

having offended against healthy public opinion is reported to the officers of the court, who, at a meeting duly called, discuss the merits of the case. If the officers decide that the case demands attention, the accused is notified and commanded to appear before the court for trial. Ample time is given him to obtain counsel and evidence. In the court he is allowed the option of being tried by a jury, consisting of eight students, or by the judge. He has every opportunity to state his case, and any officer or student who fails to allow him all the privileges of British fair play is liable to censure. In this way hazing is as impossible in Queen's as lynching is impossible in Kingston or Toronto.

A word in regard to the case to which *The Westminster* refers. Some time ago the arts court met. Medical students appeared on the scene, and a good humoured "scrap" resulted. It soon became evident that the medicals did not intend to allow the arts court to hold its sitting. During the "scrap" an arts student helped the medicals, and was afterwards charged with contempt of court for so doing. The charge was duly laid against him, and he was ordered to appear for trial. This he refused, in a most impudent manner, to do.

When the court opened he did not appear, despite the fact that he had promised to stand his trial. An order was issued that he be brought into court. The court officials discovered that he was not in his boarding house, but had taken refuge in the bath room of another house. The court officials interviewed the proprietor of the house and obtained permission to push open the bath room door, the court officials assuming responsibility for all damages. Nothing, however, was broken as the door yielded to gentle pressure. In the court room he defied all authority and acted so badly, generally, that executive clemency was rendered impossible.

The sentence pronounced was corporal punishment, not to exceed five slaps from a light board used by students at examinations. The sentence administered was a reasonable

spanking, and cannot be described by the epithet "flogging."

This may have involved a certain humiliation to the offender, but, clearly, the alternative lay between that and the complete humiliation of the court. A father or mother may have to subject their boy to a little humiliation for his good and the court is supposed to be in *loco parentis* to any youth who has cultivated swelled head, but who may not be at all thankful for the unnecessary notoriety secured to him by exaggerated accounts spread over the length and breadth of the land by newspapers.

THE year '01 is turning its *alma mater* spirit to good account by establishing what is to be known as the "'01' Fellowship." For this purpose the year proposes raising and investing five thousand dollars to endow a permanent fellowship in arts of two hundred and fifty dollars. One thousand dollars of this fund is to be cash, and the balance is to be subscribed and paid in instalments within five years. The scheme is meeting with every encouragement. Already many post-graduates have subscribed liberally, while one friend in New York has subscribed fifty dollars. The senior year is demonstrating that the much-talked-of Queen's spirit means not only hard study and interest in college institutions, but hard thinking and personal sacrifice for the good of the University and of the Province. This is fervid *alma materism* of the proper quality.

#### THE UNIVERSITY QUESTION.

##### QUEEN'S AND TORONTO SHOULD OCCUPY COMMON GROUND.

IT seems impossible for some people to discuss any question on its merits. They go off into side issues or personalities, and consequently the more they write the more confused and angered they are, and the more difficult of solution the problem becomes. The University Question is concerned with the principles which should determine the higher education of Ontario, and asks whether a partial or a comprehensive measure is called for at present. But what good is served by