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## The Year-Book Is Your-Book.

GENERAL PROGRESS IS  
FAVORABLE BUT WE NEED  
YOUR ASSISTANCE.

Thus far plans concerning the "Sickle", the yearbook of the Association, have been progressing favorably. At the end of this month is fast coming near we would take this opportunity to point out that it is essential that you cooperate with us and have your photos and write-ups in promptly. Only with such assistance can we hope to give you your copy of the "Sickle" at the desired time.

The Photographic Committee, under the Photographic Manager, Ross Vasey, has thus far been meeting with a satisfactory response and many photos have been taken during the past three weeks. But those who have thus far neglected attending to this matter must be reminded that by saying "March 1st" we meant "The First of

March" Your assistance and prompt cooperation is urged. The committee has endeavored to see you all, but if you have not yet encountered one of its members do not consider yourself overlooked but come to their assistance and book that sitting as soon as possible. This work must go to the engravers on March 2nd.

All Grad write-ups are required by March 1st, and all departmental write-ups by March 7th. Those who have been assigned any of this work are here respectfully reminded of the

Any suggestions concerning the publication of the "Sickle" will be gladly received. We want you all to realize that "The Year-Book is really Your-Book."

—Managing Editor.

### PRESENT "DISRAELI" AT VIRDEN.

As has been rumored abroad during the past few weeks, arrangements are now under way and practically completed for the presentation of the play

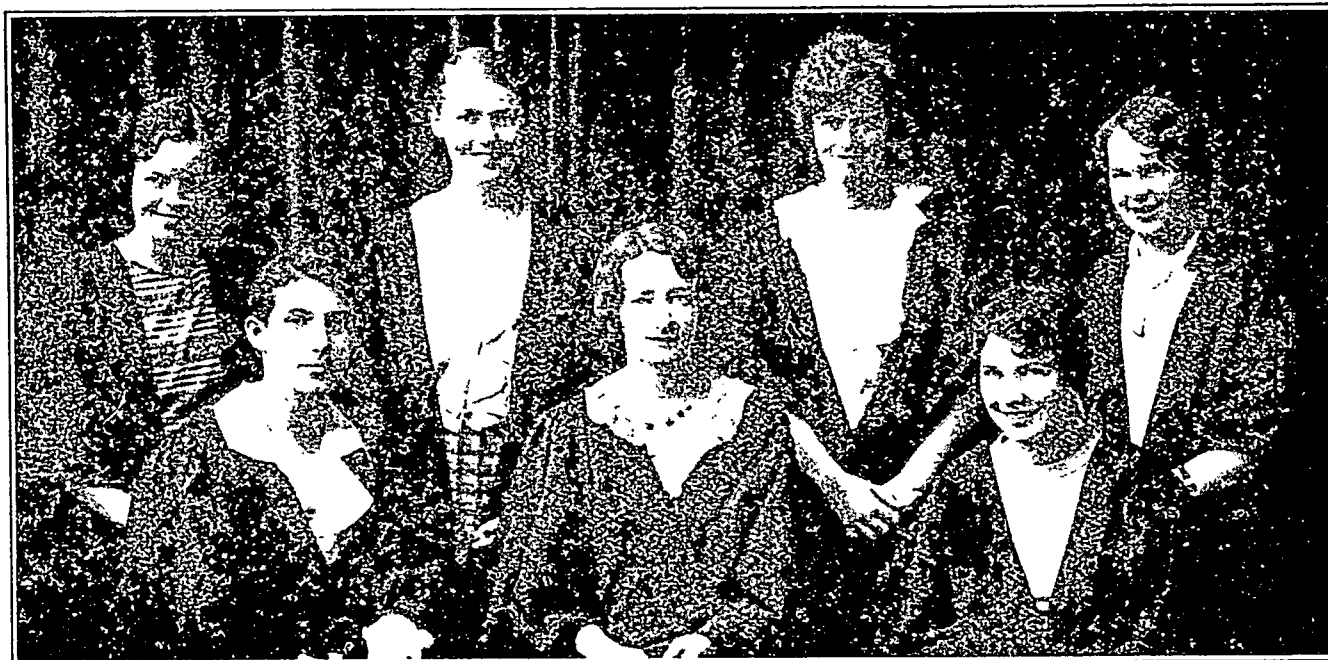
## Dr. Strachan of Saskatoon to Address Meetings

