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A LITTLE more attention to academic usage on the part of both senate and students would be a good thing. If something is not done to stem the present tide of indifference there will soon be nothing to mark the academic nature of any University function. At the Baccalaureate sermon, this year, the graduating class not only did not wear their gowns but failed to sit together in the place allotted them. This may seem to be praiseworthy modesty on their part, born of a desire not to be conspicuous, but to our mind it is false modesty. We do not believe in the ostentatious display of college decorations, but surely a man who has honestly won distinction and obtained the standing which entitles him to a University degree, is not derogating from his dignity by taking the customary place for those to whom the sermon is especially addressed. 'Ninety-nine' established a bad precedent in regard to this matter.

Apropos of this subject. Would it not be well for the senate to enforce the rule regarding the wearing of gowns and even caps in the University building, or better still, for the students to take the initiative? Let every senior and every divinity student, next fall, don the gowns and the "mortar-board" and the whole question is

settled. The A.M.S. could also do much to perpetuate these outward marks of academic life. One thing it ought to do at the earliest opportunity, purchase a silk gown, and insist that the President and the Secretary should wear a gown at all meetings of the society.

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Ever since we had occasion three months ago to tell the *Whig* a few wholesome but unpalatable truths, that vituperative sheet has, in the language of the street, "been laying for us." It seems to have determined that the opportunity should come during Convocation, even if it had to create the opportunity. Unable to meet the charges we then made against it, every one of which was well within the truth, and afraid of a fresh castigation if it continued its contemptible practice of sneering at the students and University, it has been nursing its wrath in sullen silence ever since.

But the very day the College closed, and it thinks it can slander us with impunity, it again, reveals its true nature. After being decent for a few short months, its swinish nature reasserts itself, and it returns to wallow in the mire of misrepresentation and abuse.

The Toronto papers, the other local papers, and one at least of the Montreal papers reported the proceedings of Tuesday's Convocation with considerable fulness, and each referred briefly to the conduct of the boys, but the *Whig* man is the only one whose exquisite sense of propriety and decorum was completely outraged. It would seem that others of the *Whig* staff besides the reporters must have attended the school for manners and refinement in the Whig Hall last winter, but we fear that a more thorough course will be required in order to make a gentleman out of our censor.