

In this instance there is apparently a disposition to give us 'breathing time.'

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"We commend *The Varsity*, a new journal connected with Toronto University, to the attention of all who are interested in that institution and the cause of education generally."—*Grip*.

"The Varsity is the name of the new paper issued by the students of University College and the other Colleges affiliated with the University of Toronto. . . . The first number of *The Varsity* is a really creditable sheet, and promises well for the future."—*Toronto World*.

"There is a fine field for *The Varsity* to occupy, as the graduates of the University now run up into the thousands, while there are hundreds of occasional students who never graduate at all, all of whom will no doubt be glad to have a paper giving them chit-chat about their *Alma Mater*."—*The Globe*.

From motives of self-abasement I give the last place to the subjoined excerpt:—

"It was surely time that the graduates and undergraduates of the Provincial University had a journalistic mouthpiece of their own. Attempts have been made already to establish such an organ, but for some reason or other have never succeeded. The Varsity makes its appearance at a time when the tide of University success is at the flood, and may reasonably claim the support of all friends of the institution.

The first number is, of course, no fair criterion of what this journal is to prove in future; still there is sufficient *verve* and ability manifested in it to satisfy all who take an interest in higher education.

The paragraphs in the Varsity are well, not to say smartly, written, especially 'Observations by the Patriarch Student.'

We trust that this promising venture will be sustained cordially and in a substantial way, not merely by those who are immediately connected with the University, but by all who have at heart the interests of superior culture.

—*The Mail*.

#### VARSITY SPORT.

—A meeting of the University College Foot-ball Association was held on Thursday, Mr. T. C. Milligan, the vice-President in the chair, for the purpose of electing three committeemen, one from the third year—*vice* Mr. Haig resigned—and two from the Freshman year. The Committee is at present constituted as follows:—President, Mr. A. Carruthers, B. A., etc.; Vice-President, T. C. Milligan; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. W. Laidlaw; Recording Secretary, J. C. McAndrew; Treasurer, Mr. A. R. McDougall; Committeemen, Fourth Year, Messrs. McCallum and Nelson; Third Year, Messrs. Creelman and Miles; Second Year, Messrs. Mackay and Broadfoot; Freshman Year, Messrs. Wigle and Aikenhead,

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The minor sports, though always less enjoyable than the major events, proved, this year, to be of unusual interest. Every number of the programme was well contested; and, in the walking race, the time was especially good. Mr. Blake, had he been more generally pressed, could, I think, have brought his pace of 37 down to the half minute; in the servants' race Walker was not six inches behind the first man. The following is a list of the events, with the names of the various prize donors and winners:

1. Throwing Cricket Ball. (Distance.) Prize presented by the Dean. E. Wigle (1st Year), 95 yards.
2. Running High Jump. Prize presented by the University Registrar. (1.) D. C. Little (2nd Year), 5 ft. 1 in.; (2.) R. A. Little (1st Year), 4 ft. 3 in.
3. Running Long Jump. Prize presented by Professor Wright. (1.) D. C. Little (2nd Year), 17 ft. 3 in.; (2.) T. A. McAndrew (4th Year), 16 ft. 9 in.; Residence prize, D. Armour (4th Year), 15 ft.
4. Putting the Stone. Prize presented by Mons. E. Perriat. (1.) T. Brown (1st Year), 26 ft. 6 in.
5. Running Hop Step and Jump. Prize presented by Mr. Hirschfelder. (1.) R. A. Little (1st Year), 38 ft. 6 in.
6. Walking Race.—(3 Miles.) Prize presented by Professor Young. (1.) E. W. H. Blake (4th Year), 28 min. 37 sec.; (2.) I. Anderson (2nd Year), 29 min. 47 sec.
7. Steeple Chase.—(7-8 Mile.) Prize presented by Professor Chapman. (1.) G. G. S. Lindsey (4th Year), 4 min. 30 sec.; (2.) G. Gordon (1st Year), 5 min.
8. Tug of War.—(First Ties.) Between teams of four fours each year. Winners, 4th Year and 2nd Year.
9. Race, in Heavy Marching Order.—(220 Yards.) First prize presented by Capt. Baker; second prize presented by Capt. Vandersmissen. (1.) J. A. McAndrew (4th Year), 32 sec.; (2.) W. Laidlaw (4th Year), 33 sec.
10. Servants' Race.—(100 Yards.) (1.) R. Bullen, 11 sec.; (2.) D. Walker, 11 1-8 sec.

Besides the Tug-of-War team, the University sent only one representative to contest the Lacrosse games last Saturday. This was Mr. Nelson of the Fourth Year. In the 220 Yards Race he was leading well at the first corner, when Mr. Garry, in attempting to pass by, spiked him in the heel, inflicting an awkward wound. Afterward, however, he came in a good third in the hurdle, and so close to the second

man that, I may safely say, he would have had that place but for his accident. Mr. Skynner broke one of the blood vessels of his leg, just when the Varsity men were pulling their opponents over the winning line in the first heat. Here again, I dare assert, that only for this misfortune, the Toronto Lacrosse Club would have had a hard tussle for the prize.

