

proved of the plans and complimented the promoters but could not see why they should increase the great burden of the University, or injure the prospects of securing the endowment, now being sought for, by launching another enterprise side by side with it. Accordingly they requested the A.M.S. to withdraw their scheme on behalf of the larger interests and greater needs of the whole University. To this request the A.M.S. readily acceded. They all saw quite plainly that their hot enthusiasm had been misdirected and that the requirements of the University as a whole were the first to be considered.

This little incident has shown us as students the utter folly of imagining that we have any claim on the University constituency, to collect money for any purpose, without the consent of the University authorities. This is really a new idea to many of us but, it is a perfectly sound principle for the University to follow. The recognition of this right has had a very sobering influence on the members of the A.M.S. and instead of causing any division between the Council and the students, it has really brought them closer together in sympathy and interests than they have ever been before. The student body has realized that it is not a separate unit within a great circumscribing institution, but that it is a vital part of the one great unit, having interests, not separate from, but absolutely bound up with the welfare of the whole.

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This is the season when editors have little heart to write and little to write about. The pressure of work,

too long delayed, does not fail to make very insistent demands for a little attention in the eleventh hour, and unless we are absolutely reckless, we display strong disposition to hearken unto these promptings of fear and thus to bend our energies on books, synopses, notes, etc., rather than to dissipate our time thinking of profound topics for publication in the College Journal. However, we have the consolation of knowing that it matters very little what we write at this season, no one will venture to read it anyway.

We have been tempted to deal with the political situation in Russia and to express some opinions regarding the causes behind the eruption that has recently broken out there; but this seemed to us a worse than useless task under the special circumstances. The far East presents a very inviting topic for reflections, but it has been worn almost threadbare by the popular press the world over until it seems that everything *new* that is written we have read or heard a dozen times before; and besides the college man, more than all others, has given up reading the tedious details of war to make preparations for his own conflict with the "invisible powers of darkness," known as examiners.

Besides these European and Asiatic problems which seemed inviting there is our own North West school question. This has special interest for University men and educationists in Canada. That sacred and inviolable old Confederation Act—which has been to Canada like Chinese wooden shoes upon the feet of Johnny Canuck—has proven intolerable in almost every provision that referred