

Editorials.

TOWN AND GOWN.

We have in Toronto at the present time probably the finest body of students the city has ever known, and perhaps the finest body of policemen on this continent. Under the circumstances a prolonged "Town and Gown" contest would be a deplorable calamity, ending of necessity in the defeat of the "Gown." For many years the "pranks" of the students and accompanying hoodlums have gone far beyond the bounds of innocent fun and frolic. Wilful destruction of property by students cannot be allowed to continue for a long time in a city like Toronto.

No man has more fully realized the truth of these truisms than Dr. Reeve, the Dean of the Medical Faculty of the University of Toronto, and no man has done more than he during the last five Hallowe'ens to prevent boisterous or disorderly conduct on the part of his students. On each of these evenings he has entertained the whole body of medical students, some recent graduates, and some of the professors. He always provided for his guests a bountiful supply of refreshments, and allowed *the boys* to have a sort of smoking concert. His efforts to prevent his students from engaging in any lawless proceedings have been eminently successful.

After spending a pleasant couple of hours in one of the University buildings on last Hallowe'en, the students walked down towards Queen Street Avenue, accompanied by the Dean and Professors Primrose and Mackenzie. When they reached the vicinity of the corner of College Street and Queen Street Avenue, a body of mounted policemen, under Sergeant Goulding, ordered them to disperse, and at the same time rode among them slashing right and left with their riding whips. It happened that bodies of students and hoodlums had been guilty of disorderly conduct and had destroyed property in various parts of the city earlier in the evening. The police received orders to stop such disorder, and probably to disperse all bodies of men acting in a boisterous manner. The Medical Faculty students were singing college songs when the policemen ordered them to disperse.