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## Gold Medal Won by W. J. Couper

**SPEECH WAS BEST EVER MADE  
AT ORATORICAL CONTEST—  
SILVER MEDAL AWARDED**

Mr. W. J. Couper, of Arts '20, won the gold medal at the annual oratorical contest of the Men's Literary Society, held in the auditorium last Friday evening. Prof. Henry, the honorary president, was in the chair. The judges were Professors Henderson, Wood and Angus.

The first speaker for the evening was Mr. A. Rive, of Arts '21, the president of the Men's Lit. His subject was "The Rise of Nationalism and the Menace of the New Imperialism." He traced the growth of the spirit of nationalism in Europe from the time of Elizabeth, and at the same time outlined the progress of internationalism during the last century and a half.

The next speaker was Mr. R. E. Brown, of Arts '23, on "Why Britain Should Prepare for Future Wars." He showed how the Empire, bound together by commerce, must have naval protection, or fall. Britain has been the willing and able guardian of liberty, and, as the League of Nations is as yet untried, we cannot afford to trust the safety of the Empire and of human liberty to any other power than Britain's navy.

The third speaker, Mr. H. W. Johnson, of Arts '23, had a novel scheme for the Canadian Transcontinental Highway. He would utilize the present Canadian Pacific Railway roadbed for a motor highway, turning over all the railway traffic to the Canadian National Railway under C.P.R. management. His slogan would be, "From Vancouver to Calgary on Three Per Cent."

The next speaker, Mr. W. J. Couper, of Arts '20, entitled his address, "Watchman, What of the Night?" It is impossible to do justice to his speech in a short report. Suffice it to say it was undoubtedly the best that has been made in any oratorical contest during the past few years.

Using one of Lloyd George's famous speeches on the aims of the war as a basis for a conception of  
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## 'Varsity Scores 11-0 Victory

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OUT-  
PLAYED ON SLIPPERY FIELD  
—McGILL STARS IN GAME**

On Saturday the 'Varsity fifteen paddled its way to a 17 to 0 victory over the wild Irishmen. The game will probably go on record as the wettest and muddiest of this season's contests. The field may best be described as a sea of mud, whose surface was dotted with patches of turf, and more frequently with shallow ponds, of water. Add to this a drizzling downpour—for which Vancouver is so justly famous—and conditions of a maximum humidity are established. As a result, the ball was practically uncontrollable. Times without number 'Varsity only prevented from scoring by the slippery ball, which rendered fast passing bouts practically impossible. Had the day been fair and dry, the score would have been more than doubled. As it was, the speed shown by the back division all through the game was certainly remarkable.

As usual, the Knights did not field a full team, and were forced to play three substitutes from the Firemen. With this patched-up fifteen, however, they played a stubborn defensive game. Their forwards outweighed the 'Varsity pack and they also showed a slight superiority in the scrums. The 'Varsity scrum seemed incapable of heeling the ball out to the halfback quickly enough to give the three-quarters time for a clean get-away. During the second half the scrum showed a marked improvement both in wheeling and heeling. As usual, the for-

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## Sophs Defeated By Agriculture

**AGGIES QUALIFY FOR FINAL  
INTER-CLASS DEBATE—WILL  
BE OPPOSED BY SENIORS**

On Wednesday evening last, Arts '22 and Agriculture met for the semi-final debate for the shield offered by the Men's Lit. The subject was, "Resolved that the Paris Peace Conference should have maintained the full sovereignty of China over the Province of Shantung." Messrs. R. L. Fraser and Richards upheld the affirmative side of the argument for Agriculture, and Messrs. J. McLeod and A. Crawford, the negative, for Arts '20.

R. L. Fraser, leader of the affirmative, opened the debate with a brief review of the Shantung question as it appeared to-day. He pointed out that the lives of many millions of Chinamen were involved, and, moreover, that the Japanese military policy was in every way copied after that of Germany, the very policy which has caused so much sorrow and bloodshed. Japan's foreign policy, her uncalled-for annexation of Korea after giving assurances that such was not her intention, and her actions in the present war, all branded her as a selfish, grasping power, whose motives could not be trusted. In concluding, Mr. Fraser used with good effect a map of the disputed territory, and clearly demonstrated its economic importance to China.