Under the auspices of Brandon College arrangements are being completed for the visit of Dr. Strachan, of Saskatoon, who will address a series of meetings next week which should prove of worth-while interest to all

students of Brandon, and to which all are cordially invited. These meetings were arranged for earlier dates but the illness of the speaker at that time necessitated their postponement. The series represents the annual observation of the Students' Week of Prayer, an international feature of the student life of many universities and colleges.

Dr. Strachan comes to us with a good understanding of the life and problems of young people and with his pleasing manner we can reasonably be assured that his meetings will be of interest and benefit to his listeners. Next Sunday at

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Back Row: Ruth Wright, (Tennis), Alys Hunter, (Hockey), Mary Coutts, (Basketball); Willa Robertson, (Field Day.)

### COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 19.—Ladies' Basketball: College vs Collegiate.
- Feb. 20.—Debating Society Programme.
- Feb. 22.—Observation of Students' Day of Prayer.
- Feb. 25.—C.H. & B.C. S.C.M.
- Feb. 24.—Presentation of "Disraeli" at Virden.
- Feb. 26.—Ladies' Basketball: College vs. Normal.
- Feb. 27.—League of Nations Programme.
- Mar. 3.—Arts Banquet.

fact that the days are fast going and time is required to produce a satisfactory write-up so do not figure on the eleventh hour for it is then that inspirations flee. Please drop the write-up in the "Quill" Box or hand it to Ella Barnecut after you have carefully composed and typewritten it.

Too few snapshots and no cartoons have as yet come to hand. If you have any clear-cut snapshots representative of college activities we would be glad to see them. Cartoons are not so difficult. Enquire about them if you are interested. The introduction of either of these features has not been definitely decided but it is first necessary for us to know just what you have to give us.

"Disraeli" in Virden, Man., on Tuesday, February 24th. This undertaking is an innovation for Brandon College and we look forward to its success.

The casts are very generously and graciously giving of their time and effort in this new endeavor, and well does it behoove the rest of us to do anything by way of assistance, that we are called upon to do. In this way, the production will again meet with overwhelming approval, and those upon whom the task falls, will in no wise have laboured in vain. The journey will of necessity be made "a la motorcade" and those who can render assistance in this way will kindly communicate with the Play Management.

at 4:15 p.m. he will address a mass meeting of Brandon Students in the First Baptist Church. Beginning Monday and continuing until Thursday evening he will speak at meetings held in the College Chapel.

It will, to say the least, be well worth while hearing these addresses and an invitation is extended to all students of Brandon and their friends, to take advantage of them.

Vernon.—"Doctor, what I need is something to stir me up—something to put me in fighting trim."

Doctor.—"Well, perhaps I had better send in my bill."

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## EDITORIAL

Periodically our attention and wonder become focussed upon "class standings" in their relation to the eligibility of certain students to partake in college activities. From somewhere in our midst have come at irregular intervals austere and unmistakable decrees declaring some unfortunate soul or other ineligible for student activities. To many of us the nature, function and operation of this mysterious body is either extremely vague or a complete myth. Hopefully seeking information we have turned to the constitution of our association, but our minds remain clouded and our wonder unexplained. If such be the general case, and we regretfully believe it is, we need not pretend to be surprised that there exists considerable dissatisfaction as a result of misunderstanding when such a matter as "standings" confronts us.

It is readily conceded that we are here primarily to acquire learning but at the same time, it must be granted that other activities, particularly those related to participation in the work of student organizations and in athletic contests, deserve a distinct recognition in any college course. The student who profits most from any "exposure" to the influence of college life is undoubtedly he who most completely and judiciously distributes his interests and efforts in such phases of college activities while at the same time being careful not to neglect his studies. It seems desirable therefore that the bodies directing these two fields of student interest should so cooperate as to produce results which are in the best interests of all.

