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THE COLLEGE JOURNAL

With the next number The Varsity ceases publication for the year.

Just before we reach the end of our happy course we would address to the undergraduate body a few words of appreciation and of hope with reference to The Varsity itself.

If the paper has been successful this year—and certain kind friends have been good enough to assure us that our labours have not been entirely in vain—the thanks of the student body should go out freely to the Managing and Associate Editors and their enthusiastic assistants who have spared neither time nor effort to make The Varsity a truly newsy and intellectual production.

Those who have not worked on a newspaper can hardly realize the amount of work connected with even such a small sheet as The Varsity. The constant worry as to whether or not desired material will come in in time for publication, and the alterations in "make-up", on account of late news, have been the chief source of worry to the members of the Staff. Our regular correspondents know what a cruel thing a tri-weekly issue of the paper is. There have been times when it would have been infinitely more pleasing to omit a contribution than to send it in, and yet these men have stuck to their posts with absolute devotion and have done their best in the interests of the undergraduate body. It would not be exactly in place for us to particularize, but we trust that every undergraduate will realize what wonderful work each and every one of the members of the staff, outside of the figure heads, has done for the paper.

To some of these junior members will fall the conduct of affairs next year. Indications are that the responsible positions will be filled in a manner quite in keeping with the constant progress which the paper is making.

The support which the student body has given has been immeasurably greater this year than last, and for this we are truly thankful. But a divine discontent—that source of all human happiness—moves us to speak a few words of exhortation on the affairs of the paper.

It is commonly accepted that a modern journal shall pay the bulk of its expenses from the advertising receipts. To this rule The Varsity is no exception. The magic circle of journalism: Quality, Circulation, Advertising, obtains in the case of our own paper, as much as in the brightest of the fifteen-cent magazines. These magazines had capital, and they entered the circle at Quality, built up Circulation, obtained Advertising, put the money into more Quality, and so on. The result we all know.

The Varsity has no capital. The Varsity can not employ writers and artists. The spontaneous efforts of a few gifted men must be the backbone of the paper. The student body as a whole produces these men, and that body is therefore responsible for the Quality. The man who sits back and refuses to interest himself in the paper simply is evading his responsibility, for The Varsity is his paper. It does not belong to a few men, but, through the Parliament, to every one in the University.

We must begin our circle of development at Circulation. Faith, simple faith, and a college spirit as big as the subscription price are the essentials to the

success of The Varsity. If every enrolled student would subscribe, we should have absolutely no hesitation in saying that The Varsity would greatly extend its present usefulness and influence. Without a shadow of a doubt our college journal offers more opportunity for making college spirit and advancing the interests of the students than any other institution. Your salvation lies largely with The Varsity. The big development which will take place in University life in the course of the next decade will be dependent for its power upon the medium of intercourse.

Stand loyally behind your paper, Men of Toronto: it is the main source of your growing strength!

R.L.C.

ONLOOKER'S CORNER

Elections are the curse of democracy—but the salvation of that time honored institution, the University College Lit. stripped of the smoke and sound and fiery of Election night, the time-honored institution would rust and rust and be no more.

The Big-endians and the Little endians have clashed. There was much talk and more tumbling. There was oratory from the rostra, too often, alas, cut short by measures violent. There was a line of patient voters, and envoys sped breathless between the battle-front and Headquarters below. Knock, knock at the Committee-room door, and he is admitted. Who shall look beyond?

The Big-endians won, of course. It was their turn. A few ardent freshmen, a fresh soph. and four office-seekers awaited the results, then turned to their beds and slept till dusk. The rest had departed long since, some as early as two o'clock. Enthusiasm did not run high this year.

I know one man who did not stay at all. He voted early and hurried from the ecclesia to his books. I wonder if he is satisfied with his evening's work.

I wish it was elections every night. Few men know the delight of riding in a Party cab; no one enjoys it more than I. And it is good to wear a roaring sweater and to sweat among the crowd. The men of the mob know my name and whisper as I pass. I accept their cigarettes with gracious affability, and pair off as often as possible before voting. I wish it was Elections every night.

THE ONLOOKER

HABITUAL HIGH-BROW



There will be a morning in May when you will sleep very late—and then roll over and sleep some more. Anon you will rise and eat and sit in the sun, you will gloat—for it is over, and the spring of straining growth has become the Summer of content.

Shall it be four months at home? Shall I work my father's farm, or copy figures in the oaken cage which is my father's office—they are one? Nay, let me spend my days among strange men (not College Men) teaching myself to be a man. Let me carry my chain on the survey, or handle freight in the yards. I am to be a lawyer—there is lots of time for law-books. I shall be a doctor—up on the shelf with the Materia Medica. Veins and arteries are all very well; this summer I shall learn to be a man!

They have taken from us the fire-rang-ing. Shortsighted politicians! There are more good Canadians made in a month at Mattagami than in a cycle of civilization.

Get away from your friends and find yourself. Tear a page from the immigrant's book and for four short months forget that you have a homeland. Forget if you must that you have an aim in life—and live. October is at hand, and the shackles of responsibility will close soon enough upon your unresisting ankles. The summer is yours, for better or for worse. Make it your own.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

The annual meeting of the Varsity Soccer Club will be held on Wednesday, March 13th, at 4:30 p.m. in the University Gymnasium. The elections of next season's executive will take place and other important business discussed. Each team represented in the Inter-faculty series is entitled to two delegates and the various teams are urged to elect their representatives at once.

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With elections only a few days off the drafting rooms are rapidly taking on the appearance of an art gallery. Signs and posters which would be a credit to any of the Conor-Ruddy paint slingers cover the beams and wall of the 1st year drafting room. The men out for year president of the freshmen have some particularly good ones; one refers to what will be coming to the freshmen of IT6, while another with a crane playing the role of a stork, asserts that Crane can deliver the goods. A curious fact is that most of the signs have figures of young ladies upon them, whether this is a special weakness of this particular year, is not known but it looks suspicious. Everybody is welcome to visit this display of art, but candidates are requested to carry a few cigarettes with them.

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