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## THE PROFESSOR AND THE STUDENT.

Ever since our first year we have often heard the remark that the Professors hold themselves aloof from the undergraduates to such an extent that they do not care to recognize them on the street. Now this must certainly be agreed as an unjust and ill-advised statement, if we will but stop to consider the circumstances for a moment. Many members of the Faculty must academically come into contact with members from each of the four years, aggregating in some cases two or three hundred students—of course not nearly so many in others. Thus it will be readily granted that it would be next to impossible for a Professor or Lecturer to remember so many faces from the mere casual observation of them in the Lecture Room.

What, then, is a remedy for this? We were much in doubt for some time, until one of the Professors expressed himself on the subject, as follows: "Since we cannot remember all the students with whom we come into contact in the Lecture Room, it seems to me the only way out of the difficulty is for the undergraduates themselves to salute us when we meet on the street. We are all glad to know and recognize our students, but it is impossible to remember all."

There used to exist at Varsity, as there does yet in many Universities, we believe, the custom of the undergraduates saluting every member of the Faculty on the street, but this seems to have fallen into disuse. We would incline strongly to restitution of this laudable custom; but if this is not to be, we hope that the undergraduates will remember the evident wish of the Faculty in this regard, as expressed by one of our oldest and best-known Professors. This may appear a trifle to some, but it is such little things that help to bring the Professor and student into closer touch, and disillusionize the mind of the latter that the former wishes to always keep him at arms' length.

## THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

In a recent issue of THE VARSITY, the "Referee" draws attention to the fact that the original idea and aim of the Athletic Association has not been realized. The intention undoubtedly was that this body should control all branches of Athletics in the University. How far this has been fulfilled we all know. The Association has doubtless been of very great service to the University in the fostering and governing of Athletics, and especially in the supporting of the Gymnasium, and we do not wish to be considered as endeavoring to depreciate its value and service, past or present. We would point out, however, that the Athletic Association does not govern Athletics in the University as it should, and as it was intended it should, and moreover, that the fault lies in its organization—not in the men who have the helm. The fact is, as the "Referee" says, it is only to the exceptional ability and hard work of the officers in the past that the Association can look for the measure of success it has had in its most difficult undertaking.

We had an opportunity some time ago of enquiring into the methods of governing Athletics at several American Universities, and we were forcibly struck by three things: *Firstly*.—The Centralization of Athletic Government. *Secondly*.—The Co-operation of all Branches of Athletics thus secured, and *Finally*.—The important part played by the Faculty in the Governing of Athletics.

To illustrate, we will give the formation of one Athletic Board which seemed to embody the above most acceptably. Some eight members of the Board were elected from the four years in Arts (it was not such a comprehensive institution as Varsity), who formed the undergraduate representatives. To these were added three members of the Faculty, forming in all a body of eleven, in whom was invested all power of Athletic Government. The inner constitution of this Board was after this manner: One member of the Faculty was Honorary-President, another Honorary-Treasurer, and the third was Honorary-Secretary. From the undergraduates on this central body representatives were appointed to the various Athletic organizations, such as the Rugby Club, Track Athletic Club, Tennis Club, etc., etc. These men acted as Honorary-Secretaries and Treasurers of the Clubs to which they were sent, and without their consent, obtained of course through the Central Committee, no financial undertaking could be proceeded with. The duty of these men was to report to the Honorary-Secretary and Treasurer the financial and other affairs of each Athletic organization. This method secured perfectly the centralization desired.

In the matter of co-operation, when once a Club was permitted to use the University name, and thus recognized by the Athletic Association, the latter