If some student neglects the responsibility that his fellows have reposed in him he might rightfully expect "to hear about it" through the council acting as the representation of the student body. If that body does not so act it will itself be neglecting its duty. If the studies of a particular student are becoming neglected than might that student be prepared to meet some authorized body dealing regularly with such, and all such, delinquents. We feel that the average student, and possibly some of the faculty, are not at present properly informed as to the nature, function and procedure of any such committee on standings, if such there exists at all. This is not a desirable state of affairs from the standpoint of the student at least, and we fail to see that it would be of great advantage to the faculty.

Instances have arisen wherein a team has trained consistently and well for a number of weeks or months and then, when on the verge of victorious reward, one or more of its players are suddenly and as emphatically declared ineligible for a place on that team due to the meaning, however indefinite, of that remarkable term "Standings". The persons affected, and others interested, are thus

at once led to wonder why some should suffer thus and others remain unaffected — while meanwhile, that team which might have well represented our institution in a field of worthy and popular approval is disorganized, demoralized and possibly destroyed. Similar situations have arisen in other phases of college activities.

Far be it from us to say a committee on standing has no proper function in college life. We believe there is a proper function and only regret that existing conditions and regulations do not give evidence of such being the case. Such a committee should be appointed and have its regulations and procedure made known to all early in the school year and then at definite and regular intervals so exercise its function as to affect all who may then come within its jurisdiction. We feel satisfied that if students are early in the year made aware of such regulations requiring a satisfactory academic standing in order to participate in such student activities, they could at that time immediately so chart their college course to the mutual benefit of themselves and the institution and organization they may be called upon to represent. It at least seems reasonable to expect thereby a more desirable relationship between committee and student.

In cooperation with any possible movement in this direction the constitution of the B. C. S. A. should obviously be amended accordingly in order to cover the situation more definitely, completely, and to the satisfaction of the association. We hope that such may soon be done.

### CURRENT COMMENT.

The comparatively early return of some of the Mid-Year Exam results has been generally regarded as a step in the right direction.

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The hockey game staged last week between the Normal and the College was a welcome event in a period marked by a distinct scarcity of athletic events. Many are wondering why so little interest is being demonstrated in athletics lately. Perhaps it is "due to the economic depression".

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But the Ladies' Basketball Team are right in the league running and deserve our complete support. Best of luck, girls!

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Speaking of economic depressions its significance was brought out when we heard of a graduate who had experienced some difficulty in getting into an unemployment camp because he had a B.A. These days a degree, like an onion, may be all right—but don't breathe it to a soul.

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We enjoyed the "service of song" given us last week by the Student Choir. Their efforts then and in all services are greatly appreciated.

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If the people of Virden decide to

attend the students presentation of the play "Disraeli" in their town next Tuesday, they are due for a decided treat.

### THE LITERARY AWARD.

Last year the Publications Staff sponsored and the Student Body approved an amendment to the constitution of the Association whereby an award should be made in the form of a literary letter, to those contributing work to the "Quill" and the "Sickle" which may be considered by the Committee on Literary Awards as worthy of such recognition. The drafting of this amendment as passed was a comparatively simple part of the project, while it has fallen to the lot of the present staff to endeavor to formulate some system whereby such awards might be made. Staff meetings, committee meetings, and sub-committee meetings have been held in an effort to gather together some regulations to satisfactorily govern the awards made. We are by no means satisfied with all the details involved to date but are presenting herewith for the consideration (and further criticism) of our readers the result of our efforts to date. If you are dissatisfied we would gladly hear about it, provided you are prepared to offer at the same time some feasible remedy for the weakness criticized. The nature of the work appearing in the "Quill", more so than in the "Sickle" is of such a varied nature and involving such a range of literary standards that it has proven no simple task to decide upon a system of awards. At this point too we would express our appreciation of the work of the appointed Committee on Literary Awards for the work they are so faithfully attempting to accomplish and with our appreciations go our deepest sympathies.

