we managed to have several good practices. With the advent of snow storms, however it is was decided we should abandon all further attempts until spring came with the warmer drier weather. We will now turn our attention to its more vigorous relative, Ice Hockey.

BASKETBALL

At first we had little hope of having a basketball team, but upon securing a fast and steady guard in Jean Doig, a member of the 1922 team, and other energetic members, our fears were quelled and we now forsee a really successful year for this phase of sport.

Their first game was with the Y.W.C.A. from which they obtained an easy victory with the score of 27-6. In their next game with the Collegiate they surprised even themselves as they came out on top of a 16-6 score. After this their hopes rose with their spirits and they had confidence in themselves. They began a systematic training. Everyday the girls went out faithfully to run their allotted distance. They practise against the Junior boys once a week now and are making rapid strides. The last game played with the High Stars, although a very close game was won with a score 20-12.

TENNIS

The tennis of this fall was not of long duration as the weather conditions were such as to keep the court too damp to be used. A schedule was drawn up and a few games were played off.

It is hoped that the spring will see the completion of the scheduled games, and will bring conditions favorable to this phase of our athletic life.

Leta Fry (in History 12)—"Ho hum! It's a great life if you don't waken!"

When Clark Hall girls are "wanted" downstairs they may expect anything from soup to nuts—usually nuts.

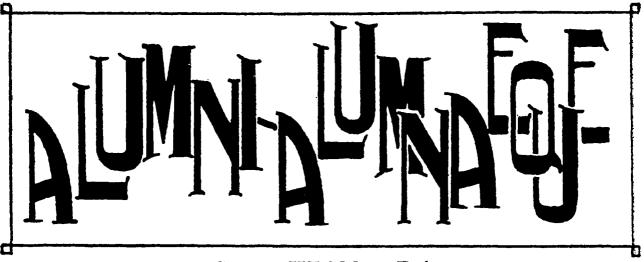
We always wondered where the lost chord went to, till we heard K. Underwood play the Ukelele.

Mrs. Whitmore (in English 2)—"Who was Jupiter's wife."

Neil Derby—"Juno."

Mrs. Whitmore—"What impudence Mr. Derby. Of course I do."

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Gwen. Whidden B.A.

- '12. Rev. Charles Baker (Theol.) who has been pastor at Lynden, Washington has become pastor of the Oliver Baptist Church, New Westminster, B.C.
- '13. Rev. Elmer H. Grein (Theol.) who has been for some time pastor of the Wentworth Ave. Baptist Church, Hamilton, Ontario has moved to Toronto where he has become pastor of the Assington Avenue Baptist Church.

Miss Evelyn Simpson who has for some time been on the staff of the Regina Collegiate has gone to Winnipeg where she is taking a business course prior to going into business.

- '14. Rev. Henry Knox (Theol.) who has been pastor of the Baptist Church, Prince Albert, Sask. has become pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Victoria, British Columbia.
- '15. Rev. Philip Duncan has taken up the pastorate of St. Paul's United Church, Brandon, and is doing a splendid piece of work.
- '18. Miss Jean Avery has been spending the past few months at her home in Austin, after a very interesting and delightful trip to the Mediterranean, this summer. She expects to go to Winnipeg in a very short time to take up a business course.
 D. S. McIntyre who was principal of the Carman High School last year has gone to Winnipeg where he is on the staff of the Gordon Bell School.
 Rev. H. Pepin (Theol.) is at present pastor of the Baptist Church in Birtle, Man.
- '20. Miss Corday McKay is teaching senior English in the High School at Revelstoke, B.C. Miss Ethel Bolton who has been teaching at Melville, Sask. is at present teaching at Naco, Alta.

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Miss Ethel McKay (Expression) is taking graduate work in Expression at Brandon College and is doing some teaching in the Academic Department.

'22. J. Reg. Cresswell is to be congratulated upon the receiving of a Ph.D. degree from Cornell University, in June. He is at present an instructor in Philosophy at New York University, New York City. Miss Maria Hales is at present dietitian at Regina College, Regina, Sask.
J. S. Peterson is teaching at Unity, Sask.

