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IN his address on Convocation Day Pro-
fessor Watson drew attention to the
need in all our Universities of a Chair of
Political Science. Everybody knows the
superabundant modesty of our editorial staff,
and, therefore, we feel that we may say,
without fear of being misunderstood, that
Queen's was the first University in Ontario
in which Political Economy was taught at
all. But we need something much more
thorough than even she has as yet done.
Questions in regard to the true basis of the
State, the foundation of rights and the duties
of a citizen, are of too much practical im-
portance to be left to chance. The demo-
cratic ideal is to give every one the full
rights of citizenship. But some people seem
to forget that a citizen has duties as well as
rights. It cannot be seriously meant that

the perfection of wisdom is to be attained
by a "show of hands." We should very
much prefer a "show of heads." We think
that our Universities have not yet done their
duty to the ordinary citizen. We cannot
blame the Universities, for no University
can "make bricks without mortar," as the
delightfully inconsequent Euphemia puts it
in "Rudder Grange." In fact there is no
need to blame any one. We have been
creeping before we walked. But it is absurd
to see a grown boy crawling along on his
hands and knees. The despondency of the
Universities, and the apathy of the people,
ought now to cease. Let some wealthy man
who really loves his country, establish a
chair of Political Science in Queen's, and he
will do more to purify public life and create
intelligent citizens than will ever be done by
rivers of talk about the "Augean Stable" of
politics, or square miles of printed matter
about the stealthy advance of ultramontan-
ism. The great weakness of our citizens is
ignorance of the elementary principles of
society and the state. Lectures in Mechan-
ics' Institutes no doubt have their uses, but
what is wanted is not lectures chosen at
random, but the patient *study* of Sociology.
A course of study in Political Science, of
which every one within reach could avail
himself, would be of incalculable advantage
to the community. We believe it would
even pay a city like Kingston to provide the
funds to secure a first-class Professor of Po-
litical Science, whose duty should be not
only to lecture to students, but to give in-
struction, *in the evening and free of charge*, to
all Kingstonians who attended. *Verbum sap.*