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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.*