

portion of the catalogue is separate from the author-catalogue and in its own stand of drawers. The author-catalogue, however, also contains subject-references. These are given for the most part on coloured cards and are only short references to the author-cards, which should be consulted for fuller information. Where many thousands of cards are arranged in a certain recognized order, it is evident that great confusion will result if that order is at all disturbed. A card misplaced is a card lost. It is even worse than lost, for besides being non-existent in its proper place, it is misleading in its improper place. All readers, therefore, are urgently requested on no account to remove a card from its place in the drawer; and if by accident or inadvertence a card is removed, it should be brought to the librarian or to one of the clerks to be replaced.

Finally, I should like it to be well understood by all readers that in cases of doubt or difficulty in finding what they are in search of, recourse should be had to the librarian. It is always a pleasure to assist a student in difficulties, and, as far as in me lies, my knowledge of the contents of the Library will at any time be gladly placed at the disposal of any person to whom it may be of advantage.

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To the Editor of Varsity :

Now that the student body in general is settling quietly down to the work of another academic year, I wish through your columns to bring before it for serious consideration, a matter of prime importance. It concerns, no year, faculty or college in particular, but appeals to every undergraduate in the University of Toronto, who has any interest in the publication of "Torontonensis."

The time has come when we must consider certain changes in the composition and manner of publication of the year-book. With the issue of the last volume, *Torontonensis* had already attained unwieldy proportions; the inclusion in the volume now preparing, of Trinity's graduating class in Arts, renders the volume open to the charge of obesity. We must discover some way of reducing the size of *Torontonensis* and the cost of its publication, while in no way impairing its worth. Moreover, the book as at present constituted, is of interest only to the graduating class. For the sake of a wider circulation which will bear fruit not only in larger subscription lists, but also in the increased number and value of advertisements, it would be well to find some method of making the interest of the year-book general. Finally, some permanent organization must be instituted to take upon itself full responsibility for the publication of each annual volume.

These matters have been before my mind for some time, and certain changes have suggested themselves to me, which I think to be feasible, or if the book is to conserve its usefulness, necessary.

Hitherto *Torontonensis* has been a class history; I would suggest that in the future it be a year history. By this I mean that the book for 1905-6, for instance, should contain accounts of whatever of interest in undergraduate life oc-

curs in that year up to the time of publication. A small amount of space would necessarily have to be given to a short history of the class under whose auspices the book was brought out; but this would be a minor matter. In general, the book, as a record of the year, would appeal to all the classes in the University, to Freshmen as strongly as to Seniors. Instead of purchasing but one volume of *Torontonensis*, many undergraduates would possess themselves of four and thus at graduation have a complete and interesting record of their entire course at Varsity. This is the first suggestion I have to make. It aims at increasing the interest and the subscription lists of the year-book.

In the next place I would suggest that in future books individual biographies be omitted. Under the regulation now prevailing, that biographies must not exceed ninety words in length, they have degenerated into a mere chronicle of events. All the information they can give can be found in the class-lists and in a much more interesting environment in other pages of the reformed *Torontonensis*. It would seem, then, that the biographies may without loss be dispensed with: indeed anyone who will glance at the issue for 1904 will recognize such omission as a positive gain, as in this way we get rid of a uniformly monotonous section of the book. If this omission is made in future volumes a saving of 120 pages will be made, a saving in space, time, expense and trouble.

Another important change which I would suggest is that the book be brought out by the Junior year in all faculties. This is done at McGill and all American colleges where a year-book is published. The present Fourth year is rapidly learning to how many things outside of academic work a Senior is required to give his time. The Editor of *Torontonensis* needs to have the patience of Job, and the energy of a Jap, and his committee must not be behind him in these virtues. The work requires a great deal of time. The Senior year have much to do, too much. They cannot give the same care to the work which the third year can give. Such a change would be greatly to the advantage of the book, and would considerably enhance the value of advertisements, since merchants will have more than a year instead of two months (during which the average student does little purchasing) in which their advertisements may bear fruit.

One thing further I would urge—that a permanent organization composed of representatives of every year in all our colleges, together with representatives from the Faculty be formed to undertake the publication of the year-book. Under the present order of things, so hap-hazard is it, a year may pass without a volume of *Torontonensis* issuing. A permanent committee will ensure the publication of each volume, by men who have served their apprenticeship and who will be able to produce the best book at the lowest cost, since they will profit by the experience of former years; it will put the financial affairs of the book on a sound foundation; and it will bring the book more prominently before the entire student body. The faculty representatives on the committee will be a check upon the extravagance, a source of fruitful suggestions and