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## Editorial Topics.

### THE NEW BOARD OF EDITORS.

THE REVIEW is with this number beginning another perilous era in its existence, as in spite of much past experience, and much wholesome advice on the part of the *old Grads* an almost brand new board of editors are in charge. 'Tis useless however, to quarrel with the past and it only remains for the less experienced to labour the more heavily and as a place on the staff of THE REVIEW is always sufficient guarantee of ability there is little doubt but that the paper will for the ensuing year be ably conducted and regularly issued. Of the retiring editors Mr. C. H. Bradburn, for the past six months the *chief*, will be much missed, as will also be the services of his confreres.

### JUNE CONVOCATION.

It is a matter for honest congratulation of the "all round" sort that this good old event has, in spite of University Statutes to the contrary, not become obsolete. There were many reasons in favour of retaining it as the closing act of the college year and, with Final men, of their college days. Some of them were perhaps sentimental, but it was of that sentiment which binds and retains and from amongst our graduates forms a class, an exceedingly desirable class, of benefactors. Some reasons too, are more apparently practical, e.g., the regulations and terms of the Benchers of the Ontario Law Society. Whatever they are, however, and whatever may be their individual worth there is no doubt that in the retaining of the June function, quiet and stripped as it was, the authorities are realizing the hearty wishes of a large body of Trinity men, so large, indeed, that it might almost be termed the whole of that body, as also of the great undergraduate mass looking forward in hope to some day "Tackling the Tiger." The hope still lingers that some day the whole affair may once more be restored, with its pomps and vanities, its gold cloth and esquires' medals, its songs and *bon mots* and its ices and ladies.

### THE CRICKET CREASE

As spring follows spring, so regularly are heard low murmurings and occasionally more noisy outbursts about the state and condition of the crease. The dandelions assuredly have long obtained a firm hold in spite of many years of freshmen armed with the knife and headed by the pro-

fessional and a few of our enthusiasts. But the grass grows thinner and thinner in spite of many dandies cut and withered, so much so, that long rest is needed each April and May to allow the turf to thicken a little. A month of play elapses, and the crease falls into disuse for the summer, and here is probably found one reason of its poverty, for as the summer editor sweats copy and pores over proofs, his mind is sore distracted by the hum of machinery. On looking out a horse mower is in evidence also a self dumping hay rake, and where the grass should be well cared and regularly cropped, are seen long windrows of hay. Now hay growing does not improve a lawn any more than rattling mowing machines do editorials and, as the editor resigns himself to the situation and trusts that a mid-summer number requires but few leaders, he might well end with a "kick" against the agricultural tendencies of the times and hope that the coming years will take better care of what is naturally a pretty piece of sod.

## THE PROPOSED UNIVERSITY CORPS.

The military spirit in our Universities and Colleges is ever present, sometimes smouldering and dormant, but ready to burst into patriotic flame if occasion should arise. The movement for the organization of a corps to be composed entirely of College and University men has met with a reception so cordial from both dons and undergraduates as to surprise its originators, and the instant response to the request for signatures to the service-roll seems to indicate that if authorized by the government the new corps will have a "waiting-list" longer than the muster-roll. Some account of the various steps taken and of the exact *status quo* may be not uninteresting.

In March last some forty ex-members of the late University Rifles (which was at first an independent company and was then for many years known as K. Co., Q.O.R.) met in the Military Institute to discuss the possibility of some corporate action with regard to the Queen's Jubilee. It was decided to do two things, to replace the memorial window to the men killed at Ridgeway, which had been destroyed by the fire in Toronto University some years ago, and to make an attempt to resuscitate the University Rifles. The latter scheme was held to be one containing the possibility of great usefulness to the Militia Service of Canada and, therefore, to the Empire—as being a most efficient nursery of officers for other corps. A small committee was therefore appointed under the chairmanship of Professor Ellis of the School of Practical Science, and by a sub-committee of this committee a report was drawn up, after a great deal of careful investigation. This report was submitted to and unanimously adopted by, first the committee and then the full meeting of ex-members of K. Co., among whom the idea had originated. The gist of the report was that a battalion of four companies was recommended, No 1 Co'y to be recruited from the School of Practical Science, and to be a company of engineers, Nos. 2, 3, and 4, to be from the other Colleges and Universities, the whole to wear the rifle uniform, to form one battalion, and to be a part of the Toronto Garrison. It was heartily resolved to invite the co-operation of every student body in the city, and as has been already said the enthusiastic response was surprising. A deputation was sent to Ottawa early in May, armed with, first, service-rolls fully signed; second, petitions from the governing bodies of the Colleges interested, promising goodwill and support to the scheme;