

a small hothouse and the basement an aquarium for the preservation of the forms of life studied by the various classes.

Steam-heating is employed throughout the building, an ingenious arrangement having been adopted in those rooms which are likely to be most crowded for automatically cutting off the steam when the rooms become overheated.

The remains of Moss Hall still form an undesirable appendage to the west, but it is hoped that this will eventually give place to suitable additions for other scientific buildings. When these are completed, and a handsome Gymnasium erected the students will have reason to feel proud of this group of University Buildings. It is to be hoped that the government, which it is understood is about to erect additional accommodation for the Engineering Department of the School of Science, will put up a structure more worthy of a site in the University grounds than the present School Building.

A MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

That some steps should be taken to honour Professor Young's memory is a proposition which, we think, will meet with no opponents. It were useless to recapitulate here his qualities, his attainments, or his services. Somewhat of the general sorrow for his loss has found public utterance, and that which has remained unexpressed is none the less sincere. It is not necessary, then, to discuss at length the reasons for such a movement, since they will be obvious to all.

The question is, accordingly: What palpable form should our appreciation of Dr. Young's worth assume? In view of the late Professor's wide intellectual acquirements, his whole-souled interest in the cause of education at large and in especial in the University which was proud to count him among her professoriate; further, in consideration of his own modest but substantial generosity, it seems to us that no more fitting manifestation could be chosen than that of establishing a scholarship in University College, in the Department of Philosophy, which scholarship should bear his name.

We feel sure that there would be no difficulty in raising the amount requisite to found the scholarship. Five thousand dollars at five per cent. would yield one hundred dollars annually, and this sum we are confident in saying would be readily subscribed among the graduates alone. But the scheme should meet with the approval of the whole university public, of graduates and undergraduates, of all those in Ontario who are interested in education, of all who knew and recognized the real greatness of the Professor and the inestimable benefits which he conferred upon those within the circle of his influence.

It only remains to give a practical impetus to the movement. A meeting of the graduates and undergraduates might be called directly after the examinations, at which the scheme could be discussed and measures taken for its furtherance.

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THE LADIES IN THE LIBRARY.

To the Editors of THE VARSITY.

SIRS,—I desire to say a few words in reply to your correspondents "S.P.Q.R.," and "Anthropos" on this subject.

It seems to me that Burke's Anathema is being verily realized in this humane University Society of ours. The age of chivalry seems truly in decadence and to be followed by that of economists and base calculators—of pettish examination excellence. I cannot persuade myself that the objections to the presence of the ladies in the Library owe their origin to anything outside of a jealousy felt for the enhanced advantages given the ladies. It seems as if these cavaliers were afraid to allow such an advantage (which is after all not of the most

momentous importance) as a prelude equipment for this unchivalric joust with the ladies for class-position.

I presume that one reason at least why the College authorities do not grant this privilege to the gentlemen also, is derivable from their conservative belief in the vandalism of the male nature, which might display itself in full force within the Library walls. If I am not greatly mistaken we have within our Library annals accounts of actual appropriation of College property by the noble male section of University life. I think even our anti-ladies champions will admit that the Senate justly lose a good deal of their conservatism of view in dealing with the ladies.

If these same gentlemen, and those others whose sentiments they voice, will admit of more altruism in their philosophy of life, I think that they will be right in leaving the ladies unmolested to enjoy that *summum bonum* which is at present denied to themselves.

Without seeking to drag the personalities of these gentlemen too much before public view, it occurs to me that their very *noms de plume* are suggestive.

"S.P.Q.R." seems to proceed on the principle of the two tailors of Tooley St., in characterizing himself the "Senate" and "We—(are)—the people" of—Varsitydom. "Anthropos," if my knowledge of Freshman Greek serves me aright, is a name fitly chosen by gentleman the second as distinctive quite from the hero and cavalier *anér*.

It may be said too hastily that I append my own name as a bid for the favour of the oppressed lady undergrads., but now that the elections are over and the Federal Party ensconced in power, my bidding for favours, gentlemen, is a thing of the stormy past.

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THE LIBRARY.

To the Editors of THE VARSITY.

SIRS,—It is very evident that the dissatisfaction with regard to the Library is somewhat general, and that many of the students go on the principle that it is perfectly right "to kick a man when he's down," and so condemn the whole management without the least thought or desire to improve the existing state of affairs.

Still, the question is one that cannot be lightly passed over, and therefore there is the more reason why all should lend a hand, if possible, in devising means to increase the usefulness of the Library.

It is the constant cry among those who have to deal with University interests, whenever any movement in which money is required is mooted, that "there is no money for such a purpose." Let it be taken for granted that the Library is similarly situated; then if the University authorities cannot improve matters what is to prevent the students from doing something? Among those who are loyal sons of their Alma Mater there cannot be any reason why they should not contribute their share to the support of the Library. If we compare our position with the American colleges we may see in what way this assistance may be derived. Owing to their numerous endowments and the high fees required from students these institutions can control very large incomes. Fees range from \$75 to \$150. Whether a portion of these fees are devoted to library purposes or not cannot at present be known. But if even a small portion be so used one can easily see that they can grant unusual library privileges to their students, that a permanent library staff can be employed who do nothing but attend to the business of the library. I can see no reason why the Senate, the Council, or whatever body has control of such matters, should not increase the fees paid by the students and devote the amount added to the improvement of the Library. The experiment is well worth trying, and no one should grumble at such a movement when the privileges would be much greater than at present. There would be difficulties in the way, no doubt, but surely there is executive ability enough to overcome these, which I see very well must arise, but for which there must be some remedy. Students would then have greater privileges, but the rules would require to be rigidly enforced.