"In dealing with this subject, we must consider the problems with which the Peace Conference was confronted," declared Mr. McLeod, leader of the negative. "Every nation was demanding just reparation, and the Peace Conference could follow no other course than award Japan the Province of Shantung, not to mention the fact that the great Powers were in honor bound to Japan. The Japanese have promised to give up Shantung to China in due time. She is merely protecting her own interest," he argued.

Mr. Richards,  
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THE DES MOINES DELEGATES

Reading from left to right: Dr. Todd, H. Cassidy, M. Mounce, L. Coates, J. Mitchell, D. Brenchley, I. Harvey, M.A., W. Coates, J. Gilley, A. Munro, President Klinck

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### 'VARSITY JUNIORS DEFEAT NATIONALS

The U.B.C. Juniors had little difficulty in defeating the National hockey players in a league game at the Arena last Friday night, outscoring their opponents 7-1. Jack Wilson, the 'Varsity centre, was the big star of the game, netting the puck five times.

'Varsity opened the scoring in the first five minute, through McCutcheon. Blondell evened the score a minute later, when he beat Russell from the side, but Wilson again put the blue and gold in the lead just before the end of the period.

Wilson scored the only goal of the second period when he took a nice pass from MacPherson and gave the goalie no chance to save. Both goals had several narrow escapes, but the puck failed to sag the net before the whistle sounded.

The final session had hardly started before two fast goals by Wilson, and one by Snider, increased the 'Varsity lead to five. McCutcheon then fell under the eye of the referee and drew the only penalty of the game. Even with an extra man the Nationals were outplayed, and Wilson added another goal to his string when he went by three of the opposition and scored just before the final whistle. If U.B.C. put up the same game to-morrow evening they should hand the Bluebirds their first defeat.

The following players represented 'Varsity: Russell, Stoodley, Arkley, McCutcheon, Snider, Wilson and McPherson. Spares, Williams and Croley.

### SOPHS DEFEATED

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supporter of the affirmative, in a brilliant, clear-cut and well-defined speech, dealt with China's loyalty to the Allied cause, and her absolute trust in the Allies at all times, even up to the very moment when the Paris Peace Conference awarded Shantung—her Alsace-Lorraine—to Japan. "Shantung is holy ground to every Chinaman—the birthplace of Confucius, their great religious leader," he declared. "In conclusion, he spoke of China's military weakness and Japan's bullying arrogance, which forced China to reluctantly agree to Japan's infamous demands.

"The present decision has been arrived at by the greatest statesmen of to-day. Why should we question it?" asked Mr. Crawford, supporter of the negative. "The granting of Shantung is adequately provided for by the League of Nations," he argued, "and by it China gets all necessary protection." Moreover, as a member of the League of Nations, China would have the moral assistance of the other signatories should Japan wish to retain Shantung.

After rebuttal speeches by the leaders of both sides, the decision of the judges was announced in favor of Agriculture, the affirmative, which means that Arts '20 will compete with Agriculture for the shield.

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**Y.W.C.A. MEETING**

A very helpful and inspiring meeting was held in the auditorium at noon on Tuesday, when the women delegates to the Des Moines Convention gave a short account of the principal speeches. Mrs. Klinck, the honorary president, opened the meeting with the well-known hymn, "The Son of Man Goes Forth to War."

Miss Brenchley then gave a well-thought-out account of the suffering and misery in foreign lands on account of the lack of teachers, doctors and missionaries, taking her main points from the speeches of great men, such as Dr. Mott and Dr. Eddy.

Miss Lila Coates spoke of the failure of non-Christian religions, i. e., Hinduism and Mohammedanism. Quoting Dr. Spence, she said, "Christianity as we see it may have failed, we may have failed, but Christ has not failed."

Miss Mounce made an appeal on behalf of foreign countries for men and women in every walk of life. Specialists in every line are needed, and surely we Christian women of Canada must heed the call.

The three speakers aroused a great deal of enthusiasm in their audience, and closed the meeting with the good old favorite, "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun."

**GOLD MEDAL WON**

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what the new world should be, he showed how we had fallen short of our ideals. The war was fought "to make the world safe for democracy," and yet in Stoney Mountain penitentiary there lies a man whose only crime is that he had a vision of the new world and sought to make his vision reality.

