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### THE DOMINION CHAMPIONS

For the third time in succession, Toronto has won the Rugby Championship of Canada and by so doing, has won the right of ownership of the Grey Cup. The Varsity wishes to extend its heartiest congratulations to Dr. Wright, the efficient coach of the team, to Captain Maynard, and to all the team. The coach and captain had a very difficult problem to face; Dr. Wright was new to the duty, Jack Maynard had played only one year on the team, and only a very few of the team of 1910 registered this fall. That, as handicapped, they should have evolved the wonderful team that played for the Varsity, reflects the greatest credit upon them both. But able, energetic and enthusiastic as they have been, they must have failed had they not been loyally supported by the team. Every man has shown himself worthy to represent his Alma Mater; the unselfish way in which they all have worked has brought its own reward. Once again, heartiest congratulations!

But there are a few men who have worked every bit as patiently as the team, who have been even more unselfish. We refer to the "subs." With only an off-chance of being required, they trained as faithfully and practised as hard as did the regulars; without their services in the practices, the team could not have had the success it had. These men do not come in for the general acclaim that is given the team. The games were won while they were sitting on the side-lines—probably the most trying position on the field. Theirs is the bitterness of looking at happiness through another man's eyes, of being almost on. It is hard to learn that "they also serve, who only stand and wait." All honour to them, who waited. We doff our hats to them as to the others, and assure them, that we appreciate their steady unselfish work every bit as much as we do that of the splendid fourteen that held the Grey Cup for Toronto.

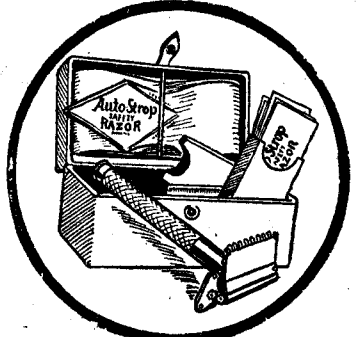
### BRIGHT OUTLOOK

The outlook for 1912 in Rugby seems exceptionally good. Elliot Greene, whose work this year marks him as one of the best all-round half-backs that ever played for Toronto, finishes his course this spring, as does Hassard, the speedy outside wing. "Duff" Wood and Cruickshank, spares, are also graduating this year; but with these exceptions, the team will be intact, as far as can be seen now. We may therefore look forward to a very successful season next year.

The other Universities, though, are going to have something to say, too. McGill's team, whose main fault this year seemed to be lack of combination, will give us a tough fight. It is hard to tell yet how Queen's will look next year; but if it be true that a second and improved edition of Cornellier is due at Ottawa next Michaelmas, the wearers of the garnet and grey may be relied upon to make things hum. However, with Maynard, Campbell and Ramsay here, the back-division looks pretty safe; and while Hassard will be a great loss, we should be able to find someone who will make a good outside. The Inter-Provincial champions say "Wait till next year!" Well, Varsity is prepared to wait.

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#### CONCERNING CHRONICLES.

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Dear Sir:—In your Monday's issue, I notice an apology to Smirle Lawson, on behalf of the "Star". It is this inconsistent that the issue which contains this apology should do Lawson a still more serious libel. I refer to certain verses of the "Book of Chronicles." Anyone who has read the "Book" will remember the passages referred to.

It seems a shame that a man who has done so much for his University should be treated like this, for no other reason than that he is doing his best for the other side. Doubtless Lawson would prefer to play with Varsity, but since such a thing is impossible, there is no sporting reason why he cannot play the game with someone else. I'll wager that the author of this insult was glad enough to cheer for Lawson last year and the year before that.

Undoubtedly Lawson was not so effective as usual but that is no disgrace to him, but rather a credit to those who stopped him. The finest compliment that could be paid to Smirle lies in the fact that the team took such precaution and care to make him ineffective.

No person was better pleased than I, that Lawson did not get away on any of his sensational runs, but I do not consider that he merits the treatment that he received in the article that I have referred to. I am surprised that such unfairness was ever permitted in The Varsity. It is quite contrary to the precedent established by the editor. I hope that the author has come to his senses ere now, and done the only thing he could do—apologize in person to the one whom he has slandered.

Thanking you for your space, I am etc.

L.A.W. '10.

(It would be unfortunate if every one took our humorous articles as seriously as our correspondent. The most remarkable feature of Saturday's game was the fact that 'Smirle the great' was held down by Varsity's tackling. This was more or less of a surprise and the fact that we were all astonished at the fact is a splendid tribute to Dr. Lawson's ability as a foot-ball player. Surely the Varsity is not at fault in bringing this opinion to light in a humorous way—Ed.)

#### A SIGNAL OF DISTRESS.

To The Editor of The Varsity:

Sir:—The scene of the crowded stadium last Saturday was enspiriting and one calculated to make every member of the University proud of his alma mater. There was just one blot upon the vista, and it is about this that I venture to take up a little of your space. From above the South end of the grand stand there fluttered a Union Jack, the national flag of the Empire. This was as it should be, but, alas! the flag was flying upside-down, and hence, if it meant anything in the language of flags, waved there as a signal of distress. No doubt all the government officials and military members of the vast crowd present were seated in the grand stand, and hence fortunately would not see the signal, but there it waved. Even when it became evident that the Varsity team were to win, the flag still waved on.

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Last June, on Coronation Day, a Union Flag was seen hanging upside down over an undertaker's establishment. Here a signal of distress might have been not altogether out of place, but surely no such signal was needed on Saturday, when a happy and genial crowd witnessed one of the finest and cleanest games in the annals of football.

I am, Sir,

Your's faithfully,

R. D. RUDOLF.

### ALUMNAE BAZAAR

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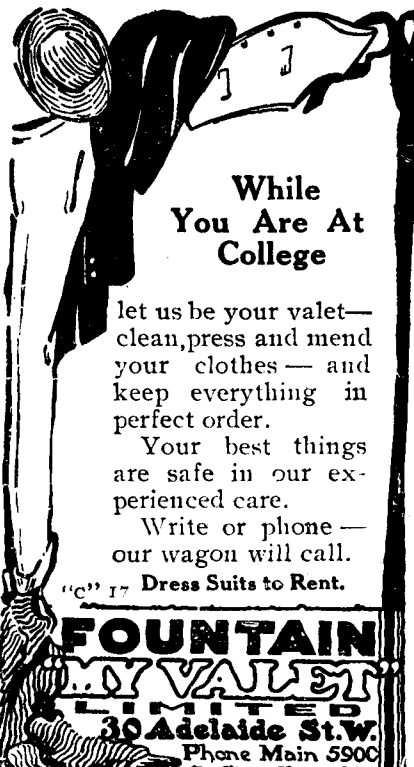
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