

"But what strikes the English-speaking student most forcibly in connection with the German Universities is the behaviour of the students. This is always of the very best; it would cause as much scandal there if a professor were interrupted by a student in a lecture as it would here if a minister were interrupted in his sermon in church.

"The trait in the German student's character, which he possesses more or less in common with all his compatriots, is the wonderful way in which he heeds rules.

"The Germans are an intensely military nation, and from the earliest infancy are taught strict obedience to constituted authority. It is said that notices to 'Keep off the grass' are complied with even by the German dogs.

"The Germans as a nation are fond of beer drinking, and the student is no exception. They have gatherings, great and small, at which neither military nor civil pomp is wanting, and beer-drinking according to strict rule and immemorial custom is the central feature on such occasions; yet little drunkenness and few, indeed, habitual drunkards seem to be produced. One bad habit, all too common here, they do not have over there — that is, treating. Upon all occasions each student pays for what he has, and takes much or little, expensive or cheap, according to his own individual taste and purse. The German student indulges in practically no athletics, except duelling, and that is only when a 'fair lady' is at stake.

"Everywhere, indeed, the students are considered to form a distinct and privileged class in society, and they are admitted to a freedom enjoyed by, perhaps, no other class in the community. At the theatre, on the promenade, the student is most punctilious. In many of the older University towns, such as Leipzig, the student is not even amenable to the ordi-

nary police, and courts for small offences such as our McGill students are subjected to. If he makes a row in the street the policeman demands his student's card, which he must at all times carry with him; on giving up this magic slip of paper he is allowed to go free; the card is sent to the University, he is summoned by a University policeman before the so-called University court, and, if found guilty, he is locked up in the University prison, or "career." Here he orders in his own meal and wine, and undergoes 'honorable' imprisonment. Such are, in brief, the characteristics of the German students. They have much more freedom, and much less restraint. Each individual is left for himself to succeed or fail."



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