The speaker then pointed out the danger of intolerance, of ultra-conservatism, and of the repression of freedom of speech and press. He urged the need of thought for all the people, and finished with an expression of faith in the ultimate triumph of the common people in the cause of right.

The last speaker was Mr. G. H. Scott, of Arts '23. His subject was "Looking Forward." He dealt with the boundless opportunities awaiting the young man in British Columbia, and showed how a fortune could be made in an incredibly short time in any of the great industries of the province.

While the judges were considering their decision, the audience joined in some college songs. Mr. W. H. Coates acted as conductor, with Mr. R. E. Foerster at the piano.

Prof. Henderson, in announcing the judges' decision, complimented Mr. Couper on the excellence of his address, and prophesied a brilliant future for such a finished speaker. The judges decided that no one had reached the standard necessary for the silver medal. The chairman then presented the gold medal to Mr. Couper, and the meeting was over.

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### ISOLATION

The universities of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan have recently formed an inter-collegiate athletic union, for the purpose of promoting and governing track and field competition between these three Western universities. Why is it that the University of British Columbia is not included in this new association? This University is taking a prominent part in all branches of sport in Vancouver, and our teams are at, or near, the top of every league in which they are entered.

In past years U.B.C. has been without representation in track and field competition, but, with the revived interest shown in athletics since the end of the war, the Track Club has obtained all the equipment necessary for the holding of a successful meet. Athletes who made names for themselves in former years at the inter-High School meets are at present attending U. B. C., and could make a creditable showing against students of other universities of the West.

In the spring it is proposed to hold a University field day between the various years in Arts, Agriculture, and Science, as well as a competition for the individual championship of the University. If the records of our athletes compare favorably with the performances of those from the other three 'varsities, why not make application for admittance into the newly-formed association? It would be too late to take part in this year's competition, but U.B.C. would have ample time to prepare for the 1921 meet. It would be expensive to send a track team to the prairies; but, with the meet held in a different province each year, the expense to the various universities would be the same.

The recent Rugby game between U. B. C. and a combined Stanford-California team was the first inter-collegiate contest in which we have taken part. Why is this University so isolated? If the newly-formed association is willing to include the University of British Columbia, an annual competition would be assured. We have the athletes. They are given good support by their fellow-students. Are we going to pass up this opportunity?

### ADDRESSES W.U.S.

The executive of the Women's Undergraduate Society has planned a series of lectures on "Vocations for Women, Other than Teaching." The second lecture of this series was given on Monday, at noon, when Miss Helen Stewart, of the Victoria Public Library, addressed a large audience of women students on the topic, "Librarianship as a Vocation for Women."

After touching briefly on the special phases of library work, Miss Stewart dealt with the training necessary—one year of training, with the pre-requisite of a B. A. degree, being essential. The speaker regretted that as yet there was no adequate training school for librarians in Canada. In concluding, Miss Stewart admitted that at the present time British Columbia afforded few opportunities for trained librarians, but hoped that many new openings would be created in the near future, when small communities took advantage of the Public Libraries Act.

### WEEKLY LECTURES ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON

A series of lectures is at present being delivered by Mr. F. A. MacDiarmid (counsel for the Union of B. C. Municipalities) every Friday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in Room 23. The general topic of discussion is "Municipal Corporations: Problems of Self-Government." To-morrow Mr. MacDiarmid will speak; but next week the meeting will be addressed by W. M. Young, a graduate of McGill, who, from 1912 to 1919, was comptroller of water rights for B. C., and who is now consulting engineer in Vancouver. A programme of the lectures may be found on the Faculty notice board. The meetings are open to all. Come up to 23 to-morrow.

### COL. MULLOY WILL SPEAK

The Junior Economics Discussion Club will meet in Ye Little Brown Inn on Monday, January 26th, at 8 p.m. Col. Mulloy, the blind trooper, who lost his eyesight in the Boer War, will speak on "Party Politics in Canada." Refreshments will be served. All members of the Senior Economics Club, and all students taking Economics 1, are cordially invited.

### WEDDING BELLS

The marriage will take place, at 9 o'clock this evening, in St. Mark's Church, of Capt. William Dawe and Miss Alice Johnson, sister of "Ted" Johnson, of Arts '22. "Bill," after returning from four years' service overseas, graduated with the class of Arts '19. Our most sincere congratulations, "Bill."

