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MORE ABOUT ATHLETICS.

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Dear Sir:—This is the second time I have yielded to the temptation, to write you a few lines.

Prof. Davidson's letter was most timely in many respects, but lest some of the staff or the student body should misinterpret the place of athletics in University life, I wish to make a few remarks. In the first place, as Prof. Davidson has pointed out we must not have the spectacle of two thousand students witnessing athletic contests and about twenty engaged therein.

That we had two thousand students encouraging our football team we proudly admit, even as every thinking person around the University must admit that no one thing has unified the faculties and affiliated colleges as has the practices of the rooters, for these occasions.

But it may be news to many of the staff and students to learn that at the University city of Toronto, we have more students engaged in interfaculty contests than any other University on the continent. One has only to think of the Jennings Cup Series, Mulock Cup Series, Sifton Cup Series, track, soccer, and tennis competitions to at once realize that, while we are still far from our ideal—that is, that every student shall be engaged in some form of athletics—yet we are far away from allowing a few men to do our athletics for us.

But the main point I wish to emphasize is, that many reading Prof. Davidson's letter might gather that athletics are simply recreation, and should be treated as such. If this were all they might still be worth while, but your humble servant would be engaged in some other occupation. But to those who really know their value, this "recreation" pales into insignificance beside those other things of tremendous import to the life of the man engaged in athletics.

I know this from an experience of eighteen years as a teacher of athletics, and as a physician who secures his knowledge, subjective and objective, in the examining room as the students stand stripped before me. It is this knowledge that makes one realize what an integral part of a University course are the athletics. And this knowledge is shared by men of affairs.

At the risk of repeating myself, I have only to quote William Michaels, in Moody's Magazine. In describing the different classes of men accepted as risk by bonding and surety companies, he makes this statement:—

"You are a college man? Or you are not? Well it makes little difference, speaking broadly, with the surety people, so far as your honesty is concerned. But you were an athlete at college? A point in your favor."

Now, think of that for a moment. A college man, with a surety company is not considered a better risk than a man who never attended college. But the college man who has engaged in athletics has proven to be a better risk.

If I were a professor, I believe I would ponder over this last statement and give athletics a place in the curriculum as an integral part of a student's training.

JAS. W. BARTON,
*Physical Director.***FOURTH YEAR U.C.**

The fourth year executive of University College is making arrangements for the annual skating party which will likely be held at Aura Lee rink, about the first of February. The event will take the usual form of two hours skating, followed by refreshments and two hours dancing. It is hoped that this last social event of its kind for '12 will be well patronized.

The men of the fourth year have also started to make arrangements for the graduating dinner, the big event of the year. The committee will consist of Messrs. O. Irwin, Stewart, and T. Brown, in addition to the men of the executive.

The fourth year of University College is likely to be declared bankrupt by the courts unless some loyal members of the class assist with the necessary fees. The treasurer is even afraid that he may not be able to get his pseudonym for the annual examinations on account of the financial difficulties of the class.

ONE BEST BET.—*Plaintiff* (in lawsuit)
—"So you think I will get the money, do you?"
His Counsel—"I think we will get it."
—*Puck.*

Dr. Leacock's Address*Continued from Page 1*

see the dominant importance of the main chance. Thus the relations between individuals is on a mechanical basis only. They are established by purely business connections. They are reducible to one of purchase and sale.

"Our tendency is to measure with the yard-stick or the hundred cents that make our dollar. We feel that a millionaire ought to be made a baronet; we regard a merchant prince with more reverence than a scientist or philosopher. 'If he is wise, why has he never made any money' is the universal attitude. And it is this apotheosis of the business man who, because of his success, is regarded as knowing everything that constitutes our greatest menace.

"We need in Canada real, rational public opinion—not the manufactured opinion of party politics, evidencing itself in the hysteria of election cries. We want men who will abandon any party for the sake of their opinions.

"This is the task of our Universities, to send out a type of men who are hardened towards morality, while there is yet time to rear up a generation who will not be bought and are unbribable. This task accomplished, we will have a new life and new Government. We will have solved the problem of an honest Democracy.

"A Democratic legislature was at first considered to be the Voice of God. Now our National legislature lies prone in the dust of Democracy. The machine methods, the shadow of the Boss in the lobby, the packed conventions all testify to the failure of Democratic theories. But now the Democratic Commission arises from the ashes of the Legislature. Pay them enough so that they will look like business men. Elect them for a longer term, ostensibly that they may be free from the necessity of planning for renomination, but in reality giving them greater power and therefore greater opportunity for graft."

In discussing the problems which await solution and in the solving of which the University man of to-day should take an important part, Prof. Leacock laid most stress on the settlement of our relations to the British Empire. The future cohesion of the British Empire was a question that carried with it the possibility of the termination of War. Extension of British Power should mean the extinction of warfare, not by dictation, but by inducing the world to lay aside useless armament. And since with Canada lay the question of an Imperial Government, so might Canada be considered the actual arbiter of the fate of the Empire. These and other problems were too important to be made the traffic of party votes, but demanded, instead, the earnest consideration of thoughtful, earnest men.

President Falconer, in introducing the speaker, declared that the greatest glory of the University is the old "Libertas Philosophendi," a virtue of the academic mind we ought to cultivate.

Miss Helen M. Fisher contributed to the evening's entertainment by rendering two vocal solos.

The customary vote of thanks was moved by "Bob." Fraser, leader of the Government in student politics and seconded by "Duff." Wood, leader of the Opposition. In the course of his remarks, "Bob." mentioned Dr. Leacock's reference to the interchange of lecturers between McGill and Varsity. There were 272 Professors and Lecturers at McGill and before the movement could be declared a failure, 272 years would have to elapse. "But," declared Bob, "the period will greatly exceed the figures given, as we intend to have Dr. Leacock back every other year or so, for the next fifty years." In response Dr. Leacock, stated that he would keep that engagement for 1962 and that, if not in bodily form, his spirit would be hovering somewhere above this building—or below.

Power of Personality*Continued from Page 1.*

nearer the human, by the force of pure personality in the scholastic life. The call of God is to be faithful and true and if we obey the call, drawing others, we shall rise to true manhood and take a place among the great pioneers of Christianity.

PERPLEXING—"I'm glad we don't live in China," said little Oswald. "It must be awfully tiresome to have it dark all day and the sun shining at night."—*Chicago News.*

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IV.—General Course, Political Economy (Economic History), East Hall, Thursday, January 18, 2 to 3 p.m.

MILITARY LECTURES

The Varsity has received several inquiries regarding the publication of the military lectures. As was announced some weeks ago in the Varsity, the Military Lectures delivered in the University of Toronto are being published in "Canadian Defence," the official organ of the Canadian Defence League. For one dollar, undergraduates may become members of the league, receive monthly the "Defence," and in addition full printed copies of the whole course of lectures. Information about subscriptions may be obtained from Mr. H. R. Alley, IV Year, University College.