

THE VULTURE AND THE HUSBANDMAN.

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N.B.—A *Vulture* is a rapacious and obscene bird, which destroys its prey by *plucking* it limb from limb with its powerful beak and talons.

A *Husbandman* is a man in a low position of life; who supports himself by the use of the *plough*.—*Johnson's Dictionary*.

THE rain was raining cheerfully,
As if it had been May;
The Senate House appeared inside
Unusually gay;
And this was strange, because it was
A viva-voce day.

The men were sitting sulkily,
Their paper work was done,
They wanted much to go away
To ride, or row, or run;
"It's very rude," they said, "to keep
Us here and spoil our fun."

The papers they had finished lay
In piles of blue and white,
They answered every thing they could,
And wrote with all their might,
But though they wrote it all by rote,
They did not write it right.

The Vulture and the Husbandman
Beside these piles did stand;
They wept like anything to see
The work they had in hand;
"If this were only finished up,"
Said they, "it would be grand!"

"If seven D's and seven C's
We give to all the crowd,
Do you suppose," the Vulture said,
"That we could get them ploughed?"
"I think so," said the Husbandman,
"But pray don't talk so loud."

"Oh Undergraduates, come up,"
The Vulture did beseech,
"And let us see if you can learn
As well as we can teach;
We cannot do with more than two,
To have a word with each."

Two Undergraduates came up
And slowly took a seat;
They knit their brows and bit their thumbs,
As if they found them sweet;
And this was odd, because you know
Thumbs are not good to eat.

"The time has come," the Vulture said,
"To talk of many things—
Of accident and adjectives,
And names of Jewish kings;
How many notes a sackbut has,
And whether shawms have strings."

"Please, sir," the Undergraduates said,
Turning a little blue,
"We did not know that was the sort
Of thing we had to do."
"We thank you much," the Vulture said,
"Send up another two."

Two more came up and then two more,
And more, and more, and more.
And some looked upwards at the roof,
Some down upon the floor,
But none were any wiser than
The pair that went before.

"I weep for you," the Vulture said,
"I deeply sympathize!"
With sobs and tears he gave them all
D's of the largest size,
While at the Husbandman he winked
One of his streaming eyes.

"I think," observed the Husbandman,
"We're getting on too quick;
Are we not putting down the D's
A little bit too thick?"
The Vulture said with much disgust,
"Their answers make me sick."

"Now Undergraduates," he cried,
"Our fun is nearly done;
Will anybody else come up?"
But answer came there none;
And this was scarcely odd, because
They'd ploughed them every one!

A. C. HILTON, in *Cap and Gown*.

Personal.

THE Rev. Prof. Clark preached at Hamilton on Thanks giving day, and lectured recently at Ottawa on Carlyle.

MR. WALLBRIDGE, captain of the second fifteen has been laid up since the game with the Dominion Bank, when he sprained his ankle.

THE Rev. D. F. Bogert stopped at his Alma Mater for convocation service, but was unable, to the regret of many, to remain over for the dinner.

WE extend to Mr. Dunlop, lecturer in Modern languages, our deep sympathy in the recent bereavement he has sustained in the loss of one of his children.

MR. D. L. MCCARTHY, '92, owing to a sore knee could not take his place on the team for several matches. He was greatly missed in the second game against Varsity.

MR. CARTER TROOP delivered a lecture on "Lord Beaconsfield" to a large audience in Ottawa, on the 28th ult., under the auspices of St. John's Church. Col. White, Deputy Post-Master General, presided.

Convocation.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
CONVOCATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING
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THE Executive Committee of Convocation, in presenting their Fourth Annual Report, take great pleasure in noting the continued interest displayed in the work of Convocation, as shown by an increased number of Members and Associate Members, the establishment of new local centres, and the general well-being of the College.

Meetings have been held in the following cities and towns of Western Ontario, viz.: Guelph, Galt, Woodstock, and Stratford. At Guelph and Galt the deputation from Toronto consisted of the Clerk of Convocation and the Rev. E. C. Cayley; whilst the meetings at Woodstock and Stratford were entirely conducted by Mr. Cayley. These efforts were attended with very successful results; some fifty Members and Associates being added to the roll.

The warmest thanks of Convocation are due to the clergy of these cities and towns, the Ven. Archdeacon Dixon, Revs. A. J. Belt and R. Seaborne, at Guelph; Rev. John Ridley, at Galt; Rev. J. C. Farthing, at Woodstock; Rev. Canon Patterson and Rev. G. R. Beamish, at Stratford, for their kindness in arranging the meetings and in forwarding the work of the deputation in every possible way. There are still many towns of importance to be visited in Western Ontario, and we trust that after this opening the way may be clear for further work in the same direction. The Executive Committee is always glad to send deputations to