

a view to rescuing his person ; his corpus, so to speak.

The formalities of the trial had just begun, however, when this band of rescuers arrived like a coming tempest to disturb the serenity of the placid court room. For some time the door was shut against them and but-tressed manfully by the official should-ers within ; but at length a battering ram improvised from a human form outside came bursting, heels first, through the upper panels and the en-tire door was soon in splinters. The melee which followed between the two bodies, each claiming to represent the principles of calm, judicial dignity was a more spirited and violent scene than court rooms usually witness. The judge and clerk and crier bawled for order but soon ceased their cries to use more forcible remedies for the con-fusion. Constables struck out des-perately against the horde of violent intruders and the intruders them-selves armed with the justice of offend-ed righteousness dealt powerful and destructive blows upon the persons of their oppressors. Crashing furniture and shrieking voices, red faces and disordered hair, with here and there a dash of blood to give colour to the scene blended incoherently into a wild outburst of youthful exuberance which for a quarter of an hour threatened to spoil both faces and friendships for many days to come and upset both justice and judgment from their seats.

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It is never out of place to commend the wisdom with which the authorities of the University have long exercised their functions towards the students. If any occasion within recent years could have called for the exercise of discipline on the part of the Principal

and Faculty the incident just described was of a character to demand at least a strict investigation. But the entire matter was left in the hands of the students themselves and was investi-gated by a special commission ap-pointed by the Alma Mater Society. The report of this commission any curious person may read in the records of the society. No action whatever was taken by the Faculty except to insist on the restoration of the demo-lished class-room out of the funds of the Concursus which was the respon-sible body for the time being.

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The art of uttering a great many words without much meaning is something which eminent statesmen are said to possess along with their various other gifts. A prominent student of Queen's who bore besides the name derived from his parent stock the happy addition of "Uncle John," once gave an interesting example of this capacity. He rose in the Alma Mater Society on a certain last Satur-day of November to nominate a gentle-man for some office and spoke some-what in this vein : "Mr. Chairman, I rise to propose the name of a gentle-man whose reputation among us is such that no words of mine are needed to enhance it. This gentleman has already acquitted himself nobly in many functions during his college life, he has been on decoration committees and has risked his life nailing bunting to the rafters, he has been on tea and coffee committees and knows the mys-teries of these decoctions, he has dis-played his massive limbs on the foot-ball field, and has been an ornament to every department of college life with which he has identified himself." When Uncle John sat down some one