### HIGH JINKS, FRIDAY

Don't forget the Women's Undergrad's annual entertainment for the women of the University on Friday evening. Freshettes, come expectant of an evening's unusual diversion. Those who have been present at High Jinks in previous years need no second invitation. 'Nuff said.

**Correspondence**

All correspondence must be written legibly, on one side of the paper only, and may be signed by a pen-name, but must be accompanied by name and class of the writer.

Editor "Ubyssy."

Dear Sir:—The Des Moines delegates seem to be unanimous in their praise of the Americans, and also of the other foreign delegates whom it was their privilege to meet.

I was not at all surprised at this, yet it is surprising how few people appreciate the significance of this discovery

There is an old custom among all peoples and in almost all schools which should be removed. It is the habit of openly sneering at the mention of people of other countries, and I regret that I have found this to be the case even in our own University.

The fact that schoolteachers and professors do this is the most regrettable feature, because theirs is the privilege of moulding to a large degree the hundreds of developing minds which pass through their hands. The result is that wrong impressions of the people of our nearest neighbor, and of peoples in far-off countries, are firmly planted in the minds of the young.

The people who thus condemn other races do not realize that they are putting themselves on the same plane with the scandal-monger, whose whole aim seems to be to create trouble and unhappiness. As a matter of fact, they are a great deal worse, because their scandal makes enemies of different races, and, instead of ruining single lives, great nations become estranged to one another and very often international trouble or war is the result.

The people who make these remarks have in many cases never travelled in the country whose citizens they condemn en masse. Their whole authority for so doing is, in many cases, based on having met one or two objectionable characters who belonged to that country.

Why do people do this? The answer is obvious—ignorance, pure and simple. This ignorance is the cause of almost all civil

troubles, and also of war. This must be so, because if we were intelligent we would not have war, which is the lowest form of barbarism.

I honestly believe that, had we known and understood the German people, and had they known us, there would have been no war. I spent some time in Germany after the Armistice, and I made it my business to learn their opinion of us and of the war. It gave me a shock to learn that their opinion of us was identical with our opinion of them. They believed Canadians to be a barbaric people, and were surprised to find that we were quite civilized. I met many splendid people, and was invited out to New Year's and Christmas dinner. The meal was rather skimpy in some respects, but I was served first and served plentifully, although there was not a great deal of the turkey (rabbit) left after I and another guest had received the two hind quarters. The music after dinner was identical with what you will hear at any of our Christmas festivities.

It is true that the customs of other races seem peculiar to us, but ours are the same to them.

It is time we told the best about other people, instead of the worst; and it is time we learned to keep our mouths shut on subjects regarding which we are unqualified to express an opinion. When we realize this we will have stepped into a new era, because

"There is so much good in the worst of us, And so much bad in the best of us, That it hardly behooves any of us To talk about the rest of us."

OBSERVER.

Editor "Ubyssy."

Dear Sir:—Permit me to voice a protest against the high-handed methods of our Council, in holding the Students' Court in secret session. I take it that we are all as much interested in upholding the honor of our University as is the Students' Council. If so, we should be permitted to acquire a first-hand knowledge of the proceedings of the court.

Except where decency is concerned, trials in camera are both un-British and undemocratic. The secretive methods of a court of star chamber breed suspicion of the justice of their acts, and the Council should court publicity rather than fear it. More-

over, such action casts a slur on the rest of the college, in suggesting that only ten or so of our nine hundred odd students are wise enough to understand such matters, and just enough to be impartial. It is the duty of a university to lead in democracy, rather than to falter into reactionary conservatism, as we seem to be doing.

Thanking you, sir, I remain,  
Yours truly,

BERNARD PRATT,  
Arts '21.

Editor "Ubyssy."

Dear Sir:—It was with a feeling of amusement that I read the minutes of the special meeting of the Students' Council, which were posted last Friday. Ever since U.B.C. was founded we have been cheerfully self-satisfied and self-laudatory in the praise which we have lavished on the democratic nature of our student self-government. This habit of proclaiming our perfections has been so constant and so assertive, that we have nearly all been deluded into believing what we have so often said and heard. With this tradition clogging my mental processes, I read these minutes.

