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POOR OLD VARSITY.

LAST Friday evening one of the many student societies, in its consummate wisdom, passed a vote of censure on this humble journal. The full text of this interesting document, complete with its "whereases" and its "be it therefore resolved," will be found in another column. That the readers of THE VARSITY may the better appreciate and enjoy to the full this unique resolution, the constitution of this paper is published on the same page.

By the way, a rather amusing incongruity is brought into prominence by this juxtaposition. Following closely on the heels of the first "whereas" comes what professes to be a quotation from the constitution of THE VARSITY, and it is on this quotation that the whole of the wonderful structure rests. But that constitution will be searched in vain for any such article or sub-section; in fact, the words are quoted from an old constitution of THE VARSITY, that was out of date long before either the framer or the mover of the resolution was even so much as a freshman. The honourable gentlemen should really be more progressive. But, of course, that is neither here nor there.

The society passed the vote of censure.

Had that vote been passed in a precipitate manner, rushed through by mere force of party numbers without prolonged discussion or due deliberation, THE VARSITY would not feel the blow so keenly. But as the meeting gave no evidences whatever of being packed, as every man who voted had a perfect right, morally and constitutionally, to the franchise, as no freshmen ignorant of the circumstances or of precedent were present, as none were present who had not come of their own sweet will and unsolicited, as no extraordinary measures were resorted to to precipitate the vote, as there was such freedom of discussion and the most careful deliberation, as it was so clearly proved that the editor of THE VARSITY was the servant of the society, as there was such a remarkable absence of all party feeling and cliqueism, not to mention personal

spleen—in short, as the whole affair was characterized by such fairness, such justice, such moderation, such common sense, such freedom from partisanship, the resolution of censure well nigh broke the dear old heart of this great family journal.

But THE VARSITY is still managing to worry along much in the same old way.

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A correspondent considers that it is a trifle inconsistent for the Editor of THE VARSITY to oppose Departmental Societies when he is prominently connected with one. This seems quite reasonable at first sight, but the writer considers that he is serving the best interests of the society in which he is an officer by advocating its amalgamation with the Modern Language Club, the Political Science Club and the Philosophical Society, to form one Literary Society. Viewing the matter in this light, he is surely not disloyal to the Classical Association.

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It so happens that the Editor-in-Chief of THE VARSITY is responsible to no one except the Editorial Board, the University authorities and the laws of the land.

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In that list the name of the University College Literary and Scientific Society is conspicuous by its absence.

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Report says that the Society for the Propagation of Literary Blatherdash intends to censure VARSITY for not printing the paper in the Society's colors, yellow and pea green.

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Before again working themselves into a state of great excitement over a vote of censure on VARSITY, the members of the Literary and Scientific Society would do well to glance a moment at the Constitution of the paper and see how delightfully independent VARSITY is of them and their laborious and ridiculous resolutions.

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Lehigh is not the only university that placed its faith in fickle railroad stocks. Johns Hopkins was at one time rolling in wealth, but the collapse of railroads in which the great university held an immense number of bonds has severely crippled its endowment.

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There has been much speculation, both in Toronto and in the colleges of the United States, as to what changes in academic life will be brought about by the Greek Letter Societies. President Eliot, of Harvard, prophesies that college fraternities will, in time, cause American universities to be broken up into colleges after the plan of Cambridge and Oxford.

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It is rumored that the Literary and Scientific Society at its next regular meeting will pass a vote of censure on His Excellency the Governor-General, for not parting his hair in the middle.