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The 'Varsity "Boys" and the Public De-Editor World: Can anyone tell us what has secome of the old-time dignity and usefulness of the public debate of the University CollegesLiterary and Scientific Society? The time was when in "Prof's Lecture Room" our public debates were characterized by decorum and decency, when essayist and reader and debator were listened to and with merited applause were rewarded for both work and worth, and at the same time the not too sombre hues of propriety that characterized the literary feast "ab ovo usque ad malum" were relieved by flashes of the wit that crackled and scintillated from the back benches, where the "men" of the various years sat. I speak of two decades and more ago. The "men" on the benches then gave the "man" on the platform a fair hearing, and it was no mean honor then to be elected to a public debate and make the best attempt one could to practically expound the society's motto, "Omnium Regina Rerum Oratio."

But now it is a different thing. Our audiences then were 200 or so; now they are quadrupled; the "men" have disappeared, by name at least, and the "boys" have hung their banner on the outer wall. The vocabulary certainly has changed; let us hope the virile spirit has not fled like the hasales Room" our public debates were character

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their banner on the outer wall. The vocabulary certainly has changed; let us hope the virile spirit has not field like the baseless flabric of a vision.

Last Friday I witnessed one of the modern debates in the large hall of the School of Practical Science, and by the immortal gods it was wonderful!—Herresco referens.

Mr. Irwin, the president elect, read a most able address, but the back benches punctuated it, and spoiled it in a way peculiarly their own. The reader, Mr. Graham (I think it was, but whom I do not know personally) read with far more than ordinary taste and expression, but the back benches got in a good deal of their ecosmicities; it demanded more than ordinary elocutionary ability to do justice to a thrilling tale, while the "doys" sat and eagerly watched for every opportunity to put in remarks and excelamations and waved the socus, while the reader wore the continua and exemplified at almost every period the retorical figure of "anti-climax."

But when the speeches commenced then, yo Olympic divinities, where were ye! The subject, "Should the action of Government the confined to the protection of life and property?" was ably argued so far as one could judge, but the buoyancy, or "boyishness," of the back benches took the matter under their entire control and the speakers on the platform merely said something when the uprear in the rear permitted it. It certainly was remarkable how the men stood it; they should not have gone on, but simply sat down. If any modern Demosthenes wishes to emulate the Greek pattern who, in order to accustom himself to the roar of a popular assembly around the Bema, went to the ocean and spoke to the thunderous surges that lashed the sounding shore, then let himson of the provided the sounding shore, then let himson of the University Literary and Scientific Society and he will get most excellent practice. But the most wonderful thing was that, although there were 200 or more who were exerting all their intellects to say some thing funny, there was not a single funny t practice. But the most wonderful thing was that, although there were 200 or more who were exerting all their intellects to say something funny, there was not a single funny thing said, not one flash of humor; nothing but the veriest chaff. One could hear better things any day among the Arabians of the alleys. If there was any wit it was so light and airy and buoyant and went so high that the audience could not see it.

Surely all this is from the end and purpose of a public debate, where old graduates and friends of the college, and students with their lady friends go, and like knights of the modern Round Table congregate.

"In the gardens and the halls "In the gardens and the halls "Of Camlot as in the days that were."

The men in our days were boylike, but that is not boyish, and they need not be different now, for intelligence, and ability, and culture are as great now, or greater, than ever they were. Why should a public debate be congested with a fusilade of a sort of mental (I will not say intellectual) horse-play—perhaps "horse" is not the word. I do bethink me of a line of the immortal William's where a fair fay fondled a mortal with the words:

me of a line of the immortal William's where a fair fay fondled a mortal with the words:
"And kiss thy fair large ears, my gentle joy."

Let not the flattering unction be laid to the soul that the young ladies there present played Titania to the bottoms of the back benches. But perhaps we older graduates do not see things clearly; we are inclined to say "Fnimus Troes Ilium fuit et magna gloria Teucri." This modern folly, or perhaps fashion, certainly does not exist at Knox, where the meetings are manly, nor at Queen's, and why with us now, who enjoy the proud repute of being the very crest of our great educational system? It was not so "in the consulship of Planeus."

A GRAD. OF '66.

walks. In Ottawa city, with its population of one-fifth that of Toronto, where the depth of snow is probably ten times that of this city, the silewalks are properly cleaned at a charge of from \$1 to \$1.50 per 100 feet, lineal

frontage.

