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## THE FLIGHT OF THE GULLS.

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Out over the spaces,  
The sunny, blue places,  
Of water and sky;  
Where day on day merges  
In nights that reel by;  
Through calm and through surges,  
Through stormings and lulls.

O, follow,

Follow,

The flight of the gulls.

With wheeling and reeling,  
With skimming and stealing,  
We wing with the wind  
Out over the heaving  
Of gray waters, leaving  
The lands far behind  
And dipping ships' hulls.

O, follow,

Follow,

The flight of the gulls

Up over the thunder  
Of reefs that lie under,  
And dead sailors' graves;  
Like snow-flakes in summer,  
Like blossoms in winter,  
We float on the waves,  
And the shore-tide that pulls.

O, follow,

Follow,

The flight of the gulls.

Would you know the wild vastness  
Of the lakes in their fastness,  
Their heaven's blue span;  
Then come to this region.  
From the dwellings of man,  
Leave the life-care behind you,  
That nature annuls,

And follow,

Follow,

The flight of the gulls.

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with the teaching profession. It has always, indeed, exercised through its members and its examinations a great and ever increasing influence over the secondary schools; but last year it undertook duties in connection with the Departmental Examinations which practically give it almost complete control over the character both of the general work of the High Schools and of the non-professional (that is, literary and scientific) training of teachers. As the recent changes in the relations of the University and the Education Department are not yet generally known, I am glad to have this opportunity of bringing them under the notice of the patrons of THE VARSITY. To the general reader who is interested in our educational system, an account of these changes cannot but prove interesting; while to the student who intends to become a teacher, it will, I trust, be found useful as well. It will, besides, be the best possible introduction to some remarks I have to make on the subject of the University courses most suitable for the Teaching profession.

First, then, as to the present relations of the University and the Education Department, so far as concerns secondary education.

(1) There are now four forms in the High Schools, the courses in Forms II., III. and IV. being respectively identical with those prescribed by the University of Toronto for pass Junior matriculation, honour Junior matriculation, and pass and honour Senior matriculation. The course in Form I. is simply preparatory for those in the higher forms, with the addition of Reading, Drawing, the Commercial branches, and one or two optional subjects. Before 1885 most of the High School courses were in many respects different from one another and from those prescribed for University matriculation. In that year, however, changes were made which last September culminated in an almost complete assimilation of the various preparatory courses.

(2) Until last July the Central Committee prepared the examination papers for the different grades of Public School Teachers' certificates. Henceforth the papers set by the examiners of Toronto University will be used by the Education Department for all these examinations, except in the case of the lowest grade (third class) for which there is no equivalent University Examination, and for which the Central Committee will still set the papers.

Further details under this head will not be out of place. The Education Department has instituted three classes of teachers' non-professional certificates, Third and Second class, of each of which there is one grade, and First class, of which there are three grades, A, B and C. As I have said, the examination papers for Third class will be set by the Central Committee; those for the other classes will be set by the University examiners. The examination for Second class will be on the course prescribed for Form II. (pass junior matriculation), and that for First C on the course prescribed for Form III. (the honour junior matriculation examination), certain options being allowed in each case. First class certificates, grade A or B, are granted to candidates who hold grade C in one or more of the courses detailed below, in accordance with the curriculum of the University of Toronto, or the equivalent thereof:

## I. DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH.

GRADE B.—Honour standing in the pass and honour English subjects prescribed for the course in Modern Languages with His-

## THE UNIVERSITY AND THE PROFESSIONS.

### IV.—THE TEACHING PROFESSION.

With none of the other professions has the University of Toronto ever had so intimate relations as it now has