

## MEDICAL NOTES.

Quite a large number of the students in Medicine who reside in the eastern part of the city are of the opinion that the lectures in Topographical Anatomy should be given at the Old School. All the lectures of the 3rd and 4th years, except in the above subject, are given at the school, and the convenience of the students should be consulted. We have known good students object to attending our school just because lectures have been given at two buildings so far apart, and now that the difficulty has been overcome by dividing the work in two parts to suit the men of the primary and final years we are much disappointed to see one of our lecturers break the order of things. Of course the old school does not give advantages of perfect ventilation and tone to the subject under consideration, but we are sure that we are willing to forego these immense advantages in order to use the time taken up in walking about four miles in pursuits more entertaining. We are sorry to mention the fact to our lecturer, but as we can scarcely get along without attending the lectures we humbly ask if it could be made convenient in any way for him to desert his "noble pile" for a less illustrious platform and give all of us a chance to brighten up those facts which have almost faded from our benighted minds during the past two years.

"The laws of the Medes and Persians changeth not." We have been informed of such by the Senate, and presumably though the law be unkind, its provisions must be carried out. We are reminded of Dr. Clarke's illustration of the quickness of repartee of insane individuals. One individual asking some privilege was informed by the doctor, that it was contrary to the rules and he would not like to change his mind. The reply was, "Only another proof of the old adage—a wise man changes his mind, but a fool never."

The Committee on Medical Council Examinations has put forth a petition, which is now being circulated among the students. In this petition the great injustice and inconvenience which would result to students should the proposed changes in regard to the time of holding examinations not be rescinded but come into force at the stated time, is very clearly set forth, but in such a respectful and reasonable manner that no reasonable body could well refuse to be influenced. It has been suggested by one of our worthy Professors that a middle course would have been the best to follow in this matter. That instead of petitioning to have the Fall examination held in April, as heretofore, we should have asked that it be held in the beginning of June or latter half of May. This would permit of the holding of the school examination at least one month later, and thus lengthen out a term which under the present system is much too short for the amount of work to be covered. Certainly it must be admitted that this would be very advantageous to the student, and much to be preferred to the Fall examination. But yet it is doubtful if it would be popular with the students as a whole. As is well known, a sort of panic seizes upon students of all classes in the spring—an intense longing to get through with study and examinations for a season, that they may hie them away to the country for the summer. An Arts student, who from the nature of his course is kept writing on examinations till even the 1st of June, is considered, and considers himself, very unlucky indeed. But even if this be admitted as an objection, the suggestion to petition for a June examination is a good one, more particularly as the Council would have been more disposed to grant such a petition than one which asks them to return to the old order of things, which in itself is practically equivalent to acknowledging an error of judgment in deciding on the changes to come into force next year should our petition be refused.

## WOMEN AT VARSITY.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

DEAR SIR,—Your correspondent, "Old Roman," has in your issue of last week made "a few observations" concerning the lady undergraduates, which have attracted a good deal of attention. It is gratifying to know, however, that of all the comments which I have heard made upon the letter in question none expressed anything but disagreement or wrath or desire for the blood of the writer. I think, however, that something more than mere passing comment is due, and that, even though the letter bears upon its face conclusive evidence of having been written by a contemptible cad, it should not go unanswered.

I do not wish it to be said that I can find no other method of replying to argument than that of calling names, but, nevertheless, I do not hesitate in saying that I think "contemptible cad" describes the writer better than "Old Roman." The people of ancient Rome would indeed be pleased at having such an admirable, refined and gallant specimen among them. He assumes the position of conservator of the proprieties, and has the audacity to criticize the conduct of the undergraduates and to reprove them for their behavior both inside and outside of college. To reprove those of his own sex is bad enough; to presume to criticize the conduct of the lady undergraduates is beyond all the bounds of toleration. His reproof is uncalled for, his criticism is unmanly, and his insinuations could only emanate from the brain of a coward with a pseudonym.

That such a letter could have been written by an undergraduate of the University is a matter of sincere regret. I will venture to say, however, that the total number of "Old Romans" among us does not exceed one. Many of us may disapprove of co-education, but however strong our feelings upon the question may be, we are fully sensible of the honor and respect which is due to those who avail themselves of the opportunities afforded; and if we are fortunate enough to know any of them we should consider it our duty to publicly denounce and repudiate such statements as "Old Roman" has presumed to make.

Yours, etc., W. H. BUNTING, '92.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

DEAR SIR,—Do our College walls still stand containing such a degenerate son as "Old Roman"! It is not to defend the dignity of the women of Toronto University that I take up my pen—their own dignity and bearing is sufficient shield against all such cowardly attacks as that of last week. After two years of close, unprejudiced and critical observation of the conduct of the students, I can only wish that some of the men could boast a little of the dignity which characterizes the women of our College. Did THE VARSITY remain within our own corridors there would be no need of reply to that letter of your last issue—because the students and professors know how false the insinuations are—but it is to those who read THE VARSITY outside of the College that I wish most emphatically to say that "Old Roman's" letter was uncalled for, untrue and unmanly.

A man who insinuates is contemptible, but when he does so anonymously he is doubly so. "Old Roman" makes no statement—he *cannot*—but he insinuates with all the effect of the winking, head-shaking, eye-rolling of a consummate gossip.

How well he proves the truth of the lines that—

A lie which is all a lie may be met and fought outright,  
But a lie which is part a truth, is a harder matter to fight!

Certainly the women greet their friends in the corridors, certainly they walk in the same direction to and from lectures, but where, pray, is the harm, real or imaginary? It is not, then, a cardinal sin for men and women to recognize each other anywhere—*except* within our own corridors? Well! Well! Because men and women—friends—meet within the same halls of learning, where one would suppose