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THE OUTER WORLD

In the eyes of some, a University is a place of seclusion, where students hide themselves from the busy activity of the world and keep company with musty volumes and shades of the past. To others (and these be not few) the University represents a palace of hilarious enjoyment, where one continuous round of social functions, "scraps," and athletic extravagances give to a man that peculiar stamp which is denoted by bizarre apparel and a halo of tobacco-smoke. We seem doomed to be regarded by outsiders as devotees of the extreme, whether it be the sublime or the ridiculous.

Yet this is not our ideal, as every college man knows, or should know. If there is one motto more than another that should be emblazoned across our doors it is the old Greek one—"Moderation in all things." Extremes, whether of work or of pleasure, are not for the true college man. Harmonious development is the cardinal aim in any university education. We do not wish to be lopsided, like a badly hung picture, but truly balanced, like a Greek vase.

Knowing this, it should be our care not to shut our eyes to phases of experience beyond our present occupation. We must learn to see life clearly, and see it whole. Because we are at present engaged primarily in studying, in growing mentally by an inward process of expansion, let us not become oblivious to the throbbing life of action going on around us. Most of us will one day have to join this busy throng of the actively engaged. Now is the time to get the viewpoint of the man of affairs, to acquaint ourselves with the atmosphere, the requirements of the business world. There may be much in it that repels the man of studious tastes. Its apparent artificiality, its frequent crudities, its emphasis on the external and transitory—these may shock the wanderer in academic halls. But scorn and aloofness were never eradicate its blemishes. And, indeed, looked at from afar, these blemishes may seem magnified. The College man, if any, is the one who must carry the higher qualities into the business world; if business morale is to be raised, it is the graduates of our universities who must do it. To be a mediator between classes, a harmonizer of antagonisms, a missionary of the higher morality in every day affairs—this, in our modern world is the highest calling of the college man. But it must be done from within, not from without.

So—to point the moral before the homily waxes over tedious—let our undergraduates see as much as possible of the business world while at college, that, on graduation, they may not be plunged into an alien atmosphere, blinking like owls unaccustomed to the garish light of common day. Many are forced to do so from pecuniary necessity; but the others should do so for reasons that are still more vital.

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IN MEMORIAM

The passing of Arthur—"Prince Arthur Balfour as Punch calls him—marks an epoch in British statesmanship. He was the last remnant of the gentle-blooded dilettantish class which has played a part so picturesque and influential in times past. Though well-educated, and clear-headed, he had few convictions—and these he was careful to hide. He is succeeded by a professional politician, who may be relied upon to "make things hum," who will make more blunders than Balfour, and who will not let philosophy interfere with practical politics. To Balfour politics, like golf, was a game, played for the fun of it, and an eminently suitable career for a gentleman loafer. We suspect that the ethics of baseball will apply to the leadership of Bonar Law, who will strive for victory amid the plaudits of the "fans" who, if devoid of reason, can at least admire.

ONLOOKER'S CORNER

THE HUSKY HAYSEED

I do not like the word hayseed, it connotes too many things that are not in my mind but the phrase is alliterative, mouth-filling and soul-satisfying, so it must suffice.

You will see the Husky Hayseed at his worst if you attend the first year reception in University College. I was at one a few aeons ago and there is in my mind a very clear picture of a group of about a dozen men standing in the middle of the floor. Tall, broadshouldered, rawboned, somewhat uncouth and decidedly uncomfortable they looked as they watched their sisters and cousins being dazzled by the wicked seniors who had stolen them away. The spectacle was amusing rather than imposing.

But the transformation of these men had already begun. They were taking their first course in University life and were learning quickly. The University does more for these men than for any class of students that comes under her wing, and by the end of their Sophomore year they are still Husky but no longer Hayseeds. And in return they do more for the University than any other type of Undergraduates. They are the backbone of the student body—they do things; they get there. But this panegyric is becoming a great deal too effusive and the Onlooker is naturally a knocker so he must stop it.

THE ONLOOKER

TORONTO SYSTEM COMMENDED

Professor Libby, of the University of Colorado, advocates the teaching of theology at the state universities. He believes that by having clergymen educated with other professional men, the church would secure men whose influence with the educated classes would be greater. He points out that this system prevails in Toronto where the Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist, Churches of England have their theological schools surrounding the University campus. "These schools," the professor declares, "turn out a vigorous set of ministers, consisting of young men who have won their spurs in competition with the ablest men of the country."

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Trinity College no longer has the distinction of claiming the only Chinese student in the University of Toronto, and one of the few in the whole of Canada.

Jack Lamtung was taken ill suddenly on Thursday night while Convocation was in progress. After a very painful night he was removed to the Western Hospital and operated upon by Dr. Heggie, Trinity College physician. This was his second operation within three months, he having successfully recovered from a very severe case of appendicitis in Ottawa during the summer vacation. Before many of his fellow-students could realize the seriousness of his condition after the second operation, the end came at eight-thirty on Saturday morning.

The funeral arrangements are delayed pending the advent of a brother from New York. One brother has already arrived from Boston, but the father and other relatives are in China and therefore unavailable.

Provost Macklem in Chapel on Sunday preached a very touching sermon dwelling upon the particularly sad circumstances surrounding Lamtung's untimely end, so far from the land of his birth and at the very beginning of a career of usefulness. The preacher chose for his text the appropriate words, "Friend, go up higher."

Owing to Mr. Samtung's death it was decided at a College Meeting to postpone the Fall Dance from the evening of No-

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Both by example and precept he has succeeded in increasing respect for his country among thinking Canadians. He was a Chinese, was proud of that fact,

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The Commandant and military instructors are all officers on the active list of the Imperial army, lent for the purpose, and there is in addition a complete staff of professors for the civil subjects which form such an important part of the College course. Medical attendance is also provided.

Whilst the College is organized on a strictly military basis the cadets receive a practical and scientific training in subjects essential to a sound modern education.

The course includes a thorough grounding in Mathematics, Civil Engineering, Surveying, Physics, Chemistry, French and English.

The strict discipline maintained at the College is one of the most valuable features of the course, and, in addition, the constant practice of gymnastics, drills, and outdoor exercises of all kinds, ensures health and excellent physical condition.

Commissions in all branches of the Imperial service and Canadian Permanent Force are offered annually.

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The length of the course is three years, in three terms of 9 1/2 months each.

The total cost of the course, including board, uniform, instructional material, and all extras, is about \$800.

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For full particulars regarding this examination and for any other information, application should be made to the Secretary of the Militia Council, Ottawa, Ont.; or to the Commandant, Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont.

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