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## NOMINATIONS TO-MORROW

### Interest in the Parliament Situation Growing Apace—The Issues Set Forth

#### THE SITUATION:

To-morrow the nominations for members in the Parliament of the Undergraduates are due. It is felt among members of all faculties that there will be an imposing array of men sent up as candidates for this organization, which is destined in the course of the next year or two to assume its proper position in undergraduate life. Discussion of the issues has been fairly keen on all sides, and it is expected that by to-morrow all students will have at least the main points clear, in mind. The Varsity is endeavoring to place the whole matter as fully and lucidly as possible before its readers, and to that end is recapitulating below the main features of the issue.

The Parliament of the Undergraduates has not fully performed its function:

(1) It has not had the active support of the undergraduate body.

(2) Because of its unwieldy nature—the representation used to be 5%, later 3% of the enrolment, making about 120 members—the interest on the part of individual members fell off and little active work was done.

(3) For various reasons it has not been financially successful.

#### THE PARLIAMENT OF THE UNDERGRADUATES.

The Parliament is the representative body of all the undergraduates in the University. It consists of members elected from the various constituencies as outlined below. The Parliament has, as its business interests, control of The Varsity, Torontonensis, the Undergraduates Union in the West Wing, the Glee Club, Theatre Night, and University Oratorical Contest.

Its main function is to serve as a bond of union between men of all faculties. To a certain extent in the past it has attempted regulation of order at student parade and on other occasions.

#### THE PRESENT QUESTION:

The indefiniteness of the student opinion on the desirability of the Parliament's exercising this disciplinary control, as against leaving it in the hands of the Caput, the official body, delegated by the University Act to undertake such matters, has given rise to an enquiry which the Parliament is asking as to the real wishes of the student body. This will be done through a REFERENDUM which will be taken on MARCH 6th, the day of elections for membership in the Parliament.

The question will probably be put somewhat as follows: "Do you believe that disciplinary power over the students of the University should be in the hands of the Undergraduates' Parliament?"

#### FINANCIAL PROBLEMS:

In addition to the question of disciplinary control the new Parliament will have to find some way of financing itself more satisfactorily than in the past. There is practically no surplus at the present time.

#### MEN:

Good men, the biggest and broadest in the University are needed to undertake these most serious matters. Members who have already served a term are perfectly eligible.

#### NOMINATIONS:

Nominations should be made by to-morrow, the 29th inst. The name of each nominee should be sent, with the signatures of the mover and seconder to H. W. Lyons, Knox College.

#### WITHDRAWALS:

Withdrawals from nomination will be accepted, if signed by mover and seconder, up to close of mails on Friday.

#### ELECTIONS:

Elections will be held on March 6th at regular polling places all over the University.

#### DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution of members of the Parliament of the Undergraduates is as follows:

University College: 4th year 1; 3rd year 1; 2nd year 1; 1st year 1.

Applied Science: same as above.

Medicine: 4th and 5th together 1; 3rd 1; 2nd 1; 1st, 1.

Dentistry: 3rd and 4th together 1; 1st and 2nd together 1.

Victoria: 3rd, 4th and C.T. together 1; 1st and 2nd together 1.

Trinity, Knox, Wycliffe, Forestry, Education, each 1.

Where a joint representative is to be elected, the present years make the choice at this election. In all other cases the incoming years are meant. A bye-election for 1st year representatives will be held in the fall term.

#### OFFICERS:

The officers of the Parliament are: President, (member of Staff) elected by the outgoing Parliament in the first meeting in March, and Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary of Committee, Representative to Musical Organizations and Representative to Literary Organizations, elected by the incoming Parliament from their own number at their first meeting in March.

## SPANISH AND ITALIAN

### Plays Presented By Modern Language Club

The Modern Language Club and the Italian and Spanish Department relaxed their accustomed dignity and indulged in a tragic drama and a riotous comedy, *Lumie di Sicilia* and *Los Pantalones*, on Monday night last in the West Hall. The Montreal Stock Co. have given us two weeks of Grand Opera, but students and friends showed that they still appreciated—if they didn't understand—foreign plays by filling the hall. The tragedy of Rigoletto was nothing to the comedy-paths of P. Goforth's *Juan*, who has his trousers cut too short, or to the real paths of Professor Goggio's *Micuccio Bonavino* whose sweetheart, spoiled by success and adulation, deserts him for her new gay friends.

Paul Goforth, despite his wonted seriousness, made a big success of his part of the irascible and comic father who vainly tries to manage his family of three women. As he wandered about the stage with trousers four inches too short and a Spanish look on his features, Goforth was certainly the "scream" of the evening.

In the Italian play, Miss M. E. Stinson made a gay and frivolous *Marta Marnis*, the faithless sweetheart.

