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Prejudice—A Bar to Brotherhood

This week—Brotherhood Week—students across Canada and in 40 other nations of the world will join in the drive to banish prejudice of race, color and creed from our civilization.

Today, prejudice is our No. 1 problem in human relations. It is an evil which prevents man working with men in friendship, voting with intelligence, worshipping in understanding and avoiding international disputes. In the light of such a vast task as its eradication one week is a small proportion of each to spend in an active campaign against it. A full time approach is required.

Prejudice is hurtful! The fruit of its deadly seed can be seen wherever you look: here in Canada the rift caused by prejudice between the English and French populations is only now healing and we still have the prejudiced attitude of many Gentiles to the Jews as well as the prejudices existing among the Christian Churches themselves. There is the attitude of many 'native Canadians' to our new citizens and the prejudice of some classes to what they consider a lower class. These are but a few of our more flagrant examples.

It has been said that the more ignorant a man is the more positive he is of his opinion, and the more belligerently induced to look upon your doubt of his statements as a sin against him. This may well be so, for the intelligently alive people have no such delusion knowing that the only people who make no mistakes are the dead.

The cause of much prejudice also can be traced to the acceptance by the individual of the beliefs and values of his group. Children, untouched by the hand of prejudice, as they grow older realize that discrimination exists in their schools, families, social organizations. Many of them will conform to this pattern rather than undergo the struggle necessary to depart from the group's demand for uniformity.

Prejudice is a personal thing — it cannot be blamed on others for we ourselves create it by the way we think about a subject. It is up to us, therefore to see that we eliminate it from our own lives. We must see that we are tolerant and use discretion in our thinking and in our contacts with other people. Because we cannot see a case in one light we must not adopt the attitude that it is necessarily wrong.

If prejudice itself cannot be entirely eliminated in our present stage of human development its destructive influence can be reduced by the willingness of all to continue to learn more about every subject and whether, in the end, we agree or not, to bring to every other person the richest gift possible, understanding — a desire to recognize sympathetically the beliefs of others.

In Respect of Three Decades of Law School —

As the college year 51-52 draws to a close, so also nears the exodus of the venerable Law School. By the fall of '52 it will be housed on the Studley Campus within its own stately structure. Recently the writer has been interrogated on many occasions by the comment "You will be glad when the Law School vacates the Forrest Building in '52. At first thought the terrogation carries the implication that a lessening of the students coming and going to and from the old "Red College by the Sea" would correspondingly give a decided decrease of the activities required to maintain some sort of semblance of clearly respectability in the locality housing the Law School but on closer investigation of this ungenerous suggestion rises memories of faces and incidents during the last three decades which have left indelibly printed on the writer's memory chambers many cherished and happy experiences.

Commencing with Dean Weldon's successor Dean D. MacRae, late of Osgoode Hall and Dean John E. Read followed in orderly succession by Dean S. E. Smith, Dean V. C. MacDonald; acting Dean John Willis and the present incumbent Dean H. Read, there has passed down through the years a succession of celebrated legal teachers whose offspring are scattered the length and breadth of this continent (both sides of the border) to be found in all the high places of the academic, judicial, and large financial and business corporations contained therein. Then in close order but in no lesser degree of destination are the hundreds of graduates whose records bespeak highly of their "Alma Mater" in Law; their vocation perhaps unheralded and unsung to borrow Scott's memorable phrase. With this latter thought foremost in mind it is not difficult to reply in the negative and truthfully state that the exodus of Law School to the Studley Campus, it is indeed with deepest regret that the writer visualizes their departure. The historic Moot Court trials where so many of our budding barristers received their baptismal initiation into the intricacies of legal procedure and judicial practice, will be greatly missed and the Moot Court Room hushed with a silence unusual. The very pictures covering the walls commencing from 1883 in the late nineteenth century to the early twentieth century looking down upon the courts in the years that have elapsed; no doubt will also lament the removal to newer pastures.

The Mock Parliament which has just finished its final sitting and adjourned will also be sadly missed; the colorful parade from the Legislative Chamber to the House perhaps bereft of many of its original trappings must not be allowed to pass into oblivion. Many of our M.P.'s have had their initial experience in Parliamentary Debate on the floor of the Munro Room during the Spring Session of the House. No more will the closing of the Law Library at ten-thirty p.m. be heralded by the refrain:

'Tis glad we are to hear Mac's measured treads
Surcease it brings to tired and aching heads
Farewell to Anson, Blackstone and the rest
Succumb to Morpheus, be his willing guest.

To the writer the exodus of the Law School is an epoch of great moment; much I regret their

leaving. Having made many friends during the years that have passed and found endearing friendship in their brief acquaintance, perhaps when the question is put "You will be glad when the Law School moves to Studley". You will bear with me and answer for yourself and spare me the additional pang of suppressing the impending loss and trying hard, very hard to answer optimistically. MAC

U.B.C. Acquires \$100,000 Research Council Bldg.

UBYSSY—(CUP)—Feb. 15—The new University of British Columbia Research Council building was officially opened last month, marking the completion of establishment of an industrial and scientific research organization in B. C.

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