I have always been led to believe that one of the primary principles of democracy was that the will of those who appoint the rulers shall be law—that the executive is appointed to carry out the desires of the electors. Our Students' Council apparently does not agree with this definition, and works on a theory of its own. Would that we knew what that theory is. Then, perchance, we could find somewhat of consistency in a few of their acts.

At a recent general meeting of the students a proposal, fostered by the Council, for a Student Court was defeated because we objected to the principle of the "closed session." Everyone—even the Council—realized that this was the cause of the defeat. We naturally supposed that the matter was thereby settled, and that, under our democratic system, the will of the students should rule. Alas! what fools we mortals be. A little thing like an adverse vote change the plans of the Students' Council? NEVER!

The minutes posted Friday stated that a Court in closed session would be convened on Monday. As a certain Freshette ex-

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### DISCUSS SHANTUNG QUESTION

The first general meeting of the Historical Society, since the beginning of 1920, was held on Thursday last at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abernethy, 3589 Osler Avenue. In view of the undoubted interest displayed, at present by Varsity students, among others, in the fate of Shantung, the evening was devoted to a discussion of that question. Mr. Peardon set forth the case from the Japanese viewpoint, while Mr. Rive upheld the claims of China for the restoration of her sovereignty over the occupied territory. The first paper was especially interesting, inasmuch as Mr. Peardon, while offering no apology for Japan but the practical need and claim of right, apparently won the suffrage of the majority of the audience, despite previous bias in favor of China. The protest of injured China was voiced by Mr. Rive, who held that, on China's entry into the war, the territory of Shantung was not a possession of the enemy, to be dealt with as war spoils, but the ancient holy land of an ally, to be restored to the original owners. A rapid cross-fire of question and discussion followed, on the close of the papers.

Dropping the question of Shantung, its rights and wrongs, the members of the society took up the matter of the recent protests against the use of Grant's History in the schools. It is requested that every member will be sufficiently familiar with the volume before the next meeting to express an opinion on the subject.

A hearty vote of thanks was moved to Mr. and Mrs. Abernethy for their kindness in opening their home to the members of the society.

### CORRESPONDENCE

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pressed it, "Well, what do you think of that?" The Council had asked permission to hold a Court in closed session; the student body had refused permission; so, by virtue of a technicality, and their own stubborn desires, the Council determined to run counter to the wishes of everyone else and do as they themselves desired.

This act shows a state of mind that should be immediately rectified. If the Council had no intention of carrying out the expressed desires of the student body, they should never have accepted office. Technically they had a right to take this action; morally, they had no justification whatever. On taking office they agreed, in return for the students' support, to act according to the wishes of those who placed them in their position of authority. We, as students, expressed an opinion regarding the "closed session," and the Council has refused to carry it out. Will they try to explain, or will they continue and trust to the usual forgetfulness of the student body? If they pursue the latter course, they are but postponing the judgment that must be delivered at some future date, and their record, already sadly tarnished, will sustain still another blemish.

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**DEER MERTEL—JOE**

Dear Mertel:

They was a fine time in this University last Friday nite, Mertel, when they had a Orators Match and the fello what one the gold meddle was a swell speaker but his subject didnt apeal to me. They was 2 anti-prohibition speakers I liked better. I couldnt here very well but one fello spoke about 3 per cent all the time while the other raised him a couple and argued in favor of 5 per cent. Of corse this didnt interest me, Mertel, becus you no I dont drink bere. But if they is going to have more than 2 per cent I dont see why they onley raise it to 5. But I gess this wood be pretty good stuff, Mertel, becus 1 of the speakers said we could go all the way from Van. to Cal-gary on 3 per cent. Maybe he ownes a auto.

Well, Mertel, I gess I am going to get into the Ushma Goosha Flooie fraternity allrite. Yesterday the fello what talked to me befour came up and said initia-shun nite would be next Tues. and said I wood have to be at the end of the pipe line road in Stanley Park at midnight. It is 4 miles from the nearest car line, Mertel, but I will be there becus I want to get into that frat and enjoy good fel- louship and social prominents. I am glad they hold their initiashun secret becus I dont want to be like Phil. Wootten and have to ride a tricycle up and down Granville St. like he did when he was inshiated into the Pie Upsetters frat. I will rite again after the initiashun which I gess will be pretty bad, but I gess I can stand it. You no what I am, Mertel.

