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EDITORIAL.

IT was announced in the dailies last Tuesday that the Hon. David Mills, our esteemed Professor of Constitutional and International Law, had been appointed a Senator by the Dominion Government. Every student who has had the good fortune to come in contact with Professor Mills knows that he is eminently qualified for any appointment which can be conferred upon him by the Canadian Government. He has had a long and honorable career in the Dominion Legislature. He has already occupied many public offices of trust. He was a member of the Mackenzie Government, and it was a matter of universal regret that he was not reinstated by the Laurier Administration into his former position of Minister of the Interior.

The honor recently conferred upon the "Sage of Bothwell" has been received in a manner, which might be expected of every man of acute sensibility and fine feelings, who has been bestowed a lesser honor than he is known to deserve. It is entirely in accord with our previously-formed estimation of his character that he should be lacking in appreciation of a distinction which, by the average politician, would be hailed with unbecoming delight and paraded with Pharasaical ostentation. But every one acquainted with Mr. Mills knows that in the disinterestedness of his actions, in the greatness of his abilities, and in the loftiness of his aims he far exceeds the average politician of to-day. He has, moreover, that charm of personality, that variety of experience, that wealth of information, and soundness of judgment which is indispensable to an astute and efficient statesman. He has always exercised his great faculties with the sincerity and honesty of a strong and conscientious character. He has exerted them in conformity with his high ideal of public morality and public duty, and with no other end in view than the public good.

In a recent speech at London, he said: "If it (his Parliamentary career) has been marked through a period of thirty years with mistakes, and I have no doubt that it has, they were mistakes, not intended to be wrong-doings, but necessarily connected with the imperfections of human judgment."

That this has been Mr Mills' conduct throughout his distinguished career no one will hesitate to admit. Nor will anyone believe it would be in the slightest degree different when his sphere of action is transferred to the Upper Chamber. But we are pleased to hear he regards this "splendid isolation" from active political life as only temporary, and to hope that he may soon return to wield once more a beneficent influence in the political affairs of Canada.

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Next Saturday the champions of Ontario and the champions of Quebec will contend for the Rugby championship of Canada on the Rosedale grounds. The Varsity team has had unprecedented success this year so far, and cannot be blamed if they aspire to hold the championship honors for a second term. They know what to expect when they meet Ottawa, and are determined to put up a vigorous fight in defence of their supremacy. We can safely say that this will be the best attended game of the season, and that whichever team wins, they will not fail to be impressed with the strength and the skill of their opponents.

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The October number of the *University Quarterly* appeared last week, a little late, but fully up to the standard of former editions. Of the six papers which it contains, the Faculty have contributed two. Professor Hutton discusses "Some Aspects of Greek Genius," and Dr. Kirschmann, "The Fourth Dimension." M. W. Wallace, '96, writes about the "Dawn of Romanticism in French Literature," and W. R. Carr, has a paper on "Electrical Resistance." The other subjects treated in this number are "The Pollination of Flowers," by H. M. E. Evans, '96, and "History of the Differential Calculus," by Miss A. Lick, '99. This is only the second year for the *Quarterly*, and we hope it may increase in prosperity and usefulness as in years.

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NOTE FROM THE MANAGEMENT.

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The names of those who do not call for their papers for three consecutive numbers will be omitted from the list thereafter, unless they expressly order to the contrary. In order that everyone will have a chance to get his VARSITY, the office will be open as follows:—

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Tuesday, 4 to 6, W. K. Stewart.

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Thursday, 9 to 12, H. M. Little and O'Higgins; 2 to 6, E. N. Armour and G. Black.

If you are the homeliest man on earth and want to be tickled half to death, we would advise you to be photographed by Frederick Lyonde.—*Hamilton Times.*