It has been agreed that the award of a Literary Letter should not be made too easy to attain, and the Committee has been urged to use utmost discretion in the number of awards made. Looking at the list of awards made to date we are satisfied that they are not going to be too liberal, and this is as it should be if the award is to accomplish the purpose for which it has been introduced.

Regulations concerning the awards to be made are as follows:

(1)—All bona fide members of the Brandon College Students Association shall be eligible.

(2)—Only such work as is published in the semi-monthly "Quill" and the annual "Sickle" shall be considered in this award.

(3)—No award shall be made unless the literary work is up to the standard as recognized by the annually appointed Committee on Literary Awards.

(4)—The minimum number of points required for the award of a

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**Class and Club Notes.**

**PROF. H. F. BATHO ADDRESSES SCIENCE CLUB.**

The second meeting of the Science Club was held in the Science Building on Feb. 4th, at 4.30. Mr. Babe, the president, introduced Professor Batho, the speaker for the afternoon. His subject was: "Evidence for the Electrical Nature of Matter." The interest of his talk was very much increased by a number of experiments which he performed in conjunction with the lecture.

First he showed by experiment that when wax and wool or glass and silk are rubbed together, they become charged so that they will attract other small particles. Also he showed that like charges repel each other and that unlike ones attract. From these properties of static electricity which were known to the Greeks, he went on to show the effects which are produced by passing an electric current through a tube containing rarified gases and the relation existing between the pressure in the tube and the phenomena produced. From these experiments it was seen that particles were being shot through the tube which produced fluorescent effects on the glass walls of the tube, which travelled in straight lines just as light and were deflected by both electric and magnetic fields. It has been shown that these particles have kinetic and heating effects also and that their nature is independent of the nature of the gases in the tube or of the electrodes across which the sparks flash. These effects have led to the electronic theory of matter which supposes all matter to be composed of small positively and negatively charged particles. Until Millikan succeeded in isolating these electrons by means of his oil drop experiment, no one had ever seen the behaviour of one of these tiny particles acting by itself. This experiment was shown qualitatively during the meeting and the Club was greatly interested in watching the charged particles of oil moving about in the electric field. Various properties of X-rays were also shown and the members were able to examine the bones of their hands and various other articles such as the interior structure of their fountain pens by means of these X-rays. The Brownian movement in gases was also shown by a very neat little piece of apparatus.

After the conclusion of the meeting a vote of thanks was given to Professor Batho for his trouble in preparing the interesting lecture and the meeting then adjourned.

**LEAGUE OF NATIONS CLUB MEET**

The League of Nations Club commenced its activities again after a

somewhat lengthy silence, by holding a meeting on Thursday evening, Feb 5th, in the Academy Room.

The usual number of students and Faculty were present to profit by the contributions of Ruth Wright and Prof. Anderson.

In her inimitable manner, Miss Wright gave a touch of pathos and reality to a reading based on present day life in Russia. The unsettled and unsatisfied state of many of the citizens of that land only served to show the rich inheritance that is ours.

Mr. Anderson dealt with the first chapter of Gilbert Murray's book, "The Ordeal of this Generation". The Chapter heading "Peace and Strife as Elements in Life" is faintly suggestive of the author's attitude to war, and as the speaker vividly unfolded the Chapter, we became aware of his belief that war is necessary, not for its own sake, but because of that impelling urge within men's breasts, which refuses to be satisfied with perpetual peace.

During the business part of the meeting, a committee consisting of Don Carlson, Ruth Wright, Gordon West and George Heywood, were appointed to report on the feasibility of putting on a Tableaux at the end of February, and also to decide whether or not the League of Nations Club should conduct a Thursday Chapel service.

On motion of N. Maltman the meeting adjourned

**ENGLISH CLUB CONTINUES STUDY OF SHORT STORY**

"The English Short Story" was the topic of much enjoyed papers read by Misses Margaret Draper and Barbara Yaeger, at the January meeting of the English Club held at the home of Miss Marjorie Fitton, 605 14th St.