JOE.

**TWO GAMES FRIDAY**

Both University hockey teams will be seen in action at the Arena to-morrow night. In the first game, commencing at 7 o'clock, the U.B.C. Juniors will meet the Province Bluebirds. The Bluebirds were victors in the opening match between these two teams; but 'Varsity is playing a much better game now, and should hand the league leaders their first defeat to-morrow night.

Later in the evening the 'Varsity Intermediates will oppose the Monarchs. Judging from their showing in the first game of the season, U.B.C. should have little difficulty in winning; but Norm. Grimmitt is taking no chances, and will have his strongest team on the ice. This game will be well worth watching.

'Varsity students are not giving the hockeyists the support which they deserve. Last Friday there were hardly a dozen rooters at the game to yell for U.B.C., while the other teams were well supported from the sidelines. With both teams playing to-morrow night, and over eight hundred students enrolled, 'Varsity should make the yells of their opponents sound like a whisper.

**'VARSITY SCORES**

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wards were on the ball all the time and upheld their reputation for being the hardest working pack in the league. The attention of the 'Varsity supporters was particularly directed towards the three recruits from old McGill, who were seen

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in action for the first time this season. Plummer, Bickle and Honeyman, three old-time stars, have lost none of their pep and speed, and will certainly strengthen the 'Varsity lineup considerably. The first two played lock and hook in the scrum, while Honeyman ably filled the vacancy at halfback occasioned by the shifting of Lou Hunter to the position of outside left three-quarter. At this new position on the wing Lou had an opportunity to use his speed to good advantage, and took part in nearly every three-quarter rush. Harvey filled the position of outside right, in the absence of Wallis, and scored one try and assisted in another. Gee Ternan, as usual, produced a number of beautiful kicks, as well as a try, while Hugh Ross and Don Morrison upheld their reputation for speed.

From the first kick-off, 'Varsity carried the war to the enemy's twenty-five-yard line, and the first try was scored by Ternan after a scrum and three-quarter rush. This try was between the goal-posts, and was easily converted by Harold Gwyther. During the rest of the half the ball was kept in K.C. territory, and only once was it allowed to reach the 'Varsity twenty-five-yard line. The three-quarters made several runs, of which only one was successful, when Harvey carried the ball over, was tackled, and Don Morrison, right on the job, touched it down. The convert failed and the half ended 8-0 for 'Varsity.

The second half consisted of three-quarter rushes by 'Varsity and determined resistance by K.C. forwards. The 'Varsity three-quarters showed surprising bursts of speed, but always failed to score on account of the slippery ball, which caused fumbles at the critical moment. In the first rush Lou Hunter was only prevented from scoring by a freak, one-handed flying tackle by a lucky K.C. man. The third try of the game was scored by Norm. Tofte, assisted by Howard James. Harvey scored a sensational try by following up a high punt and taking advantage of a K.C. fumble. For the rest of the half 'Varsity three-quarters pressed hard, but failed to score, and the final try was secured by the old reliable duo, Plummer and Bickle. None of the last three tries were converted, leaving the final score 17-0.

'Varsity lineup: H. Gwyther, R. Harvey, D. Morrison, G. Ternan, H. Ross, L. Hunter, N. Tofte, Honeyman, G. Gross, A. Bickle, S. Plummer, H. James, R. Rolston, K. Carlisle, C. Swanson.

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**'VARSITY WILL PLAY FIREMEN**

On Saturday afternoon, at Brockton Point, the 'Varsity Rugby team will meet the Firemen. This will be the last game which U.B.C. will play before they meet the Centrals in the game which will decide the championship.

## SPEECHES AT DES MOINES

The opening meeting of the Des Moines Convention on Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 1919, was addressed by the chairman, Dr. John R. Mott. He struck the keynote of the purpose of the gathering in this first speech to the 7,000 delegates.

"We stand on the threshold of the greatest opportunity which North American students have ever confronted. We have come here to get a commanding vision of the new world. Parts of the present world, which we regarded as most stable, are still trembling. It is an impoverished and overburdened world. The nerves of the peoples have been worn threadbare. But it may now be cast in new moulds. It is a humbled world. What nation to-day gives one the impression of pride and self-sufficiency, as was true of not a few nations but six years ago? This suggests the hopeful fact that the new world is a teachable world. The impression will become overwhelming that old things are literally passing away, and that all things may become new.

