

## Contributions.

### DOES THE CAP FIT ?

WE remember one of our professors handing us a book once in the long ago with the remark "I'll lend you this book, but be sure that you return it to me." Our pride was hurt, for we felt that our honesty was above reproach. We had been taught at home that unless we paid back what we borrowed we were not one whit higher in the moral scale than the sneak who put his hand into his neighbor's pocket and took thence his money. We still regard our early moral training as sound. But we have found that all have not had the moral training that we had, and we take this opportunity of addressing a word or two of warning to some of our erring fellow-students. Those to whom the words do not apply will not be offended, and we despair of being able to choose language sharp enough to pierce the dense and nerveless epidermis of the wayward. Have you any borrowed books in your possession? Have you made up your mind when you will return the same? Did you say "Let me have this for a day or so," and lo! weeks have fled? And yet you would want to fight if we called you a liar! Have you kept your word? No doubt your obliging friend thought you a truthful man and a gentleman when he accommodated you. In the light of facts are you either? Don't get excited, but keep your eyes on the facts! You are simply trampling—in many cases with great inconvenience and loss—on others' rights and you are sorely in need of a generous application of shoeleather. If you pause to think for a minute or two you will see that your situation is not an enviable one. The columns of the JOURNAL could be devoted to a less helpful work than that of publishing your name and the names of other dandies of your stripe.

Have you been one of that numerous crowd who have gone a long distance towards turning the College reading room into a sort of lounging-room? Have you worn your hat within the sacred precincts of said reading-room? We do not care a fig for your sheltering yourself behind the Concursum and arguing that that hoary headed institution had this winter no hand to punish delinquents of your color. Decent men have passed judgment upon you, and we will be delighted if you spend an hour in penitent reflection upon your sins of omission and commission. You are sorely in need of a word from your grandmother who, no doubt, has told you that it is "manners" for you to remain silent when others around you are reading, and that it is "manners" also to remove your hat where and when you are expected to do so.

But then, we may be expecting too much from you. You may have been like "Topsy" without the guardian care of home, and you simply "grewed." More likely still, you were reared in a barn or saw-mill, and your ill-breeding clings to you like burrs to a tramp's rags.

We do not feel like discharging the function of public castigator any further. We simply ask some of our fellow-students to hold themselves at arms length for a minute or two, in the light of those two very obvious facts, and we believe that it will do good to this, fortunately for Queen's, very small but ill-swelling minority.

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### AN ANNOTATED TRANSLATION OF A RECENTLY DISCOVERED FRAGMENT OF LIVY. (WITH HEART-FELT APOLOGIES TO BOHN.)

Q. Teretius Mancula and T. Aberdonius Contundar, being consuls, many prodigies were reported in the spring of the year. A certain consul was said to have gone through the day without grumbling; of this no other instance could be found in the history of the city, and the matter was accordingly handed over to the court of purification. Teas were said to be well attended by those who were occupied with the study of Physics. Those who move swiftly with sticks in their hands were defeated after a long engagement by the barbarian tribe of the Lapidēs Falsi; to whom, nevertheless, on their return large crowds rendered thanks because they had not despaired of the College. Many calves.....were seen.....among the sacred chickens.

### ADNOTATIONES CRITICAE.

*Contundar*.—Anglice 'Bruiser,' a name apparently due to the fiery temper of the possessor. The reading, however, is doubtful. Haeres Metallicus Longus, on the authority of M.X.B.L., would read *amator*, and refers to a certain consul suffectus who seems to have taken the place of the regular occupant of the curule chair during some months of this year.

*Court of Purification* is the celebrated Concursum Iniquitatis et Virtutis.

*Teas*. Here in the MSS. follow the words 'in Campos Martialis,' of which no satisfactory explanation has been given, and which I have therefore omitted. Handschuhmacher—inep-tissime, ut semper—reads 'in casibus mag. Alis,' which he regards as an abbreviated form of 'in casibus magicis Aliciae,' i.e., 'Alice's adventures in Wonderland,' a book of sibylline prophecies very popular at this time. *Haec conjectura valde insubsissima est.*

*Lapidēs Falsi*. The meaning is very doubtful. The noted Norwegian critic, Hors Nout, suspects a mythological reference to the contest between the Lapithae and the Centaurs.