There is a universal appreciation in the mind of man for the anecdote tale and short story both in prose and verse. From the "Canterbury Tales" of Chancer to the most sophisticated novelette of today this appreciation, and its influence on the development of the type is plain.

Rudyard Kipling was a master of the art of the short story. His sketches are "brief and vivid as flashes of lightning" with a marvellous range of effect extending from the sheer brutality and horror of the gothic literature to the humor and pathos of childhood. His prose is picturesque and vigorous, his philosophy very simple, he believes in work combined with heroism. "Plain Tales from the Hills" published in 1888 fascinated the English reading public with its remarkable freshness and crispness.

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Prof. Lager—"What is a hypocrite?"

Harwood—"A person who comes to this class smiling."

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Paul Bugg—"Did you see that cute little blonde smile at me?"

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Thomas Hardy has been spoken of as a man "blinded by pessimism". Certainly he makes man an unstable and often insignificant part of the world struggling against powers greater than himself and buffeted by the irony of circumstance

Henry James is noted for his psychological fiction and his technical perfection of the novelette.

Robert Louis Stevenson is a pleasing contrast to Thomas Hardy, whose efforts at presenting a solution to pressing social and social problems were shrouded in gloom. Into the land of delightful romance and eternal youth Stevenson led his devoted admirers although his life was an "heroically happy" struggle against poverty and physical illness. We love him for his sense of courage and vitality, his sincerity of sweetness and heroism.

Katherine Mansfield is worthy of note for her stories of exquisite beauty and vivid truth. John Galsworthy as a subtle artist and penetrating critic of life whose satire is as unconcealed as his sympathy.

Space does not permit further exploration of this very rich and promising field of English literature which mirrors the many phases of social and national life with captivating veracity and subtle skill.

**JOINT S. C. M.  
HEARS PROF. ANDERSON.**

A very inspiring and instructive joint S.C.M. meeting took place in the chapel on Thursday evening, Jan. 29. The meeting opened with the hymn, "Jesus Saviour Pilot Me" and a prayer by Mr. Kerr. Miss Ida Zink then read selections concerning truth and love from "The Good Life", following which Mr. Jack Ellis sang "My Creed" in a pleasing manner.

Professor Anderson provided a really thought-provoking theme when he discussed the question: "Does the existence of evil rule out faith in a loving God?" The conclusion was negative. Only by sharing another's sorrows can we hope to experience Christ's joy and His Redeeming Love. Out of the evils of the world God will work triumph. Love conquers all. This talk was one of vital interest to all and one that will not soon be forgotten. Attendance at these meetings is one of the privileges of college life and it is to be hoped that everyone will take advantage of it.

**CLARK HALL S. C. M.  
HAVE INTERESTING MEETING.**

The C. H. S. C. M. met on Thursday evening, Jan 15th, in the reception room. The meeting opened with a hymn "I choose Jesus." Margaret Draper read the scripture lesson, following which Nessie Maltman led in prayer. At this time we were favor-

ed by a vocal duet rendered by Misses G. Dryden and G. Marks. Miss Werthenbach, a member of the staff of Brandon Indian Residential School was the special speaker of the evening. Her very interesting talk centered around the lives of the Indian children, their former homes, their activities and privileges at the school and their future lives as a result of this training. She also described in some detail, the school itself, and the routine of daily life. Incidentally she introduced little stories gathered from her own experience in her work, by which she brought out characteristics in those children, and consequently in those people which differ from ours. Altogether she treated her subject most adequately and with a very pleasing delivery. The meeting was brought to a close with prayer by Mrs. Wright.

**MINISTERIALS MEET.**

The Ministerial Students held a very enjoyable meeting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Eaton on Monday, Feb. 9th.

The speaker, Prof. Anderson, gave a very interesting and inspiring address on "Foreign Missions."

After the meeting a delightful supper was served by Mrs. Eaton, to which all did justice, Messrs. Carlson and Easter excelling.

