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**TO FAUNUS.**

[HORACE, ODES III, 18.]

O Faunus! who sportest with Naiads shy,  
My broad sunny fields come and fructify,  
And may all the nurseries in safety lie,  
When thou hast departed;  
For thee falls a kid when the year grows cold,  
Rich wines in abundance our goblets hold,  
And incense so sweet from thy altar old  
Is heavenward started.

The cattle all sport on the grassy plain,  
When festal December comes round again,  
The ox free from toil and the joyful swain  
Find rest in the meadows;  
The lambskins from fear of the wolf are free,  
The wood on the ground spreads its leaves for thee,  
The labourer dances with spiritual glee  
Till long are the shadows.

A. W. W.

**OPENING MEETINGS OF SENATE.**

There is certainly a feeling amongst graduates, that the meetings of the Senate should be conducted with open doors, and this feeling is shared in generally by the students, not to mention outsiders who take an interest in our only provincial university.

It seems very strange that a body so largely elective as the Senate should carry on its business in this secret manner. It may well be asked, how can the graduates, who elect members at convocation, or the high school masters, who have a representative; or, again, the different colleges, know what their delegates are doing? Were our parliaments to try any such system, they would justly incur the indignation of the people.

But perhaps some may say that other university senates sit with closed doors. This is true; yet it does not follow that it is right. The comparison between Toronto and other universities is by no means a fair one; for while they are secular, and might be called the educational organs of some church, ours is supported by public funds, in the proper expenditure of which all are alike interested. If the various religious denominations allow the senates of their universities to hold close meetings, it can never be adduced as an argument in favor of the provincial university senate so acting. Every class and denomination are equally interested in the latter, while only a small section of the people are concerned with the former.

Setting aside all such claims, however, to open meetings, there remains another of no small weight. By this mode of procedure the university weakens, very materially, her hold upon the sympathies and support of former graduates. They leave the college halls, soon to forget their university, and indeed if they remember anything, it is the college and not the university. The university comes to occupy a back ground position, and the college very much that of a secular institution. Open meetings is the only remedy that can be offered for this evil, entire want of tone and sympathy.

Surely it seems a bad precedent, when the leading educational board in the province, and one holding such high trusts, discharges these duties so that not even the constituents of the different members know what is being done.

The idea of a Presbyterian University of Canada is not approved of by *Queen's College Journal*. It calls it an extraordinary proposal which the government would never sanction, says the proposed test (one examination) would be insufficient to settle whether a man was fit to hold the degree of B. D., and that such a fit to granting board would be partial to certain candidates. As a way out of the difficulty the same paper suggests that the Presbyterian colleges affiliate with Queen's, send representatives to its senate, and take their degrees from that university.