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As a result of the agitation which the Senate has been conducting for some time with the Ontario Government, there is some prospect of the depleted treasury of the University being refilled by means of a governmental land grant. The Special Committee appointed by the Senate represented the strong claims of the University to a further endowment upon legal and equitable grounds. They pointed out (1) that the University's share of the original reservation of land made in 1798 by the Imperial Government, and as afterward determined by the Government of Upper Canada in 1823, amounted to 359,701 acres; (2) that the letters patent issued in 1828 granted to the University only 225,944 acres; and (3) that this amount was reduced by 3,676 acres on account of prior grants and defective surveys; and (4) that there was still remaining to the University at present the balance from the original endowment amounting to 137,433 acres.

The Ontario Cabinet have heard with complacency the case of the Senate, and it is expected that the next session of the Local Legislature will see a Bill introduced to give effect to these claims and recognize the urgent needs of the University. The land will doubtless be selected from the fertile districts surrounding the Rainy River or Lake Temiscamingue, and will prove a valuable addition to the resources of the University. If the Local Government wish to win the public favor they will see that the State University is no longer defrauded of her rights and denied the means necessary for her further development and progress.

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The University of Toronto now enjoys the privileges of affiliation with the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, a relationship established with no other University on the Continent. It has been arranged so that "members of this University of two years' standing, or over, may

be admitted to the said Universities without examination, and enabled to obtain their degrees therein after two years from their admission." At present these privileges have been extended to undergraduates in the Faculty of Arts only, but similar privileges are sought for in the Faculty of Medicine, and it is to be hoped will be obtained also, after the revision of the Law Course is completed, for the Faculty of Law.

The terms and conditions of affiliation are in accordance with the provisions provided by the statutes of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge respecting Colonial and Indian Universities, and are granted on the same lines adopted in connection with the Colonial University of Adelaide, in Australia.

It may not be generally known that the undergraduate course in the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge is of three years' duration, and that for any of our students who contemplate taking the advantages offered by completion of their course in either, it will be necessary practically to devote two years' study in their senior year, or else one in the junior and the other in the senior at those institutions, unless they are entered as special students. But this will be no extension of their course beyond their expectation when they began attendance here.

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The thanks of the friends and students of the University are due a venerable member of the Senate, Mr. Thomas Hodgins, Q.C., Master-in-Ordinary, who has shown remarkable zeal and activity in the interests of the University since his graduation over forty years ago. Through his instrumentality, chiefly, we may hope for increased governmental aid, and to his efforts the advantages of affiliation with the greatest English seats of learning have been obtained. At his suggestion, also, the University was affiliated with the University of London on its establishment. Mr. Hodgins along with the late Rev. Dr. McCaul was one of the first promoters of the University Literary and Scientific Society, and has throughout a long and active connection with the University, grown grey in her service. His personal labors in her behalf cannot be overestimated or too highly praised, and it is our hope that he may find considerable satisfaction in seeing them bear fruit even in his own generation.

## GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

To the Editor of VARSITY:

Dear Sir,—In view of the approaching Glee Club concert, I have a suggestion to make which perhaps may commend itself to the students and to the Committee of the Glee Club. I suppose that the Hallowe'en celebration has now become an annual affair, and judging from the large attendance of the citizens and their liberal applause, the college songs which are sung by the boys in the gallery are not the least enjoyable part of the programme. My suggestion, then, is, that this celebration be repeated with a few slight changes, which I will proceed to explain. Our college Glee Club is undoubtedly the best in Canada, and I venture to say, is not inferior to the best of the United States. The boys are fully capable of singing high class music in a creditable manner, but as they are a college Glee Club, I think a prominent place should also be given to the college songs which are always heard