**FRENCH CLUB STUDIES  
LIFE OF HUGO.**

On Monday afternoon, Feb. 2, the Cercle Francais met in the Chapel with an unusually large number of enthusiastic French students in attendance.

To begin the meeting Mr. Freeman led the singing of several French songs in which everyone joined heartily. After the secretary had read the minutes of the last meeting, the president called on Etta Stapleton and Mildred Bridges to take over the program for the afternoon. This was in the form of a presentation of twenty-five slides which showed us the more intimate and interesting side of the life of Victor Hugo, the well-known French author. The first half of the slides were described by Miss Bridges and the second half by Miss Stapleton. At the conclusion of the lectures, Wila Robertson invited those who wished to remain, to take part in some French games which she very capably directed. These games were the cause of much laughter and fun, and terminated to the satisfaction of all, a most interesting and helpful meeting.

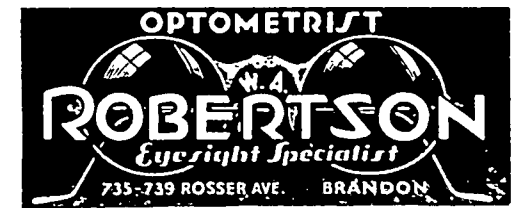
**DEBATING SOCIETY  
REVEALS PLANS.**

Examinations over, the debating executive again have plans under way for an active term. The first program next Friday evening, February 20th, promises to be an interesting one.

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**CLASS AND CLUB NOTES.**

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Archie McLachlan and Monty Gilchrist will support the resolution, "Resolved that economy is more essential to commercial success than energy"; and will be opposed by Art Marshall and George Clement. The debate has no bearing on the interdepartmental competition, but, knowing the debaters, we may be sure that their arguments will be both entertaining and stimulating.

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Another program to look forward to is the intervarsity debate early next month with Manitoba Agricultural College. Margaret Draper and Don Carlson will debate in Winnipeg and Ross Vasey and Harry Carmichael will support their Alma Mater in Brandon. The resolution will be "Resolved that commercial radio broadcasting in Canada should be controlled and operated by the Federal Government."

We are proud of the manner in which former debaters have upheld Brandon College both at home and elsewhere and we hope that the standard set by them will be maintained, if not surpassed, by this year's representatives

**BASKETBALL**

On Thursday, Feb 5th, the College and Normal girls met for the first time this year. The game resulted in a decisive victory for the college, the final score being 37-15. The Normal team played well and held their own for the first half of the game. The college girls were not at their best and their play showed a lack of practice. The stars of the Normal team were Hatch, Ram and Nowzek, while those for the College were Book, Draper and Coutts. Line-ups were:

Normal - Hatch, 6; Ram, 5; Nowzek, 4; Ward, Porter, Pattison, Petch.  
College - Book, 15; Draper, 10; Coutts, 9, Strachan, 2; Gainer, 1; Griggs.

**BASKETBALLERS MEET COLLEGIATE TONIGHT.**

The College enjoyed a double victory Thurs Feb. 5th, when both our basketball teams emerged victorious from their encounters with the Normalites.

In the first game the girls won by a good margin, the final score being 37-15.

A great deal of credit is due the girls for their victory as most of them had to travel the whole 60 minutes of play. The Normalites played hard but were unable to cope with the superior play of our girls.

In the second game the Juniors upheld the winning ways of Brandon College that night and disposed of their opponents to the tune of 45-18.

Our teams are worthy of support. How about it, students? Let's see a

real crowd out at tonight's important games against the Collegiate.

**THE LITERARY AWARD.**

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Literary Letter shall be eighteen (18). Points may be carried over all the undergraduate years of the contestant.

(5).—The record of points awarded shall be kept by the Student Representative on the Committee on Literary Awards and shall be regularly submitted to the Editor for publication in the "Quill". This published record shall include all points awarded up to, but exclusive of, that number in which the record is published

(6) —Voluntary original contributions shall be submitted at least one week prior to the publication of the issue in order to assure its consideration for that issue.