23. Miss Ethel Abey is enjoying very much her work at the Regina Normal School. She is acting as librarian in the school.

Miss Jean Doig is teaching, this winter, at the King George School, Brandon.

Miss Beatrice Hall who has taught for the past two years at Boissevain is spending the winter with her parents in Brandon.

E. J. King is to be congratulated upon having received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Toronto, in June, and upon his appointment as an assistant in Dr. Banting's laboratories in Toronto.

D. G. McKnight is teaching in the High School at Tegaske, Sask.

'24. Miss Edith Ball is teaching in Shaunavon. She has changed her work this year and is teaching on the High School staff.

L. G. Dorrett is Assistant Principal at the High School, Melville, Sask.

Miss Marjorie McKenzie has completed her work at Columbia College of Expression, receiving her B.E. degree, is spending the winter with her parents in Brandon.

25. Miss Margaretta Biggs is taking a business course at the Wheat City Business College, Brandon.

E. R. Carter is in Strathclair, Man.

A. S. Elson writes from Tangier, Morocco that he has thoroughly enjoyed getting home again and that he finds the mission work with his father most interesting.

F. B. Friend is on the staff of Moosejaw College, Moosejaw, Sask.

A. Reg. Frith is at present teaching in the High School at Melfort, Sask.

Miss Maria Grant who graduated from the College of

Education, Toronto, last spring has spent the fall in Toronto but expects to return to her home very shortly.

Miss Helen Hitchings is teaching Physical training and English in the High School at Fort William.

Miss Anna Hornfeldt is teaching at Shumaker, Ont.

Miss Flora Irish is teaching in the Commercial Department, in the High School at Sudbury, Ont.

Miss Kathleen Kenner is teaching in the High School at Glenboro, Man.

Miss Mary McDonald is teaching at Erickson, Man.

R. G. McĎorman is teaching at Ľexington, Virginia.

E. Riemer is preaching at the Baptist Church at Didsbury, Alta.

Miss Aleta Stewart is at present in Windsor, Ont.

H. A. Trotter is attending the Dental College in Toronto.

H. W. Umphrey is in Maniwaki, Que.

F. J. Westcott is studying at Harvard, taking work in Political Economy.

'26. H. F. Batho is studying at the University of Chicago. Miss Edna Calverly is attending the Winnipeg Normal School.

Miss Myrtle Evans is also attending the Winnipeg Normal School.

J. L. Gayton is at present at the Medical College, University of Manitoba.

J. C. Hembling has spent the summer in Vernon B.C. We understand that he expects to attend the Normal School in Regina, after Christmas.

Miss Margaret Kilgour is doing graduate work in English at Bryn Mawr.

Miss Aileen Ritchie is teaching at Lavenhan, Man.

Miss Anita Sallams is nursing at the Mental Hospital, Brandon.

T. E. Stevens is teaching at Norway House, Man.

Miss Rose Vasey is attending the Ontario College of Education, Toronto.

W. A. Wenk is doing graduate work in Geology, at the University of Chicag_?.

Mrs. A. E. Wright is studying English at the University of Chicago.

Miss Kathleen Moffat has returned to the Chicago Musical College where she is continuing post-graduate work in piano. ,

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Evans (Nina Koester) a daughter, November 27th, 1926.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Bowen (Kathleen Johnston '14) September 17th, a daughter, Daphne Jean. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grusz (Marjorie Leith '23) on July 6th, a daughter, Jean Mary.

