

doubt that, at the resurrection morn, those who have been dissected will be found in as good condition as their more fortunate brethren whom the Army have taken care of. To save the bodies intact for that occasion, is, we believe, the object which many a S.A. officer seeks to attain in taking charge of and carrying out the interment of a pauper.

Either the law must change or the Army must moderate their system. It will soon be that, from lack of the proper material, an inferior class of surgeons will be turned out of our schools—unskilled because they had not the practice in dissecting they should have had. For the benefit of living humanity part of the dead must be used in that way. It is not a question of sentiment or religious views, it is a question of duty toward our fellow creatures. The law should provide better facilities than it does for the education of those into whose hands will fall the health of our country's citizens. In Quebec the law only allows a relative to claim the body of a pauper, and that relative must be a cousin, or one *nearer* of kin. As a consequence its medical schools this year have an abundance of subjects. Why has not Ontario as good a law?

We hope we will be rightly understood in this matter. We decry no sect—we simply state a plain fact. It is a matter of great importance to the coming generations of medical students and deserves the serious consideration of everybody. We would like to see our faculty take the matter before Parliament next session.

#### THE MEDICAL SOCIETY.

A very entertaining and largely attended meeting of the University Medical Society was held in the large lecture room of the college on Friday, Nov. 21st. Dr. Olmstead, of Hamilton Hospital, gave a very interesting account of a case of Jacksonian Epilepsy, presenting the patient whom the doctor had very skilfully relieved by trephining the skull and removing the tumor which caused the disease. Dr. King gave a very instructive description of the "evolution" of the Cystoscope and Eudoscope from their primitive state to modern perfection, and accompanied his discourse with demonstrations on a phantom bladder as well as other methods bringing much light to bear on the subject. Dr. Ferguson, the president, owing to the "lateness of the hour" postponed his address on "Diphtheria" till next meeting. One feature of the evening was a song by Mr. Shurie, which was heartily encored and responded to. Votes of thanks to the doctors who had helped to make the meeting a success were passed, and the meeting adjourned.

#### EXCHANGES.

From the bleak and oftimes blizzard-stricken State of Minnesota comes the *Ariel*, emanating from the State University.

The students of Yale must assuredly have a keen sense of humor, judging from the flourishing condition and appearance of the *Yale Record*. We, on the other hand, may be unusually dense, but are forced to admit that some of its jokes have caused us much pain and misery.

It gives us great satisfaction to see that the journalistic spirit still pervades Upper Canada College. The *Times* this year appears to be as well edited as formerly, and judging from the literary merit displayed in its columns, we feel satisfied that in the event of any of its editors aspiring to University honors, our staff might find some valuable acquisitions.

*The Argosy*, hailing from Mt. Alison College, Sackville, N.B., turns up bright, serene and confident. Character, political slander, and the weather are ably discussed in the present issue. We sympathize with you, gentlemen of *The Argosy*, in your efforts to retain the good old cap and gown; a similar problem is engaging our attention, and the prospects are bright with us as we hope they are with you.

O TEMPORA! O MORES!

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

DEAR SIR,—Friend Cicero was, no doubt, right in bewailing the abuses of his times, but did he live at the present day and had the honor of attending our College as a senior or junior, he would, indeed, repeat the above with strong emphasis and perhaps with dashes.

What is Varsity life coming to? almost every person who has any interest in the University asks. What is becoming of the old-time spirit of the gownsmen? They see but a dim indistinct, retreating shadow, instead of an increasing one going ahead and giving warning of what is to follow. "Coming events cast their shadows before them," as Solomon said, may have been true in his day, but it does not hold now. If the present development, or rather non-development, continues, we will end by being kindly asked by the freshmen to take a retired position, as our presence is neither requested nor required. Almost any true-hearted student is wearied of the present state of affairs. The calm assurance, or plainer cheek, of the present freshman class is unprecedented; and is a marked increase on last year's facial development. Have the upper years no right to preference in matters where such is possible? Has the veneration of age passed away? Those of us who have passed in a former year many times of fear and anxiety, who during our freshman period were accustomed to look up to our seniors in college life, feel this more than any, and are we to quietly take up the position assigned to us by the fresh gentleman without a murmur?

No matter where you go you meet him. In the corridor he will be found criticizing the ability of the lecturers, and will even intrude upon us before we have vacated the lecture-room. In the reading-room he calms his troubled feelings with a reassuring whistle, which, when found fault with, he informs you is perfectly gratis. In the literary society protect your chair by depositing on it coat, hat, and almost anything else, and, returning shortly, you will find them removed and the place thereof occupied by the most unassuming person, who looks at you with an injured air, if you inform him that he has your seat. On the street also, or even on the lawn, we see them sporting canes in the most confident manner, while some of us recall the time when we were warned, and sometimes abruptly, to leave such at home, until after Christmas at least; and some who took not the warning kindly mourn to this day the loss of support. One almost imagines himself a freshman when he meets with such calm self-assurance, which used to be the sole property of the hitherto respected senior.

Can nothing be done? No one would advocate a return to the old style when, apparently, he who could drink and swear most was the most respected; but could not a general initiation be held in which the freshman would be the central figure, while the other years stood in relief. No true Varsity student ought to find fault with such an *entree* into society, but modestly receive his due proportion of attention, and live in hope of entertaining likewise the future aspirants to collegiate honors. Truly, you say, the Senate has decreed something about interference; but what interference is it to have an entertainment in which the would-be protected parties give the program. Protection is recognized as a failure. If the whole College wishes such an entertainment, the Senate would be wise and keep quiet. This is the only way, to my mind, of keeping up the spirit in our Alma Mater, by having such an event which all will remember till their marriage day as having taken place at Old Varsity.

ANTI-PROTECTIONIST.

A chair of music has been established at Yale College by the gift of \$20,000 from Mrs. Ellen Battell Eldridge. Dr. Gustave I. Stoeckel, who came to the college about the same time as President Dwight, fills the professorship.