

of the geography of this continent. Sometimes, however, the tables are turned. A short time ago the English postal authorities were troubled as to how to deliver a letter addressed to "A. B. Newman, Esq., Oxford University, Cambridge, Eng." As required by law the letter was sent to Cambridge, where a diligent search was made for Oxford University, but without success. Bearing the direction "Try Oxford" it was started on its travels again, and was finally delivered to an American Rhodes scholar from one of the Western States. It proved to be an official circular from the Alumni Association of one of the American universities.

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We would ask our readers to pardon the rather long delay which will occur before the issue of the next number of the *JOURNAL*. It has been thought best to hold it over until April 15th, that it may contain a report of the Medical Convocation. This, we feel, will be more satisfactory than crowding the reports of two convocations into one number, and besides, will give the various editors an opportunity to do a little studying, for like most students they are slightly behind with their work.

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Now that the Engineering Society has finally resolved that there shall be no more smoking in the Science buildings, it might be well for the faculty societies to come to some agreement by which they could enforce this and other rules in all the buildings. If Arts men or Medicals may smoke in the Science buildings, or if Science men and Medicals may smoke in the Arts buildings the rule against smoking is in a measure rendered

a dead letter. At present, by their indifference, the students of one faculty practically encourage the breaking of the laws of the other faculties, and one is reminded forcibly of the old line houses which used to be built on the Canadian-American boundary. They defied the customs laws of both countries, yet were protected by both countries until the ridiculousness of the situation became too apparent. At Queen's the first step in the right direction was taken by the Science court last fall. It is not too soon to think of taking another step.

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Students as a class are fairly familiar with what is known popularly as "the perverseness of things." They may get up their work for months and never be asked a question in class. Yet, let their zeal and care lapse for a single night and the unaccommodating "sisters three" will almost certainly direct the professor to call for the translation of a passage, or the explanation of a problem next morning. Now it is not our intention to explain the occult connection between the professor and the untoward fates. We leave that to Mrs. Fay, and simply record a new example of the perverseness of things as a sort of curiosity. The story comes from Harvard, where a short time ago 10,600 of what seemed to be obsolete and useless books were removed from the library to a store room in another building. The librarian made his selection carefully, and considered the books to be as "dead" as any group of books of that size could possibly be. Yet no sooner was the change made than a demand for "dead" books developed and within two months the long-suffering librarian was compelled to