- '17. Rutherford-Fusee. The marriage took place in July at Nojin, Japan of Robena E. Fusee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fusee of Neepawa and Andrew Rutherford of Kobe, Japan. Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford are living at the Canadian Academy, Kobe.
- '18. Sparling-Bambridge. The marriage took place on June 29th, 1926 in Winnipeg of Reta Wood Bambridge and Douglas Sparling. Mr. and Mrs. Sparling are living at Hargreave, Man., where Mr. Sparling is pastor of the United Church.
- 22. Hinch-Matthews. Saturday, October 30th at 360 15th Street, Florence Matthews and John Sutherland Hinch. Mr. and Mrs. Hinch are living at Roseland, Man.
- 23. Gilbert-Strachan. The marriage took place on September 1st at Manitou, Man. of Ethel Lois Strachan and Dr. Basil E. Gilbert. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert are living at Kingston, Rhode Island.
- 22. Cresswell-Geheris. May 13th 1926 at Buffalo, New York, the marriage of Elsie Geheris to J. R. Cresswell of Griswold, Manitoba. Mrs. Cresswell is a graduate of the School of Expression, Cornell University. Mr. and Mrs. Cresswell are living in New York City.

De sunflower ain't de daisy, and de melon ain't de rose; Why is dey all so crazy to be sumfin else dat grows? Jess stick to de place yo're planted, and do de bes yo knows; Be de sunflower or de daisy, de melon or de rose. Don't be what yo ain't, jess yo be what yo is, If yo am not what yo are den yo is not what yo is, If yo're jess a little tadpole, don't yo try to be de frog; If you are de tail, don't go try to wag de dawg. Pass de plate if yo can't exhawt and preach; If yo're jess a little pebble, don't yo try to be de beach; When a man is what he is'nt, den he is'nt what he is, An' as sure as I'm talking, he's a-gwine to get his.

-Anonymous.



Archie Thom '30.

WHAT ABOUT INITIATION?

Here is a problem that confronts Brandon College in no less degree than other institutions. This year the initiation here was disappointing to the majority of students. It was neither dignified nor rough. A step must be taken in either one direction or another. Initiations should be abolished altogether or the Freshmen should be given a going over that will cause them to respect College traditions and Senior students.

We quote from an editorial in the Western U. Gazette:

"Whether initiation is to be allowed or done away with is a question to be directly faced sooner or later at the University. It cannot be decided too soon. In the past initiation ceremonies have been dear to the hearts of undergraduates. This University each year has seen its crop of new comers flock in from town and country side to be seized upon by the omnipresent sophomores and liberally coated with nauseous ungeunts. The result has been generally speaking not particularly detrimental to the life of the college; on the other hand it is doubtful if such functions have been beneficial. Prone as we are to respect tradition, we must acknowledge that Universities older than ours have taken the step of doing away with initiations The fact that other colleges are taking this step however should not influence Western. We are decidedly individual; we have our peculiar mode of campus life; we have not the same problems as other colleges, except in a general way, any attempts to slavishly emulate other institutions will never build up this University. This initiation especially needs deep consideration on the part of all lovers of College spirit. "Initiation!" clamors one part initiation! we need initiation, it makes better Westernites of these

Freshies—it takes off their bumptiousness. Newspaper dispatches indicate that Universities that have this year abolished initiation are having their own troubles in punishing by various penalties Freshmen who show utter disrespect for college tradition and Senior students. On the other hand opponents of initiation claim that such Freshmen are merely exceptional cases and that physical initiation has no effect on them. Undoubtedly there are two sides to this question and the best possible thing that can happen is to have it thoroughly threshed out this year. The women sophomores have experimented along the line of abolition, but initiation is too great a question to arbitrarily decided by small group. The entire student body should be interested in the settlement of such a matter."

CORRESPONDENCE DEBATE AROUSING MUCH ATTENTION

A novel debate is being conducted just now between the University of Dalhousie and the University of Alberta. Geographic difficulties have been overcome. The speeches will be published simultaneously in the "Gazette" and the "Gateway," which are the official publications of these Universities.

The Resolution is "Resolved that compulsory attendance at University lectures is in the best interests of the student body." Dalhousie will support the negative of the resolution while Alberta will support the affirmative. The judges are the editors of Canadian College Papers.