"What is God's call to the colleges and universities of this particular day? It may be summed up in the one word: the call for leadership—leadership in the sense which Christ had in mind when he taught that he who would be greatest must be the servant of all. The challenge will sound out through the convention to the student world of to-day for leadership of the forces of righteousness and unselfishness. Or, in another and possibly a better world, for these days the call comes for the builders of the new order.

"The third purpose which has brought us together is that of realizing our unity. A convention conducted on the platform, not of undenominationalism, but of interdenominationalism, by which is meant that the students of each denomination or communion are free to preserve and develop and give largest expression to that which is most distinctive to them, makes possible a larger, richer and more potent unity than a process which would seek to reduce us all to the least common denominator.

"One by one, the pillars of our so-called civilization, to which we have pointed with such confidence and pride, have crumbled and fallen at our feet, until at last but one has been left standing—Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever—never so unique, never so necessary, never so sufficient. As we enter upon the high and holy activities of the convention, let us prepare ourselves by a great corporate act of faith that God may make us, one and all, strongest where we are now weakest, and that, as a result, he may send us back to overcome the evils of modern college life and out into our respective nations to conquer their social and racial injustices, cruelties, and neglects, and far on into the great open spaces of the non-Christian world, to reveal his excellence and to communicate his power."

Dr. Robert E. Speer also addressed the delegates at the afternoon meeting. He said:

"What kind of a world ought the

world of God to be? It ought to be the kind of a world in which the principles of co-operation take the place of all principles of envy and strife and bitter rivalry. It ought to be a world where the bonds of union bind across all fissures and gulfs, within and among the nations of men.

"It ought to be the kind of a world where the value of persons is supreme and all things take on a new value. It ought to be a world in which, instead of principles contending against principles, the individual against society, the nation against humanity, all these are gathered up into one great correlation and we realize that the whole life of man is the life and the interest of Christ.

"There are many of us here in this gathering to-day who are open to the danger of splitting human life up into fragments, and thinking that some sections of it lie under a sacrificial loyalty from which other sections are exempt. There is no one of us who can enter life without Divine sanction for service as his life's duty. Every man and woman is obligated to live under the law of human service."

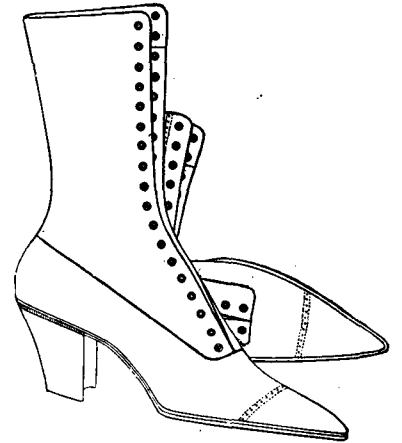
Dr. S. Earle Taylor gave the first speech of the evening session. He described in detail the needs of the uneducated and unaided people the world over, and illustrated his talk with large pictures thrown upon a screen. The number of missionaries had decreased by 5,000 since the war began. At the same time the immense population of these pagan countries has been increasing at tremendous rates. "It is an axiom that where the people rule, they must be fitted to rule. Education or chaos is the only alternative in a democracy."

An appeal for an American mandate in Armenia was made by Sherwood Eddy. "After twelve centuries of persecution, after five centuries of Moslem massacre, after all this, are we to see that race exterminated? Do you count your life too precious to lay down for these? Here Napoleon fought for an earthly kingdom. Cannot we fight for the Kingdom of God?"

"What India needs, what every country needs, is a Christian leadership to stand the strain of the modern world. Half the world to-night is poor, without medical knowledge. Nine-tenths and more are illiterate in Asia—a great half-world, calling to us to-night. You, with one life to live, where will you place that life? It will take new men to build a new world, a new era to build a new world and social order. Are we to sit here with the beggared world at our gate and desiring to be fed with the crumbs from our table, or shall we give them this glorious Gospel: 'And I heard a voice saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us; and I said, Here am I, send me.'"

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