

POETRY.

LINES BY OUR SPECIAL WALT WHITMAN.

I am the Senior,
Senior at Queen's,
Gorgeous in raiment,
Stove-pipe resplendent;
Lightly I toy with
Moral Philosophy,
Kantian text-book;
I am the Senior,
Senior at Queen's.

I am the Junior,
Junior at Queen's,
I have a knowledge,
Knowledge of all things;
Women adore me,
Me roller skating,
Me and my dancing;
I am the Junior,
Junior at Queen's.

I am the Sophomore,
Sophomore at Queen's,
Cigarette smoker,
Fo: of the Freshmen,
Champion at foot-ball,
Madly I long for
Concursus forbidden;
I am the Sophomore,
Sophomore at Queen's.

I am the Freshman,
Freshman at Queen's,
Lamb-like and gentle,
Mild in my manners;
See how artistic—
Ally the mud clings,
Clings to my boot-soles;
I am the Freshman,
Freshman at Queen's.

Together we make up,
Make up the College—
College called Queen's,
Down at old Kingston,
Whence comes this yawp,
Yawp that we send you—
Send you as greeting.

—Adapted.

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A CANDID OPINION.

THE Toronto papers have a somewhat unenviable reputation for being remarkably deaf to every argument or statement of fact which does not exactly coincide with the views of the citizens of Toronto. Knowing this we have looked for nothing but unqualified praise of the Federation Scheme from our contemporaries of the ambitious city, and it was with no small degree of surprise that we read the following extract from an editorial upon the subject in the *Canada Educational Monthly*. It is decidedly satisfactory to find such a common sense

opinion in a journal of such importance in educational circles, showing as it does that at least some of our Toronto friends are forced to admit that Queen's occupies a position of altogether too much importance to admit of her being ranked among those smaller fry, whose existence the magnates of Toronto will fain make a thing of the past:

"There is, we believe, doubt of the scheme embracing Queen's University of Kingston, though decision on this point has not as yet, we understand, taken ultimate shape. Centralization can only effectively draw over a given area. There comes a point where its influences must lose their attracting power. When you get as far east as Kingston, the attracting influences of centres on the further side begin to draw, and you have two forces in operation of conflicting interest. The problem becomes difficult to solve, and other considerations arise, which carry increased weight in shaping the course of action. Just here is the *crux* for Queen's. More than any other outside college has she local interests at stake, which demand serious deliberation before she commits herself to a decision. Like Toronto, Montreal, and other centres, she, from her geographical position, becomes a centre of her own, and to the area immediately about her, she owes the educational service which a vigorous, healthy and long-established institution has in the past rendered, and in the present is still actively and efficiently rendering."

ACTION OF QUEEN'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

THE trustees of Queen's University met on Tuesday, January 13th, to consider the scheme of university federation submitted to them in a memorandum by the Minister of Education. Almost every member of the Board was present. Letters were read from Rev. Dr. Cook, Quebec; Rev. James Barclay, Montreal; Allan Gilmour, Ottawa; Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick; J. J. Bell, Brockville; Rev. Dr. Campbell, Renfrew; Hon. A. Morris, Toronto; Rev. J. C. Smith, Guelph, and other graduates and benefactors. Many of the writers entered into detailed criticisms of the scheme, and gave their views as to the attitude to it that should be taken by Queen's.

In the absence, from illness, of Hon. A. Morris, chairman of the Board, Sandford Fleming, Esq., C. M. G., LL. D., the Chancellor, was requested to preside. The afternoon was spent in preliminary discussion, which showed that all present, from Quebec to Lake Huron, were of one mind on the matter. A committee was then appointed consisting of the Chancellor, the Principal, D. B. MacLennan, Esq., Q. C., Cornwall, Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B. D., Toronto, to draft a report on the whole subject, which report, on its approval by the Board, might be sent to the Minister of Education for the information of the Government and Legislature. The Board then adjourned to meet again at 9 p.m.

On re-assembling, the committee submitted a statement of their opinions as to the true policy of higher education for the Province and the attitude that Queen's should take with reference to the proposed scheme of federation.

It was then moved by W. Caldwell, M. P. P., of Lanark, seconded by A. T. Drummond, Esq., LL. B., of Montreal, "That the report of the committee now read be adopted, and transmitted to the Minister of Education as a memorandum setting forth in full the views of the Board."

Moved by Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, seconded by Rev. Dr. Jardine, Brockville, that

"The Trustees of Queen's College recognize in the document submitted to them by the Minister of Education