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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

The University Daily Kansan, noticed in another column, is the result of the establishing in the University of Kansas of a Department of Journalism. This must, of course, greatly facilitate the publishing of a daily paper, which under other conditions would probably entail too much work for the staff. The advisability of establishing a College at Toronto for training in Journalism has often been debated, and the question is one whose solution depends, we should say, on the view taken of the function of a University. One is, that it should be practical—a view that, if followed out, would eliminate the Arts courses; the other, that it should be liberal—the logical conclusion of which would be the abolition of Medical and Applied Science and similar Colleges. Here we have a compromise, with a tendency—regrettable, some think—to the practical. If this tendency is sufficiently strong, a College of Journalism is at least a probability. If the older, more classical idea of a liberal education as the *raison d'etre* of a University is as strong as we may hope it is, it is unlikely that any further technical colleges will be founded.

But the question is by no means dead. Toronto University should produce men who will be a force in Canadian journalism, and it is a nice point whether the man who has had a general training will become in the course of his life a bigger and better journalist than he who has a knowledge of the technique of the profession. Without a doubt a School of Journalism in England would have no higher status than a trade school, for the simple reason that the men at present at the top of journalistic ventures are those who have culture and force of character rather than technical skill, even in the higher branches of editorial duties. In America, on the other hand, journalism is distinctly more a business than an art, and a man who shows early ability to take a place in the field will have a better chance than if he developed later in life.

We come back to the old question: to what extent will Toronto University combine English ideals with American practice.

A NEW ARRIVAL

Arrived at *The Varsity* office on Monday, No. 1, Vol. I. of "The University Daily Kansan," published by the students of the University of Kansas. Printed on really good paper, in good clean type, the first glance at the paper is refreshing. A further perusal confirms the first impression. Breezy, but well written, the style is typically western, and reads easily and smoothly. The editorials we expected to find written in the same bright but rather free-and-easy style as the news columns, but were pleasantly surprised. No less readable than the rest of the paper, the editorials showed none of the looseness in style which characterizes too many inside pages of American and Canadian journals, and without being stiff, assumed the suggestion of dignity which, in our opinion, is essential in the editorial columns of a really good paper. Altogether, we do not hesitate to say that the new arrival is undoubtedly in the very first rank of our numerous exchanges.

ONLOOKER'S CORNER

The Onlooker spent a prodigious fine evening, Saturday last, at the Freshmen's reception. Six hundred guests (if one can credit a caterer's count) were prowling about, amidst the palms. Sylphs, fairies, Adonises, sylvan decorations—and the Onlooker thought he had waked to a dream of Keats'. Dark halls, dim corridors, silent occupants—and he knew he was at a 'Varsity reception. A hundred young gentlemen in the middle of the hall, absently swinging hungry programs—and he knew it was the Freshmen's reception. It was a sight to gladden the heart of any college-spirit crank. There were men stalking joyously around the promenade who were once considered slouches. They were enjoying themselves to the top of their bent.

But—'Haus Breitmanu gif a barty. Ver iss dot barty now?' Where is the bloom of all that gaiety and ostentatious spirit? It seems that social events here are geyser-like burstings. Can we not force the social spirit into an even-running stream? Why is it that, with the scent of the palms and of the lemonade still in the air, the students mope about as if they had never seen the mad whirl of a promenade?

Where, O where is the grand dame, who has her salon, at which the wit and beauty of the community meet together? Where is the young man, loyal to Bohemia, who calls in his friends, as did Chas. Lamb, every Wednesday evening (or, as Chas. said, every Thursday morning), to chat and make history for Chamber's Encyclopaedia?

Ah, well! My editor says that this subject has been torn to rags. So I turn the head of my *hors de combat*, and ride away. I have been tilting at a windmill.

THE ONLOOKER.

HABITUAL HIGH-BROW



I called on my friend the Wisogynist last night. He had been reading, but threw the volume into the corner as I entered. I recognized it by the cover, for I had lent it to him—a de luxe edition of *Woman and Labor*

Conversation is a fine art. I started: "Young man," said I; (like most woman-haters he is a sophomore) "young man, what do you think of co-education."

"Rotten"—with a snort. "That is interesting," quoth I, "pray continue."

He rolled a cigarette and laid it down unlighted. One could almost hear the throbbing of his brain.

"... Woman's province is the home. Being, as Aristotle so ably points out, inferior in essence to man, she never can, and never will—"

And so the oracular voice went on and on until it trailed away into nothingness. I was tired of conversation; anyway, I am rather strong on Womans Rights. The Misogynist was dozing, contemplating no doubt the shallowness of the feminine mind. Idly picking up a Class List I found myself confronted with his name, and standing in English and History (CI). Latin 2.4... Greek 2.3... English (aha, English is his strong point—English 1.4. "Only fourth!" quoth I; and I looked for the other three.

"Miss Brown, English 1.1," I read aloud. He opened his eyes.

"Miss Green, English 1.2," I read.

He growled.

"Miss White, English 1.3," I read, unheeding.

"Oh well, there's no use rubbing it in," said the Misogynist, "exams are no test." And we left it at that.

CORRESPONDENCE

PARTING OF THE WAYS.

To the Editor of *The Varsity*:

Dear Sir:

I was pleased to notice, in the editorial column of a recent copy of "The Varsity," articles strongly condemning the indifferent attitude of the average undergraduate towards College or University institutions from which he could expect to derive no direct personal gain.

This spirit of short sighted selfishness, as your editorial pointed out, is unfortunately not confined to the University. One might almost say that it is the spirit

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of the age, on this continent at least; and it is a spirit which is bound to increase or diminish as time goes on. In this respect Canada is at one of the most critical periods of her history. In more senses than one she is "at the Parting of the Ways." In one direction lie vast private fortunes, such as have been built up by our neighbours to the south; in the other the self sacrificing devotion to the public weal which has been the distinguishing characteristic of English statesmanship.

It is the duty of the University to see that she chooses the better path. Is Toronto doing her share in this regard? I would unhesitatingly say that she is not. The spirit of selfish devotion to personal ends is as much or more in evidence in College activities than in the greater life outside the halls. The average undergraduate identifies himself with University institutions only when he sees that by so doing he can gain some direct personal advantage.

This attitude must change if Toronto is to do her share in upbuilding the public character of the Dominion. Men must learn to support institutions for the good that is in them, not for the advantages to be gained from them. Above all a spirit of loyalty to College and University must emerge. Not the sort of loyalty that yells a football team to victory, though that is good enough in its way, but the loyalty that prompts men to devote time and energy to the interests of the Alma Mater.

When we have developed this spirit of loyalty and rid ourselves of the curse of Indifference, then, and not till then, will Toronto be in a position to take her true place in the life of the Dominion.

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