

suffrage of the Society, and not one, I believe, will say that he considers it any honor; and lastly, we disregard our duty to the public by selecting its entertainers upon purely party lines.

But it is no use, nor is it now a time to expatiate on the development of the wretched spirit that like a cancer has eaten into the vitals of the Society. Enough to know that its hideous form is even now bending over the body it has stricken, ready to crush out the last spark of life.

Yet I believe there is time for a rescue if it be done quickly. Let our President exert his influence and his authority strenuously and sternly, if necessary. Let him once and for all forbid every reference to party in the meetings of the Society, and insist unflinchingly upon uniform observance of the rule.

Let him use every endeavor, and invite his Committee to co-operate in once more arousing interest in the literary work of the Society.

In all he will have the support, I believe, of a great majority. The old-time loyalty is not dead. It has been thrust aside by a spirit which has proved as unworthy the members as it is disgraceful to the Society.

Now is the crisis which discovers the real motives of men's minds. I look to the issue with confidence that there will be found on every hand men, actuated by the highest principles, true, loyal men, who, if necessary, can forget party and personal feelings, and lend a strong arm to the work.

Let the President but call to man the life-boat, the whole Society will respond.

ONLOOKER.

### THE PATRONAGE OF THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

To the Editor of THE 'VARSITY:—

SIR,—One of your correspondents last week regretted that the scientific and literary course to be given in Convocation Hall was not under the direct management of the Literary Society. I agree with him fully, and as a member of that body I protest against handing over the reputation of our Society in future to be speculated upon by clever adventurers. In this case the course was so skillfully advertised as to give many the impression that the Literary Society was conducting it. The professors of the various city colleges were invited specially, only to meet with indignity when they entered the hall. I ask the general committee if they consider that this is the way our professors should be treated in their own College in an entertainment "given under the auspices of the Society." I know of nothing more fitted to damage the good name of our Society than such a proceeding as this. It is to be hoped that more care will be exercised by the committee in such matters in the future.

Yours, D.

### Di' Varsities.

"The ass, it must be remembered, is in the East a very fleet, spirited, and beautiful creature, and is held there in high and just esteem."—Lord Beaconsfield. *Levant*, then, Freshie!

The feelings of a third year man can be better imagined than described, who, with the idea of escape from Christmas examinations before his mind, saluted with a graceful yet very humble "Circle of the christy" a fatherly looking freshman, mistaking him for a certain college lecturer.

#### OUR BOOK REVIEW (continued).

"Hallam's Constitutional," (from Hide Park to the Public Library and back,) by a Bane-ful Day-visitor.

"Harker's Report on the affairs of the Federal Bank, with Strathspey accompaniment."

"Wine, Women and Song," by Charles Malleum Muldooney, M.D. Toronto: Williamson & Co.

Some fifty students were returning from the Forum last Saturday evening, and were, of course, singing. One of 'the finest' followed them at a respectful distance till the number had dwindled down to four. Then the valiant peeler plucked up heart and defiantly told them to stop, or he would 'run them in.' One gentleman who smiled at the audacity of the 'cop' was told to stop grinning or he would be arrested! Students' rights are being curtailed in the most arbitrary manner, if one cannot smile without incurring the danger of being 'run in.' Probably the police force think a student may 'smile and smile, and be a villain.'

### Poet's Corner.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

RIGHT HON. HENRY FAWCETT. OB. MDCCCLXXXIV.

"After the weary darkness cometh light,"  
How bright the light and welcome, who can know,  
Save thou, whose eyes, long sealed, long for the light,  
Surpassing earthly brilliance, that alone  
Can break the seals that lock the darkness in!  
Full well he carved his way, and patiently,  
Though with the burden of his cecity,  
A weaker might have stumbled, and have cried:  
"The way grows darker, as I onward move  
Through labyrinthine paths, it seems to me;  
O better far to rest upon the way,  
And cease to struggle vainly; better far  
To sleep the long, last sleep, than on the way  
To stumble, sinking sadly in a task  
Too great for me thus feeble!" But not thus  
He spoke, whose finely-tempered mind and keen  
Sought issues higher than are found in sense;  
With patient strength, heroic, he built  
His life-work on a structure passing fair  
Of kindness and sweet unselfishness,  
And England on her noble honor-roll  
Delights to place him with her glorious ones  
Whose names are deep enshrined in English hearts.

Oshawa.

—M. E. H.

#### LÈSE-MAJESTÉ.

Treason! Treason! I've committed  
Treason black 'gainst royalty;  
For one moment I ceased thinking,  
Sweet my Queen, this noon, of thee.

Black my crime is, but I'm punished.  
Nothing worse can art devise,  
Ah! I'm banished from her presence,  
And the sunshine of her eyes.

—BOHEMIEN.

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