

of God. The mystery of suffering is not the only mystery. Is not the good, the great and the magnificent equally mysterious? Then Job abhors himself, but the anger of God is kindled against the three who sought in servile devotion to twist and distort the meaning of God's providences. He thus vindicates Job, who, though his accusers made him to be less righteous than themselves, had preserved the right attitude towards God throughout the trial.

The epilogue then recounts the restoration of the wealth and influence of the well-tried man of Uz.

The audience filled the hall completely. The platform was occupied by members of the faculty and Senate, including Professor Goldwin Smith, Professor Haiburton of London, Vice-Chancellor Moss, Chancellor Wallace and Chancellor Burwash.

## CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

In last week's issue of THE VARSITY Professor Vander-Smissen takes exception to an editorial in the number of Dec. 2nd, in which an appeal was made "for more sympathy and encouragement from the members of the faculty" in college functions, and indirectly blames the students for not informing the faculty of the events. He complains of not hearing about the mock parliament, the Toronto-Queen's debate, the Arts dinner and the Departmental Society meetings.

The mock parliament was advertised in the daily papers, and programmes were placed on the bulletin board. The debate was referred to in THE VARSITY (Nov. 25th) editorially, under "notices," and under University College news. Programmes were issued in advance, and locals were inserted in the papers. The professor attended a meeting of the Dinner Committee, at which the date and place of the dinner were arranged. It was also mentioned in THE VARSITY of Nov. 25th, and other issues. Most of the Departmental Society meetings have been advertised under "notices" from time to time. I cannot understand, therefore, the statement, "With one single exception I have heard no whisper of these things until I read of them in your paper." They might have been read of before as well as after their occurrences. Further, the Professor says: "At the functions I have attended during the last ten or fifteen years I have felt like a stranger in a strange land, simply because I have been received and treated as such." Surely it is a striking commentary upon the relation of professor to student when in student audiences a professor has for fifteen years felt "like a stranger in a strange land." How much would this feeling be remedied by special reserved seats apart from the general assemblage? If, on the other hand, any professor has not received the courtesy and deference due him—and I do not think this is what is meant—I am extremely sorry, and feel sure no such neglect was ever intended. It would hardly be safe, however, to reserve seats unless we had some reasonable guarantee of their being occupied. I believe THE VARSITY makes every reasonable effort to keep the students and faculty in touch with University events, and I feel that the "managers" of the several societies do their duty in this respect to a very large degree. The secret of the situation seems to be that many of the faculty seem to

feel that it is the bounden duty of the students to keep them in touch with events around the University. The students, on the other hand, feel, and rightly so, that it is just as much a duty on the part of the faculty to keep themselves posted. We probably have sufficient machinery, if we had sufficient mutual interest in our common concerns. If we have not enough mediums of information, why not establish a daily or weekly bulletin? Yours truly,  
W. H. Vance.

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Dear Mr. Editor: Before another May examination comes around, to my mind, and I venture to think to the minds of many others, there is one thing which ought to be remedied, namely, the setting of University of Toronto examination papers by those who are not on the University staff, and who are consequently not in touch with the scope of the lectures delivered. Possibly the other faculties are not under the same affliction, but heretofore Arts students have been annually subjected to the task of writing on papers set by men who have only the very slightest idea of the material presented to the students in the class-room.

For example, last year the second year pass and honor English paper was set by an outside gentleman. To say the least, that paper had almost no bearing on the English lectures of the previous year. After the examination almost unanimously the pass students felt they were plucked, and the honor students that either their honors would be very low or out of the question. The class list nevertheless shows 12 with A, 17 with B, 1 with C, and 4 with star standing, and an equally normal rating among the honor men. Either of two things is true: students on the whole don't know when they are plucked, or else the paper was examined over-leniently. Certainly the latter was the case, and the examination was to a great extent a farce.

The same thing may be said of two honor mathematics papers of the same year set by two gentlemen not connected with the staff. The effects, however, were more serious, because although to some extent the matter was remedied by lenient marking, it must be remembered that a man has nerves, and particularly a college man has them in May. To do badly on an unfair paper plays havoc with one's nerves, and renders him unfit to a greater or less degree to write on the following paper—unless forsooth he is a veritable stoic.

On whom lies the blame? Certainly not on the lecturers, nor yet on the students, nor probably on the examiners. Both lecturers and examiners may be most competent, but if the examiner sets the paper from one standpoint, whereas the lecturer lectured from another, the student does the suffering. Let's have a remedy to this serious grievance.  
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### AN ENIGMA.

Her hair was soft and dark as night,  
She did not want it so;  
In vain she tried to make it light  
To please her only beau.

A friend advised some simple thing,  
She tried it all alone;  
Now Bobby wonders why she rings  
Him up by telephone.

—Notre Dame Scholastique.