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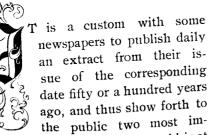


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portant facts; first, that the world is at least fifty or a hundred years of age, and also that the enterprising newspaper itself has upon its shoulders a considerable weight of years. thus hears at the same time of the threatened invasion of England by American ironmasters and by Napoleon Bonaparte, of General Assemblies and of the Clergy Reserves, of ourselves and our grandfathers as if we were contemporaries and danced in the same quadrilles. An excellent custom, indeed, as can be said of every means which wise men take to convince us that we have both a present and a past.

The Queen's University Jour-NAL cannot refer to its files for an account of the Battle of Waterloo or the Chartist riots, but it can reach back some twenty-eight or thirty years into the past of the University which it represents; and on occasion it can recall some passages of arms and men, some flights of fancy, some thrilling contests, or some efforts of sound scholarship which have filled

a portion of a good many young Canadian lives. And now and then during the present session it is the purpose of the JOURNAL to take an outlook backwards and recall some of the great events of earlier and more recent generations of students. There will, however, be little exact quotation from our own earlier pages.

A certain professor who has long since won the hearts of all who know him, took up his parable as usual one forenoon some years ago and began to lecture on Greek gods. Greek heroes and Greek accidence. In the course of the proceedings some questions passed down from the desk to the students in the benches and the various answers were acknowledged by epithets fashioned according to the quality of the information given in the A list of these epithets answers. was long extant, but was ultimately pilfered by some school-master whose own vocabulary had run dry. On this occasion the density of some of the students who were interrogated is said to have passed all bounds, and by rapid degrees the calm classic atmosphere grew thick with coming trouble. At last an answer of exceptional stupidity was given, a biting phrase flung back from the exasperated lecturer, a meek expostu-

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