

A Letter from Oxford.

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Reverend and dear Doctor Sherry:

Some few months ago—in fact over a year ago—you asked me to write something to you for *The Review*. I promised to do so, but when I received copies of last year's *Review* and realized how excellent were all the articles appearing therein, my courage failed me. This year's numbers have made me all the less anxious to write for publication in a paper which seems to cater only to writers of genius. Terms spent on such works as the *Apologia Socratis*, the *Meno*, the *Philippics* of Cicero and certain portions of that dearly-beloved friend of VA—Tacitus—; spare moments spent on *Real Property*, *Constitutional History* and kindred subjects, cannot be said to be the best of preparations for the task I have in hand, so I am sure I shall be pardoned for causing a number of *The Review*—if this escapes the blue-pencil of the Rev. editor—to fall below the usual high-water mark of excellence attained by U. of O. literature.

What I shall write about next worries me. I could possibly, by touching lightly on this and that subject—give a very superficial notion of things Oxonian, but such an undertaking would waste time and would be more tiresome on your readers. I fear, than the present introduction to life at Oxford. I am only going to give a very rough sketch of what things first happen to a newcomer—apart from the social side.

The experience is one which I am grateful fell to my lot, thanks to the Selection Committee of O. U. and I truthfully and sincerely say that I hope that every man now at Ottawa who has it in his power will work as never before—in every way—and try to come over here in 1916 and redeem the reputation of Ottawa University.

A course at Oxford is a wonderful thing for a man who has graduated from a Canadian or American university. There is here what those in the know call atmosphere, "associations" which tend to rub off any rough edges that have been left by the home varsity. Having a degree—if from certain universities—he need not take preliminary exams. I have taken them and