(7).—The number of points to be awarded per issue shall be left to the discretion of the Committee on Literary Awards. The maximum number of points obtainable for each item shall be:

For Voluntary Original Contributions, 3 points.

For Solicited (Reportorial) Work, 2 points.

(8).—Inasmuch as the introduction of this schedule will automatically place a decided handicap upon the students of the senior years in their efforts to obtain an award the Staff decided that the following schedule be made operative for at least this year, and in conjunction with the above outlined system. In this schedule submitted by the Committee on Literary Awards and approved by the Staff, the award of three letters may be made as follows:

For the Best Article or Editorial.

For the Best Poem

For the Best Reportorial Work.

Again we would urge you to give us your best work and cooperation in the work of these your publications the "Quill" and the "Sickle" and at the same time compete for a pleasing recognition of your literary efforts.

Points Awarded to date:—Willa Robertson, 3. Lloyd Bowler, 3; Ross Vasey, 2, Henry Hilton, 1; Joyce Dennis, 1/2; Lorne Umphrey, 1/2; Ernie Shaw, 1/2; Ida Zink, 1/2; Agnes Maltman, 1/2; Monte Gilchrist, 1/2.

In the poetry contest no awards were made.

**HUMOR.**

Bagnall.—"I never associate with my inferiors. Do you?"

Alys.—"I don't know, I never met any of your inferiors."

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Ellis.—"I hope you'll excuse me; I haven't played this piece since October."

Prof. Wright.—"What year?"

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**CORRECTION OF VOLUME NUMBER OF THE 'QUILL.'**

We have discovered that the first number of the "Quill" appeared at Christmas 1910 as Vol. 1, No. 1. Since that date the publication has been continued regularly but at some time in the past the volumes have become misnumbered. With this issue, however, we make the correction and instead of Volume XI it appears as Vol XXI.

—Managing Editor.

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### Musical Numbers Feature of Program

From the very beginning Arts '33 Lit was different from any other. John Young representing a happy-go-lucky graduate of Arts '33 came to visit an old Brandon College friend—no other than the illustrious Dr. Jack Condell, at whose home were gathered some of the old College gang. These grads of '33 agreed to put on a typical college program for the benefit of the itinerant Johnnie—just a reminiscence of Brandon College days.

The first number was a sparkling chorus, the words written by Edgar Bailey, the tune from "The Country Girl", it was well finished and very effective.

Alberta Griggs then charmed her audience with a humorous reading entitled "So much for Education" in which she set forth the joys of peeking.

The next item was one which met with the approval of all for it featured two of the most popular entertainers of the College, Dorene McGuinness and Edgar Bailey. They sang a very clever little piece "Matilda" which brought down the house.

Then followed a skit "The Harp Weaver". It had a charm and simplicity which stirred every spectator. Alberta Griggs read the story to the accompaniment of Dorene McGuinness at the piano. Kay Fitzpatrick, as a young boy and Muriel Patmore as his heart-broken mother pantomimed the story.

Ruth Tully "budding young operatic star" then sang reminiscing which suited the theme of the 'Lit' particularly well.

No sooner had the strains of this pleasing number faded away than a chorus of hardy young seamen. Art Brown, Bob Holston, Ross Greenman, John Brown, Ernie Shackleton, Bob Kerr, starring Archie McLachlan appeared on the stage engaged in extremely realistic deck duty and an almost more realistic "Yo Ho Little Girls, Yo Ho".

Immediately following, Edgar Bailey appeared before the curtain to sing in that delightful "Edgar Bailey" fashion.

The play "Poor Jim" was the closing item. The characters: 'Poor Jim', Bill Bigelow; his wife, Marie, Jean Bennest, and the family doctor, Paul Hognin, were very well chosen. It was a very amusing story and the cast certainly deserve credit for the estimable way in which they handled their parts.

The 'Lit' closed with a chorus after which the class yell was given.

