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LACK OF INTEREST

In this issue appears a letter from Mr. Kingsford, a graduate of Toronto and President of the Canadian Defence League, appealing for a better attendance at the Military Lectures. We can quite understand that the hour, five o'clock, is an awkward one; by that time most of us feel that it is time to get some exercise; still it is regrettable that more men have not shown themselves willing to devote this one hour a week to learning something of military science. The lectures have been extremely interesting, and those who have attended them have certainly not regretted it. Next term, the course promises to be still more interesting, dealing as it will with selected campaigns in well-known wars. This course will give an idea of strategy and tactics essential to the efficiency of every officer, and we appeal to the undergraduate body to support the disinterested and enthusiastic gentlemen who have given us this course. Every man who is in any way interested, who has any idea of ever enlisting or of taking a commission, should make every effort to attend the lectures in the Easter term. It would be a lasting disgrace to the University, if for nothing but lack of undergraduate interest the authorities should have to discontinue the lectures.

For the benefit of all who for any reason were not able to attend the lectures this term, we announce that the October and November numbers of "The Canadian Defence," containing the first three lectures, with diagrams, in full, will be available at "The Varsity" office, next week, and that we expect to have the December number here before the term closes, with the rest of the lectures already delivered. The moderate subscription-\$1.00 the year-for this magazine should enable many to avail themselves of this opportunity. The Varsity expresses a sincere hope that the undergraduate body will, now that Rugby season is over, give greatly increased attention to this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE

THEATRE NIGHT.

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Dear Sir:-I wish to call to the attention of the readers of The Varsity the methods, which have been used in selling theatre-night tickets this year. When we sent in our cards, we had the idea that we would get fair play, but when we turned at up the gymnasium what did we find? Organization and everyone coming in his proper turn? No!!! The first man gets the tickets regardless of turn. The man who honestly waits his turn has no chance, and before ten-thirty the first and second galleries were all sold to anyone who turned up with or without a ticket. Were we asked for our numbers? No!! That seems to have been only a scheme, to keep the crowd away.

The methods of the committee appear entirely incomprehensible. The number business seems to have been only a farce.

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MILITARY LECTURES.

The Editor of The Varsity:

Sir:-I ask leave through your columns to call attention of the men, undergraduates, to the course of Military Lectures which has been, this term given at the University. The attendance has fallen Continued on Page 3, Col. 3.

ONLOOKER'S CORNER

UNDERGRADUATE HUMOUR.

A sense of humour covers a multitude of sins. Turn a man into the world with this sixth sense and he will surely succeed-even in failure. A man that lacks a humourous sense is usually more successful in business, because he has a surfeit of that bank-account tonic, 'common sense.' But he can never have the happiness of the humourous man whose kindly eye is ever spying out opportunities for playing magnificent jokes—the feeding of a beggar, the raising of a downand-out, the financing of a poor inventor's worse invention. These are jokes that tickle the primitive heart of a man, original jokes, fundamental humour-that are too hard on the purse for any but your humourist to play. There is plenty of wit around 'Varsity. But wit is a cold, steely thing, that appeals to the intellect. Give us humour, that is of the heart. (There is not enough heart in evidence among us. We seem to take it as a sentimental hobby of poets and lovers.) Inculate in the U.T. man a sense of humour that will distinguish him. Let us have Professor DeLury, who is a great humourist, lecture us on the Phases of Humour. The Professor's mathematics are undoubtedly excellent,-but it has always seemed to me that it is the Professor's colossal sense of humour only, that has led him to be a scholar of such a rigid science.

This is merely a suggestion, and no doubt the Professor, if he read it, will smile his smile at the eternal comedy of the undergraduate, and then pass on to the fourth dimension. But the Onlooker is sincere in his plea that higher education should imbue that requisite of culture, a sense of humour.



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