#### CONVOCATION.

##### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION APPOINTED BY CONVOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

By resolution, dated the seventh day of June, A.D. 1880, the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. J. M. Gibson, M.A., LL.B., M.P.P., Mr. H. M. Deroche, M. A., M.P.P., Mr. R. Harcourt, M.P.P., Hon. R. M. Wells, M.P.P., Mr. J. M. Buchan, Dr. Richardson, Mr. J. C. Hamilton, LL.B., Mr. J. H. Hunter, M.A., Mr. J. Patterson, M.A., and Mr. Nicol Kingsmill, M.A., were appointed a Committee to "Consider the expediency of procuring Amendments to the Acts relating to the University," and amongst others, the amendments indicated in the schedule to the resolution.

The Committee first met on the 2nd July, 1880, at the office of the Chancellor, when Mr. Kingsmill was appointed Chairman of the Committee, and afterwards at the office of the Chairman on the 24th September, 1880.

The Committee beg to report that they have considered the Act respecting the University of Toronto, chap. 210, Revised Statutes of Ontario, and the amendments proposed by the resolution in Convocation, and suggest that the Legislature of the Province of Ontario be asked to amend the University Act in the following particulars:

##### I.—AS TO CONVOCATION.

That there should be no discrimination against any of the graduates of the University as regards their qualification for membership of Convocation; that all graduates of the University be members of Convocation, and that Section 12 of the Act respecting the University of Toronto be amended accordingly.

That the Register of the Graduates constituting the Convocation of the University be kept in an office of the University building, open during business hours, and that the Registrar, or some one appointed by him, should be in regular attendance at such office, and that Section 13 of the University Act be amended accordingly.

That it is not desirable to diminish the number necessary to form a quorum of Convocation.

That the term of office of the Chairman of Convocation remain unchanged, but that the Chairman be elected by ballot, at the same time and in the same manner as is provided for the election of the Chancellor.

That the Clerk of Convocation be elected for the term of two years, and be eligible for re-election. The present Clerk to hold office until the Convocation be held in June, 1881.

That the Clerk of Convocation also act as Treasurer.

Then it shall be the duty of the Senate to give notice of the meeting of Convocation by advertisement, and that the expenses thereof be paid out of the Income Appropriation Fund.

##### II.—AS REGARDS THE SENATE.

Your Committee report, that, in their opinion, the present mode of election of Senators is unsatisfactory, and that it would be to the interest of the University if means were taken to bring the candidates for the office of Senator before their constituents by nomination, and recommend that the University Act be amended to provide:

That the election of Senators take place on the second Thursday in May, triennially, and be preceded by a nomination.

That at least ten nominators should be necessary for each candidate.

That nomination papers may contain the names of one or more candidates.

That the nomination papers be sent to the Registrar of the University at least six weeks before the election, and that the Registrar send out the voting papers at least four weeks before the election.

That no other voting papers than those sent out by the Registrar be used at the election.

That the voting papers may be returnable by the voters forthwith after they have received them.

That the names of all nominated candidates be sent by the Registrar to the members of Convocation with the voting papers.

That the whole elective portion of the Senate be elected for three years, and that present elective members of the Senate go out of office on the second Thursday in May, 1881, and that the first election under the new provision take place on that day.

That all retiring members of the Senate be eligible for re-election.

That every candidate shall be entitled to be present, in person or by his agent, at the opening of the voting papers.

The Committee discussed the suggestions of the resolutions as to Senators who had not attended meetings of the Senate being ineligible for re-election, and decided that it was needless to make any provision as to this, as the Committee learn that steps are being taken to inform the members of Convocation from time to time of the Senator's proceedings, and it would be for the members of Convocation to decide as to the propriety of re-electing Senators who had neglected to attend the Senate meetings.

The Committee also suggest, that the Legislature of Ontario be asked to confer upon the Minister of Education power to declare such of the University examinations as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall by proclamation indicate to be sufficient qualification for Teachers in the Public Schools of the Province, and for positions in the Civil Service of Ontario, under the Act relating to the Civil Service.

The Committee beg also to report, that as the University of Toronto is in fact the Provincial University, and is usually so designated, that it would be proper for its name to be changed to that of "The University of Ontario."

The Committee would further suggest, that it would be desirable to appoint a committee to confer with the Minister of Education in reference to the proposed amendments, and to take proper steps to obtain the legislation suggested.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NICOL KINGSMILL.

Chairman.

Mr. Houston at last meeting gave notice that he would at this meeting "move for a committee to consider the question whether the request of the late Richard Noble Starr, M. D., for the encouragement of the study of the subjects of Anatomy, Physiology, and Pathology has heretofore been applied by the Senate in the manner best calculated to give effect to the Devisor's intention."