The line-up for the two plays was as follows:

#### LUMIE DI SICILIA.

Personaggi—Micuccio Bonavino, Musician, E. Goggio; Marta Marnis, mother of, M. E. Ross; Sina Marnis, singer, M. E. Stinson; Ferdinando, waiter, N. S. Chisholm; Dorina, servant, M. N. Burriss. Scene—A city of North Italy. Time—Present.

#### LOS PANTALONES.

Personajes—Dona Paula, mother-in-law of Juan, V. I. Keys; Carmen, Luisa, daughters of Paula, M. A. Taylor, E. C. Snyder; Pepa, servant girl, J. B. Tom; Juan, hen-pecked husband of Cramen, P. Goforth; Felipe, fiance of Luisa, E. Goggio. Scene—Madrid. Time—Present.

## GLEE CLUB

The last practice of the Glee Club will be held on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. After the practice the officers for the coming year will be elected and the tickets for Orillia will be given out.

## U.C. SENIORS HOLD DINNER

Graduating Class Makes Merry in Customary Fashion

### NOTED SPEAKERS PRESENT

Wit, Humour and Admonition The Order of The Day

Times have changed. According to a distinguished graduate of many years ago, a graduating dinner in his time would never have finished with the men capable of walking home unassisted. The men of 1912. University College, held their dinner at McConkey's Restaurant on Monday evening without a single man attempting to sit on the table or under the table, instead of beside the table. Still there was no lack of conviviality and, no doubt, just as much enjoyment as in the old days when the cork-screw (to which Principal Hutton referred) played so much greater part. It was in the speaking that the great pleasure of Monday evening's affair lay. Humour, advice, reminiscence intermingled to rouse "the genial current of the soil."

The responsibilities which graduates will encounter in political life were emphasized by Sir Allen Aylesworth in an able address in which his theme was Canada's status in foreign relations. While constitutionally, all treaty-making power lies with the king of Britain. Canada now has an all-powerful voice in foreign negotiations which affect her. Canadians are now appointed to arbitration and treaty-making boards. Canada and the United States have set an example to the world in establishing a miniature Hague tribunal to which all their disputes are referred. It is through the freedom of British institutions that Canada has obtained these privileges. Canadians should always remember the inestimable advantage of British institutions and connection.

Somebody remarked that President Falconer was in a serio-comic mood. Certainly, he was humorous and at the same time very serious. For instance, he said he hoped no one had found it easy to pass university examinations. The attainment of scholarship is difficult. "I hope you have some vision of what it means to be a scholar." You have learnt here that human life is constantly growing; but, at the same time, human character does not change rapidly. Don't be too critical; give a helping hand to those who are trying to reach the higher fields of intellectual attainment" was the president's advice.

Reminiscences of 1866 given by John A. Paterson, K.C., made a powerful appeal. Earnestly, too, the speaker pleaded for the fully developed life. "The world is a stage," Shakespeare declared and from Hamlet we learn how actors should appear, not too tamely, yet without too much blustering.

"No gentleman gets drunk; every gentleman has been drunk." In this statement

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## ASSAULT-AT-ARMS

Takes Place Friday Night — Novel Features Promised

The eighteenth Annual Assault-at-Arms will be held in the University Gymnasium on Friday of this week, March 1, at 7.45. An excellent programme has been arranged, including gymnasium work, boxing, wrestling, inter-collegiate fencing championship, tug-of-war inter-faculty championship, and other events. A very interesting number will be a bayonet contest between Thrift Burnside, an ex-Varsity Rugby captain and inventor of the Burnside Rule, and S. P. Biggs, Rugby captain of 1903, and also weight throwing champion of his time. Both are old pupils of Qr. Sergeant Williams and the contest will be exciting.

Come early and stay for the informal dance-music by Fralich's Orchestra. Remember the date, March 1. Tickets may be secured at the Gymnasium or from any member of the Gymnasium Team.

## ADVANTAGES OF CAPUT CONTROL

Correspondent Urges Economy, Consistency and Justice

### SELF GOVERNMENT FUTILE

Some Arguments Against The Adoption

The Varsity explained in last Friday's issue that governmental system of the University is the Province, the Board of Governors, and the Caput. If you add the student organization then that must be a fourth step in the series.

The issue can be narrowed down to one of discipline only because the control of business matters is already in the hands of the Parliament of the Undergraduates, so the question before you is, do you want discipline handled by the Caput or by the Parliament?

Government by the Caput has a great many advantages which ought to be placed clearly before you, before casting your vote on the present referendum. And remember, if you find you favour Caput rule, that you are not one whit less loyal to the University of Toronto than the man who takes the other view. You must consider the question as one of effectiveness only, and which ever seems to you to give greatest efficiency is the one which you ought to support. But before you make up your mind consider these advantages for Caput discipline.

