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## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

FOR a good many years past there has always been more or less discussion upon the feasibility of holding a University dinner, similar to those which are held in various other Universities, both in Canada and across the line. The objections to such a proposal in connection with Toronto University are obvious and insurmountable. But we believe that the idea has something in it, out of which some advance upon the custom of former years can be made. The question, as recently resolved in a mass meeting of students, is now one of a University College dinner. Of such we heartily approve. We know of no better way to secure, in the minds of students, the dethronement of the *class* spirit and produce the ascendancy of the *College* spirit. We know of few better occasions on which, by way of a change, the freshman might be given the opportunity of forgetting the inferiority, and in which the senior might give others the opportunity of forgetting the superiority, of his academic *status*.

We believe, moreover, that a well-conducted College dinner, at which the Faculty should attend, would be of immense satisfaction to the students, and would not be altogether lost upon the Faculty. There are few such unions at present, and an annual dinner would be something to which all would look forward with pleasant anticipations.

The abolition of class-dinners, such as have been held in the past, will not be much regretted. They were seldom successful, from a financial standpoint, and the attendant circumstances were not always of the kind which one would look back upon with much pride or great satisfaction. They were seldom patronized to the extent that it is believed a College dinner would be. Frequently men number their friends among the years above or below them, and they are unwilling to participate in an event from which their best friends are excluded. Consequently we

believe that a dinner, which every undergraduate in arts can attend with perfect freedom and reasonable expense, will have the unqualified approval and the hearty support of the great body of students. But—*proh pudor!*—we have been guilty of the reprehensible neglect of the women undergraduates in our considerations. What will be done with the ladies?

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It is a strange thing that the Residence in connection with University College has come to be such an anomaly. Residence is supposed, we believe, to be able to accommodate some fifty students. But there are not half that number of occupants this year. When the attendance at the College was much smaller the Residence was better filled. Of late years the number in Residence has diminished rapidly. The students of Toronto do not seem to realize the benefits of what, in English and most American Universities, is thought to be the best part of a University training; or else they are compelled, from economical or some other considerations, to seek accommodation elsewhere than in Residence.

From whichever cause, the fact is patent that Residence, with all its associations and enchantments, is being deserted. At the present rate of decrease, a few more years will see every house vacated. It looks as if it was the intention of the authorities to facilitate this condition of affairs as much as possible, for no effort seems to be made, from year to year, to induce new men to enter. That they need some inducement is evident, unless the Dean wants to have always on hand a number of apartments "to let."

It may be that the abandonment of the Residence by the men students is sought in order that the solution of the question of a Woman's Residence may be arrived at. We do not wish to raise the hopes of some too high by stating this as a fact. We merely make this suggestion in an effort to explain the silent process of "eviction" which is in force in Residence, and which, in a few more years, will leave it without a tenant.

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The most hopeful enthusiast of Varsity's football teams must be satisfied with their record so far this year, and with their chances of winning the championship honors. For the first time in history Varsity defeated Queen's upon the Queen's grounds last Saturday. Next Saturday the match will be played upon the Varsity grounds; and, if the presence of the undergraduates helps the home team any, they can rely upon unbounded assistance, for we are assured that the turnout will be tremendous.

## Y.W.C.A. NOTES.

The first meeting of the Y.W.C.A. for the fall term was held in the Y.M.C.A. building on Wednesday, Oct. 14th, with the president, Miss Bapty, in the chair. Several new members were proposed and accepted, and Mrs. Fraser, the honorary president, gave a very helpful and interesting address.

The second meeting was held on Oct. 21st, and was more largely attended than the first one. The election of members for different committees took place, also the