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Correspondence—Continued
AGAINST GOWNS

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Sir,—
I have read the correspondence, re the introduction of the Cap and Gown with interest and a great deal of surprise. Surprise because I do not think that those who have supported it are looking at it from the correct standpoint.

When Mr. Blackstock, suggested that we return to the wearing of the gown, he was suggesting the solution of a problem which is confronting this University today, namely: that the University and its men are not filling the position in the social community that they should or at least the position which they did in former years. In order to solve this difficulty he suggested that we revert to the wearing of the cap and gown. Personally I do not see that this would solve the difficulty at all for the simple reason that under present conditions, the Cap and Gown in the University of Toronto or even in University College are absolutely impracticable.

But what other solution is there to the problem as suggested by Mr. Blackstock? First what is the cause of the present position of the University and its men? Just this: This University is too large. In former years when it did such good work it was considerably smaller. In those days it could not be said with truth that "the sole relation between students and faculty at the University is the fact that students attend lectures and professors deliver them," which is the language used to describe the present condition.

This then is the solution which I offer: The proper authorities instead of being appealed to to introduce the Cap and Gown, should be told that this University with its present facilities, has reached the point of diminishing returns. When these authorities have been convinced of this fact they should communicate it to the Government of Ontario. Then instead of more money being granted to this institution, which has reached the point of diminishing returns, aid might be given to the smaller, struggling universities in this province.

Thanking you for space.

H. B. N.

TRINITY COLLEGE

The present week is full of events at Trinity and the man who works if he be not "shot" according to the old saying will be at least an exception.

The final Inter-year rugby game between '13 and '12 will be played on the most favorable day. Glee Club practice was held on Monday evening for want of another date and on Tuesday night Convocation Service in the College Chapel. To-night Convocation itself will take place in the hall built for that purpose. Thursday will be taken up with two important Annual events—the Steeple Chase in the afternoon followed by the Athletic Supper commencing at seven sharp. We hope to hear from the Measles Trio on that festal occasion.

The Fourth Year defeated Divinity at football on Saturday by something over thirty points. The latter team showed a remarkably good spirit by their determination not to default although half the team had never played before.

Two Trinity men highly distinguished themselves and the College on Saturday in University teams. A. T. Weir, our over-modest marksman obtained ninety-five points, the highest individual score run up in the Rifle Match between the Grads and Under-graduates.

Then P. J. Dykes won third place in the Inter-University cross country run and was the second man to finish of the Varsity team. He has a good lead on Eliot of S.P.S. who outran him the week before in the Brotherton Cup race. Hayes was also one of the Varsity five but having taken part in the strenuous Trinity-Vic. game the preceding Tuesday, could not come up to his usual form. He has in fact

Grace, Grit and Gumption
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Sunday night, Mr. Murray gave a talk which showed precisely the great advantages of Christianity over Mohammedanism, answering the often heard statement: "Why not leave the poor heathen alone?" Dr. Jays closed the meeting with a short address on his work in Africa.

NOTES.

The basement of the church contained an exhibit of maps, statistics, books, etc., very interestingly describing the advance and extent of mission work.

The Grand Trunk provided excellent accommodation both ways.

A quartette composed of delegates rendered some very fine music during the sessions.

Dr. Bishop, pastor of Bridge St. Church, was only able to be out for one meeting of the conference, as a result of illness brought on by overwork in preparing for the reception of the students.

The same old Toronto spirit prevailed here again; when McGill and Albert colleges gave the Toronto yell, the Varsity students could not return the compliment, although they did get through the Queen's yell.

Debate Won by Osgoode

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these sacrifices? The advantages would be centralization and a minority voice in the Imperial Parliament. Instead of an advantage, centralization has always contained the very essential elements which will lead to disintegration.

Mr. Gane in his five minute reply for the affirmative contended that such a Federation would be a guarantee of peace, while the basis of representation would not always be that of having a minority voice.

The judges, Professors Wrong and McGregor Young of University College, and Prof. Falconbridge of Osgoode Hall, maintained that the affirmative had not made out a case and so gave the decision to Osgoode.

First Meeting of Parliament

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Science and Medicine, six members each; Victoria, four; Dental College, three; Trinity, two; Knox, Education, Wycliffe, and Forestry, one each. The unwieldiness of the former Parliaments is thus abolished; and the new body should be able to handle all matters coming within its jurisdiction with expedition and thoroughness.

At to-morrow's meeting the Executive will submit to the Parliament a plan of re-organization that if adopted, will place the organization on a new basis in University life. By it the Parliament will be made independent of all other student organizations; and the Executive will become directly responsible to the Parliament. The legislative scope of the Parliament will be extended, and the Executive will have charge only of purely executive work. The plan is comprehensive, and undoubtedly will involve considerable discussion before it is adopted in its entirety.

coupled running and football throughout the season, having figured in every first team game and in several important races.

Mr. William Burt of '12, well known here as one who can argue and do it eloquently, has consented to be the teammate of W. E. Macniven, Victoria College, in the first Inter-University debate between Toronto and McGill early next month.

The Trinity representatives at the Students' Missionary Conference held at Belleville, were Messrs. Wm. L. Clarke Kingerly, Streeter, Hosford, Burt and Patterson-Smyth.

A member of the year '13 has taken a week off in order to go deer-hunting away up North at Minden with some old friends. The steward, no doubt, will handle all that "Eric" kills, providing that it be killed long enough.

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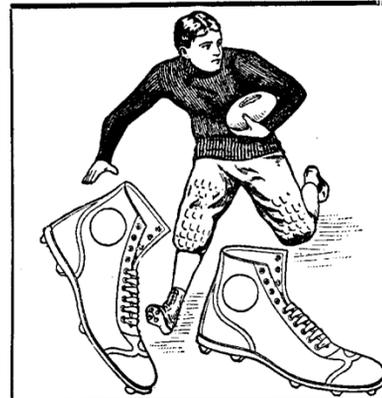
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