1st. It is placing responsibility where the statutes of this Province say it should be, namely: in the Caput. If you originate any other system it will have to be complimentary and not supplementary to the power of the Caput, then why should law enforcement be any further complicated than it is at the present time, when complication means a decreased efficiency?

2nd. There can be no gain in leniency to the student by attempting self-government, for it does not matter whether a case is handled by a student committee or by the Caput, English justice must prevail in both cases. In either organization, gives more or less than that, then in the one case it fails because of leniency and in the other it fails because of unjust severity. So that as forgetting justice or a "fair deal" the one method is as sure as the other.

3rd. If you favour the student government it will mean that the Parliament of the Undergraduates will have to maintain three organizations where the Caput will only have the one. The Parliaments three organizations will be for, 1st business, 2nd discipline, and 3rd, an organization for carrying out and enforcing the judgments of the disciplinary organization. The Caput on the other hand will make use of the present business system in each of the Faculties.

4th. Discipline by the student will have to be much more thoroughly enforced than it is at the present time by the Caput. As an instance: The students disciplinary committee cannot overlook the imbibers at election time in the same way that it is being done now by the University authorities, without meeting with reproachful protests from the professional body. The disciplinary duties of the Parliament will be a much bigger problem than it is to the Caput now.

5th. The laws to be enforced are made by the University authorities and consequently should be enforced by the same body. It is quite within the range of possibility that rules may be laid down which the student disciplinary body couldn't enforce. What about inter-year initiating parties?

6th. The absence of known maximum and minimum penalties for certain offences is a great disadvantage to a student organization. There is, no guide now either to a student organization or to the individual students as to the extent to which certain mischievous tendencies are punishable. This lottery system of punishments ought to be done away with in any event.

7th. As a matter of cost, Government always requires money to keep its machinery in motion. In the case of the

The Varsity has not received nearly enough letters on the subject of the Parliament and its problems. It can not be expected of The Varsity staff to provide every shade of opinion; such is obviously impossible. We need YOUR views.

#### TO-DAY.

You should make a point of seeing that the best men in your constituency (see distribution in another column— are nominated for the Parliament.

The University needs her best now, if ever.

Caput the Province provides the means, but in the case of the Parliament the means would have to be provided by the students.

8th. Any form of student control of discipline is almost impossible here because of the loose spirit that is abroad in the University. If a student in a certain Faculty does wrong then his offence is covered or hidden by the men of his Faculty. According to our false standards of honour it is disloyal to this particular guilty student and also to the Faculty to which he belongs to give evidence implicating the guilty party. Under any such code as above student government is utterly impossible.

9th. We would be following such precedents as Oxford and Cambridge. It cannot be said of these Universities that the graduates are inferior in any way to the graduates of any other university.

You will place relative values based on the probable efficiency of different organizations to govern, and so now you have to choose between: (1st) A student organization without continuity, and this statement allows for a much better system of elections in the Parliament than at present. (2nd) The Caput which is as automatically a permanent organization as the brain of man can make it.

You are to choose between the two. If you decide they will give equal efficiency then the only question can be one of cost and permanency. If, on the other hand, you decide there is a difference in efficiency then your answer is simple. But whatever the decision is, do not let any one do your thinking for you, weigh the facts and vote accordingly.

There is a popular tendency towards student control, simple because it implies honour, but this honour you might not be able to maintain. Beware of any rush of feeling as against reason.

## COLLEGE SERMON

On Sunday morning next the College Sermon will again be given in the large Convocation Hall of the University. The speaker will be Dr. W. H. Wray Boyle of Lake Forest, Illinois. The combined octettes of the Medical College and Faculty of Applied Science will sing.

The Annual Meeting of the University Y.M.C.A. is called for Thursday afternoon of this week at 4 p.m. in the Association Building.

## CLOSED DOOR AT QUEENS

Despite the protest of numerous Jewish organizations the bill providing for the Nationalizing of Queen's University will contain a clause calculated to retain the "distinctively Christian" character of the institution.

Principal Gordon in referring to the bill said that the intention of the founders of Queen's was that it should be a Christian institution. He meant no offence to the Jews, he said, but he pointed out that if this clause were changed it would open the door to Hindus and Chinese. The wishes of the founders should be respected.

## COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 29—Trinity Oratorical Contest.
- 29—Indoor Track Meet (Second Day).
- 29—Mosaic Alumni Ball
- Mar. 1—Assault-at-Arms.
- 1—Victoria Senior Dinner
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- 4—Medical Daffydil Night.
- 5—Robert Knowles, West Hall
- 8—Women's Dramatic Club, "Much Ado About Nothing."