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Editorials.

CONVOCATION.

CONVOCATION this year was duller and tamer than usual. The proceedings resembled nothing so much as a girls' college commencement or a Sunday school rally. There was a little singing, led by an orchestra; an orchestra forsooth! There were rows and rows of correctly attired and ladylike youths, demure and subdued. There was the traditional throwing of coins, (fewer this year than ever), at G. Y. And that was all. A few sickly yells were attempted; but, of course, such boisterous conduct as shouting is too much for delicate throats. The monotony was particularly galling when one speaker dilated upon the old-time spirit of Queen's. In fact the old vigour and enthusiasm is in danger of being superseded by a new spirit; a spirit which causes Convocation to be boring; and which prompts senior to attempt to stop the traditional rush which through their excessive gentleness had been suspended. What is needed at Queen's is less prudishness and more enthusiasm.

That obnoxious species of the human race, the "late-comer" was unusually conspicuous at the lecture in Convocation Hall, on "Labrador," last Tuesday evening. The speaker was interrupted continuously from the time he commenced his address, until nine o'clock. This nuisance is discouraging to the lecturer and trying to the audience. The only effective remedy seems to be the closing and locking of the doors as soon as the address commences.

To the second year in Arts the honour of reviving the precedent of rushing the freshmen must be accorded; and to the first year in Arts the honour of making "the best scrap" that ever freshmen of any faculty have made. Altogether the first Arts' rush "was a very delightful affair"; and satisfactory to all concerned, inasmuch, as both sides claim the victory.

The Kingston Standard alleges that Queen's football team is suffering from "capus magnus." Poor things!