Freda Winfield and Arthur Dunphy will represent Dalhousie in this novel debate. The Alberta team is Jack Sweeny and Smily Horricks.

That this debate is arousing a great deal of interest among Canadian Colleges is evident. The Gazette publishes a letter from A. Ross Harkness, Editor-in-chief of the McGill Daily in which he says "The plan of holding a correspondence debate through the columns of the two papers appeals to one highly, it solves the rather difficult problems imposed by geography in a very satisfactory way." In another letter H. B. Ross, Editor of the King's College Record says "It is really quite a novel idea and one which should prove interesting to readers of both papers, if successful one would like to see a similiar exchange in the field of politics or of social problems. Although your present ex-

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periment is an admirable attempt to make East and West mutually acquainted." The Gateway tells its readers to follow Dalhousie and Alberta as they battle with the penstill a mightier human engine than the much advertised sword.

FIRE LIGHT

When I would gain my hearts desire I sit beside an open fire. And all the things I've wished for most Pour down the chimney of my house While all the other things take flight Up the chimney out of sight. The fire shadows change the walls From plaster white to Dersian shawls Of glowing gold and dull, warm red. The shabby carpet lightly spread, As Eastern prayer rug seems to be, Its vivid colour beckoning me.

But though in dreams I travel wide, I never even glance outside, For darkness presses closer, close Against the windows of my house, And when I open my front door It creeps along my gorgeous floor. It laughs at my lovely shawls Which turn again to cold bear walls. So when I most would go away The closer to the fire I stay; While darkness comes and wails in vain, Then, silent slips away again.

---Dalhousie Gazette.

We note that the Manitoban will be published twice a week during the next year instead of once as formerly. This paper will now appear Mondays and Thursdays. The Monday edition will contain complete sport and news stories and will appear on the Campus at nine o'clock. The decision to publish the Manitoban twice a week marks a big step forward for this paper.

In connection with the Manitoban we also noticed the article dealing with their exchange of Editors with University of North Dakota. The Editors of the Manitoban, Leonard Knott and Gerald Reddell will edit the Dakota Student while Edward Thompson and Carlyle Onsond will edit the Manitoban. This is the first venture of this nature. Several years ago plans were made for this contest but they did not materialize. Universities all over Canada and the States watched this event with great interest.

LAUGHTER

I remember seeing in a local newspaper half-hidden in the obscure corner of a little known columnist, the fresh expression of an ancient truth: "Civilization will be saved, not by Democracy, not by Idealism, not by the League of Nations, but by a sense of humour." I think it was Mark Twain who observed that if you ever meet a girl who laughs at the things that provoke you to mirth, you may as well give up your earthly pursuits and follow her. She is yours.

What do you laugh at? Are you necessitated by the laws of conscience to cull and select provocation for a genuine chuckle or do you haw-haw fully and freely aloud or deep in your heart, at anything that strikes you funny? Your urbanite laughs at a three-inch hard collar and balloon toed shoes. College men see humour in the discomfiture of a Freshman, sitting on the post-office steps in his pyjamas, fishing for a salt herring with a bent pin. America laughs at the militant marriage--which is the best thing to do about it. The French laugh at infidelity, and are among the most truly faithful people in the world. There are national styles in humour, just as there are racial codes of morals, changing always with time. Indeed, we can almost see a sort of indirect connection, for moral codes vary directly as man's ways of finding happiness. To Kant and Carlyle on the contrary, a thing is right if it makes for the greatest happiness to the greatest number of people. Isn't that true? I refuse-point blank and with all the emphasis possible-to do a thing that is unpleasant to myself and my neighbours because a code of morals demands it. And I must also decline, cheerfully, but with equal firmness, to refrain from committing what convention terms a sin, if friends of mine benefit, and others are not hurt thereby. Whatever progress we have made since the days of witchburning has been the result of following just this manner of thought. (Here I've been swinging the old bludgeon again, when experience ought to have taught me long ago, that, like patent medicine, the dragon of the bluelaws yields to nothing but the inevitable conquerors: laughter and the years.)

