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OUR OWN!

Saturday, the 30th of September, the date of the Old Boys-Varsity football match saw the formal opening of the new Stadium. But the real opening was on Friday last, October 20th, when the student body came together to witness the Annual Games.

Every man in the big stand felt more than ever before how fully and successfully the undergraduate body has taken up its responsibilities. We venture to say that practically no person, however critical or experienced could ask for improvement upon the organization and actual conducting of Field Day.

We have won the Dominion rugby championship three times in succession; we hold the soccer, hockey, track and basketball championships all on the basis of clean gentlemanly sport. We showed the people of Hamilton last year that we are true gentlemen and the best of sportsmen, and we have opened our Stadium, our own Stadium, with a display of fairness and whole-souled honest enthusiasm that proves conclusively that Toronto University has come into her own. We are liable to be misunderstood by a hypocritical public: we have been subject to the most acrimonious criticism, but who now can say, with our scholarship so high, our sports so clean, our government of ourselves so irreproachable, that our University does not stand for all that makes for the highest and truest citizenship!

Truly, Toronto University has come into her own.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Dear Sir:—Having noticed several times in the columns of The Varsity, a cordial invitation for subscribers—including Freshmen—to voice their grievances in you, I thought I would take advantage of the offer without more ado.

When I attended divine service in Convocation Hall yesterday, it was with considerable surprise to find that, that splendid hall lacked the noblest of all musical instruments—a pipe organ. Hearing several comments upon the same subject, I thought I would write you to enquire, through your columns, whether anything is going to be done towards having an organ in that hall.

Most of the great American Colleges have organs in their main auditoriums, where, aside from divine service, free organ recitals are given by local as well as visiting organists. Why cannot Toronto do the same?

I do not think there is a student in the whole University of Toronto, who would begrudge a small fee towards an organ fund. Along with a few outside donations the students of this University could present their Alma Mater with an organ of which she might well be proud. You will readily see, with your editorial wisdom, the numerous advantages to be derived from such an instrument. Hoping that

this will receive your attention and humbly offering my apologies for taking up so much of your valuable time, I am,
Yours sincerely,
"A FRESHMAN."

[In reply to the above inquiry, The Varsity wishes to say that the question of an organ for Convocation Hall has been in the minds of the Senate for many years, but financial conditions prevented anything from being done until recently.

Last year, however, arrangements were made and the contract was let some months ago. A full description of the organ appeared in the April number of the University Monthly and to those who have not seen that, The Varsity wishes to say, that it will be one of the best organs on the continent and worthy of the University of Toronto. The contract for this magnificent \$20,000 instrument calls for its completion early in the spring.—EDITOR VARSITY.]

LIBRARY TABLES BEING DEFACED

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Dear Sir:—With your permission I desire to say a few words through The Varsity about a matter which was brought before the notice of the students late last year.

While in the Library the other day I noticed that already the tables are being defaced by marks of various kinds. Most of these are made with ink, and with a little care could easily be avoided. We have a splendid Library in which to study and the being who mutilates the tables is a cad and not a man worthy of the name. We cannot keep this Library a credit to the University if a few unprincipled people insist on drawing designs, and making blots on the finely polished tables. This vandalism ought to be stopped at once, and a word to the wise is sufficient. If a blot is made by any accident it can at least be removed with a blotter, but there is no excuse for any other marks.

I thank you for bringing this to the notice of those who patronize the Library and hope that in the future more care will be taken.

Yours sincerely,
SOPHOMORE.

ABOUT DATES

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Dear Sir:—In the hope that this may reach the ears of the proper authorities through the medium of our mutual paper I would like to suggest that owing to conflicting dates of the present series of Military Lectures and the weekly meetings of the Engineering Society, that some arrangement be made whereby such circumstances may be altered. I appreciate the fact that it is now nearly too late to change the dates, as the Military Lectures have been announced and Wednesdays possibly have specially been kept open by those Officers who have so kindly consented to address us on this important and intensely interesting subject. But on the other hand could not our Engineering meeting be held, say, on Thursday, while the Military Lectures are in progress, which I understand will be the greater part of the year.

As one intensely interested in both these meetings I am at present in a quandary with these conflicting dates. And I hope my fellow undergraduates, will be with me in stating that some arrangement can be made at once, before the next meeting.

FOURTH YEAR SCHOOL.

[Since receiving the above communication The Varsity has made efforts to have all dates for functions recorded at The Varsity office so that clashes may be avoided. A full announcement of the arrangement which it is expected will be made with the Executive of the Parliament will be published at an early date.—EDITOR]

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Is there enough material in the School to form a small orchestra in connection with the general engineering meetings? That is what is bothering Jack Temple who has been given charge of the musical programme.

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Yours sincerely,
J. TEMPLE,
IV. Year School.

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The attendance was about forty, which is the best this year.

HAVE CONSIDERATION

A party passing along Oak street late one night heard the following from a weary voice at an open window: "My dear Arthur, I have no objection to your coming here and sitting up half the night with my daughter, nor to your standing on the doorstep for three hours saying good night, but out of consideration to the rest of us who wish to go to sleep, will you kindly take your elbow off the door push?"—The Rocky Mountain Collegian.

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