All were delighted with the Arts '33 Lit and felt that they had spent a very enjoyable evening. There is only

one criticism—we understand the difficulties presented by a very large class and a small platform but it seems rather too bad that more of the class could not have taken part

### RAMBLES WITH A MORALIST.

#### Being a Flat Contradiction of a Few Things Your Mother Told You.

What says the bard? Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori. (This I shall translate for the benefit of our latin students and any others who can't read latin. "It is sweet and glorious to die for one's country." Do those who saw "All Quiet on the Western Front" last week, it would seem that a new altitude has come in to operation in human life; men seem to cherish no longer the illusion that to die for one's country is either glorious or particularly sweet. I hear the bard denied by voices of a million soldiers, echoed by other millions of glorious dead with that peculiar character of emphasis and disgust which profanity alone can give.

A future war will probably kill at least half of the population of the countries engaged. (This is only an estimate but if Phillip say things like this, I can too.) This killing of one half our people would be a tragedy indeed but it might not be such a bad plan if the debacle could be devolved upon the heads of the right people.

At this point some nit-wit is certain to confuse things by asking me "Just who are these right people?" Autant d'hommes, autant d'aïes. Everyone would probably make out a different list of those who "wouldn't be missed". The immediate writer would not be at all surprised to find his own humble name on a goodly number of these lists of dispicables and probably undelivered in red ink at that.

In comparing and judging men I like to think of the incident which William James relates in his "Talks to Teachers and Students". James was talking one day to an old carpenter, who was doing some repairs to James' home in Cambridge. They discussed the differences in men, why some rise and some fall. Finally the old carpenter made a remark which James says was one of the most profound observations upon human life that he had ever heard or read in all the philosophies of men. "There is very little difference", said the carpenter, "between one man and another but, what little there is, is very important."

This small difference which makes so much difference will have to be the basis of any selection as to those that should return to the original dust. I propose to divide this small difference for convenience into intellectual, moral and physical differences.

First, the intellectual. My suggestion here is, that we rid ourselves of the dumb, who, like the poor, are always

with us. But the poor are with us because of the action of time-hallowed economic laws; the dumb are with us because of our interference with an eternity-hallowed biological law—natural selection. Let good old Natural Selection do its work, say I, I offer here as a practical standard that we should brook no delay in condemning all those who haven't enough intelligence, say, to drive a nail into a bank of snow. It will be immediately recognized that this will seriously cut into the ranks and enrollment of at least the student body of our college, but we must take a broad view of the problem.

Coupled with this class must be those who have brains but have allowed them to atrophy, wither and collapse. Here must come all those who are bound by superstition, custom and wont. Even some of the heads of institutions of higher learning are superstitious—even believing that college students should work.

Moral qualifications which shall be deemed necessary should not be so exacting. A born fool shall always remain a fool but many a scapegrace in youth has turned out to be quite a respectable citizen in later life. I can make no condemnations here but leave to him who is without sin to throw the stones.

In connection with the standard of physical beauty which might be set up, I would suggest that we quietly let the matter drop. Some people are lonely beyond consolation but if a man contends that a horse stepped on his face when he was young what can you do? The race is growing homelier anyway, so why try to stop it. Edward A. Ross describes the women that are coming to the country. "They are broad-hipped, short, stout-legged with big feet, broad backed flat chested with necks like a prize fighter and with faces expressionless and devoid of beauty." When we reflect that these women are giving us nearly three babies, where the beautiful women of the old stocks are giving us one it does not require a prophet to predict that the beauty of American women will decline.

It would seem then that we forgive the immoral and the unbeautiful but bear down rather heavily on the stupid. But dear, dumb reader, never fear, this is but conjecture. The world will go on just as usual and if you don't say ooo much no one will ever find you out. More than that, you will probably gain reputation as a "strong, silent" man.

—"Advocates Diaboli."

Etta.--"You two seem quite fond of each other."

Mildred.--"Yes, Fred thinks the world of me and so do I."

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Black—"I'm too tired for anything tonight dear, and I've made up my mind that we're not going down town." Velma.--"Well, I've made up my face and we are going."

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