The thing that strikes me hardest, the fact that sends a little shiver up my spine, and localizes a nauseous feeling in the pit of my stomach, is the knowledge that so many good people have forgotten how to laugh! Whenever I drop into the home town, a fear strikes me that some aspect of a naughty deed will seem to me funny, and that I'll be ticketed thereafter among the damned. Yet to laugh at a thing is not necessarily to condone it.

Your kindly aunt would certainly not laugh at the pyjama-clad freshman. She'd be sorry for him. Yet in a couple of weeks he'll look back on that experience and get the biggest snicker of his life. Ma Smith, at any little corner crossroads, gets no humorous kick out of the 1910 collar and shoes. But in a week or two, when the owner of these sartorial splendors gets used to the city, he'll discard them quickly enough, and be grateful for the amused glances that made him wise to his own incongruity. And if peace and fidelity can not be restored by the mirth their opposites provoke, the deserters from the camp of virtue at least come in contact with something richly human and universal, effective weapon, and lasting comfort—they have been laughed at.

It is fortunate that there are people who have never been able to get over a nervous impatience with prejudice. Laughter is the one great medicine for that black plague of society, Intolerance. I know a former college student who spent several summer vacations in a locality whose people were literally, salt of the earth, yet whose lives were simply a succession of superstitions and inhibitions; political, moral, religious. He conformed strictly to the code of the most respected of those people, but at every opportunity used to slip away to the wharves, where the hardened old sinners swapped sea lives for chewing tobacco. That was where the sunshine was, and a great peace reigned.

We ought to remember, though, to laugh not so much at people, as with them, at the things that happen to them or to ourselves. When a youth, resplendent in white flannels, assists in shoving someone's car out of a mudhole, and takes a shower of wet earth on his face, eyes and pants; well, it may look funny, and in a week or two he may be able to laugh with you, but if you are tactful and understanding, you won't let the chuckle break through just then. After all, the ridiculous things that happen to ourselves are funniest. Real humor is the kind that you will be able to remember and laugh at in twenty years. It is significant of kind, generous, tactful and understanding people, that they make it a point, not to laugh objectively at their neighbors, but to be able to laugh at life.

Laughter cannot be forced. Mark that down and remember it when Eddie Guest or Walt Mason exhorts you to cheer up and face the world a-grinning. That fine inner cheerfulness that is the final secret of indomitable and courageous men is not the product of a minutes' effort. Sulkiness has a large and important place in the human makeup. It is my own opinion that no family should be without it.

But laughter, in itself, is an inner and a silent thing. It grows with the growth of experience, floods our consciousness at the most inexplicable times. Some day, before my desk in a droning office, I shall find myself suddenly trying to get a note out of a bass viol under a Ladies' College window. And I'll laugh. Years later, memory will go back to some astonishing day in that office, and the whole mosaic of years will be resurrected, brightened and splendid. Laughter is universal. He who can laugh understandingly at the greatest number of things is the happiest individual in the world. He has discovered a religion that is both fundamental and modern; that knows no heresy, and therefore knows no creed. We live and grow, only if we go on peopling with experience for the wealth of the future, that marvellous common wealth, the Democracy of Remembered Mirth.

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We can take great comfort in the last paragraph.

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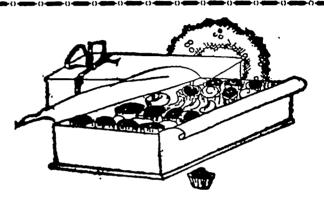
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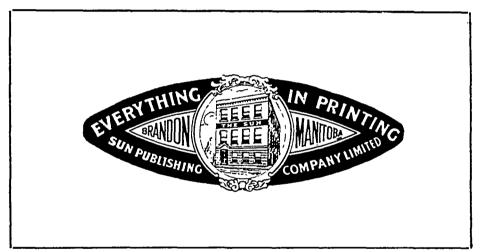
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