The work is performed in Ottawa by two is above the average.

attention is drawn to it, you will not hesitate to correct. Under the heading "Unworthy Game Wagdens," you say as follows: "When we are on the subject we may say that we The Fancy Fair and sale of work in aid of the reception at Government House the Convent of the Sisters of the Precious will be discontinued for the pre-Game Wagdens," you say as follows: "When we are on the subject we may say that we see by The Flesherton Advance that Alfred Wright of New York, after a week's nunt in the Nipissing District, sent a fine deer, with a superb pair of antlers, to a friend in Flesherton. It was presumably a moose and was admittedly shot in Ontario." What The Flesherton Advance did say was as follows: "A nice present one day last week, when the express agent delivered at her door a handsome present one day last week, when the express agent delivered at her door a handsome lifer with a fine pair of antlers. The animal was shot up in Nipissing by Mr. Alfred Wright of New York and expressed to his sister here. Mrs. Wright naturally feels proud of her present and will get the head and antlers mounted." There is nothing whatever in that item of The Flesherton Advance to give the writer of your article any reason for the statement or the presumption that it was a moose. The deer if question was an ordinary red deer, although quite large and with

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years of age, called on me with a subscription
list for some football club which he was endeavoring, he said to a ward of the subscription

Editor World: Information is given in a paragraph in your issue of Thursday last that a poor horsel having fallen down on the that a poor horsel having fallen down on the that a poor horsel having fallen down on the that a poor horsel having fallen down on the that a poor horsel having fallen down on the down or great educational system? It was not so "in the consulship of Planeus."

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Editor World: The interest you take in public matters on behalf of an over-taxed community, leads me to direct attention to the miserable regulations partially enforced for snow-cleaning in Toronto.

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I claim that occupants have no right to be compelled to clean snow from public thoroughfares, and if we had less jobbers to mange municipal affairs it would be an improvement that must have a beneficial result, to snow mange out that must have a beneficial result, it is to be hoped that the electors will unite with the "Ratepayers' Association," and "sum the reacals out," Toronto corporation not having any soul is devoid of sympathy for the thousands of merchandise and those who, from general idevoid of sympathy for the thousands of merchandise and those who, from general intensity of survive. But when a firm like 1 Adilburn & Co. say "they have always confined there is after every snowstorm.

What a contrast with the grand carriages hird at the people's expense to convey these men from the City Hall to witness the foolish caremony of laying the corner stone of our new civic buildings. Not only this, but the lavish expenditure of public funds on deputations east, west, north and southmore money thus thrown away than would pay for cleaning all the snow from the side law is a landanum and other fifth that of Toronto, where the depth of snow is probably tent times that of this city, the silewalks are properly cleaned at a cleare of from 8 it o8 i.50 per 100 feet, lineal.

The Drug Trade—The Lie Direct.

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Georgina, Nov. 30.

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Editor World: Permit me to say briefly that I am an out and out free trader in drugs and patent medicines, as well as all other strader in drugs of more than one should be seen shown as passing the world of the result of the city for wronfully discharge in overflowing of a sewer.

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o each one-horse snowplow, and usually o'clock a.m. the sidewalks are all ments in the five burying grounds in or ad- female complaints successfully treated. Cleaned.

Would you kindly give this subject special jacent to Toronto. Of that number 110, or consideration.

Far away field looks green. The sidewalks in Ottawa are not cleaned. The loose snow on top is removed by the plow, but during the whole of the winter the sidewalks are covered with from four to six inches of caked snow mert are as follows:

ments in the five burying grounds in or a jacent to Toronto. Of that number 110, or 40 per cent. of the total, were children under the cold-catching tendency, which every permits, and 18 deaths are attributed to typhoid fever.

The returns from the five places of intermited to the winter the sidewalks are covered with from four to six inches of caked snow

at the end of winter and that would be intolerable. Ed. World.

It Was Not a Moose.

Editor World: In your issue of Nov. 21 you make a statement which does me a very great injustice, which I think, when your great injustice, which I think, when your attention is drawn to it, you will not hesitate.

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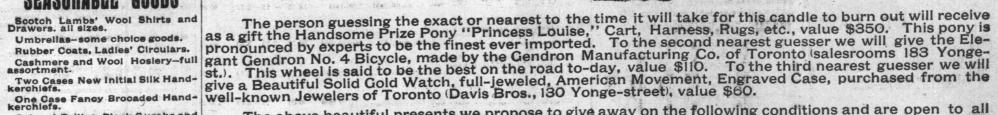
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