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A WOMEN'S COLLEGE

The question of establishing a Women's College at Toronto has long been discussed pro and con. The U.C. Women's Lit. had a debate on the subject a few weeks ago, and in other less formal ways it has been thrashed out with various results, sometimes with no result at all.

Two reasons, it seems, are urged against the establishment of such a college. One is the stock argument for co-education everywhere—the value of "social intercourse." This argument has many advocates as many if not more opponents. We cannot here go into all the points on this theoretical question.

The other argument is more practical. It is, that the women, if enrolled in a separate college, would not receive as good instruction as they now do. The upholders of the present system think, that the authorities would not make such a point of getting the best professors and lectures for a college entirely of women, as they do now that men and women sit under the same dons.

If there is any ground for such a supposition, it would be a strong point indeed against the founding of a Women's College, but the advocates of change are positive that these fears are without due cause. There is, they maintain, no reason why the authorities should be credited with actions of this sort—the more or less deliberate neglect of a College.

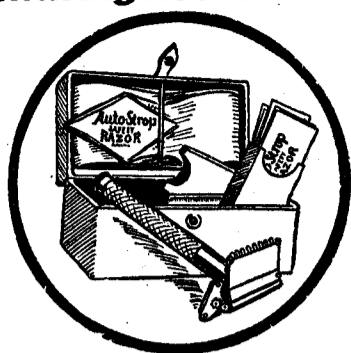
On the other hand, the establishment of such a College would lead to the obtaining of more conveniences such as a gymnasium, reading-rooms etcetera, by the women, the need for which is greatly felt at present. Not only this, but courses would be made possible, of as practical interest to women as are those of Modern History and Political Science to men. The other courses of more common interest,—Classics, English and History, would of course be given in the Women's College as in the present Arts Colleges.

The majority of the women, it is generally believed, are in favour of retaining the present system, the majority of the men, in favour of the change. If a definite working plan for such a college should be drawn up and made public in the University, it is possible that the balance of opinion would incline to its adoption; on the other hand, it might be found that no system satisfactory to the members of the proposed college could be arrived at. The problem is one which "The Varsity" will not, at present at least, try to solve. We should like, however, to get undergraduate opinion on the subject, especially from the women, few of whom have so far taken the opportunity, afforded by our columns, of expressing their opinions and who have most to lose or gain in the event of such a change being effected.

It is not, however, a question interesting only to women. The men of Trinity, Victoria, and University Colleges would all be greatly affected by such a change—more so than perhaps they realize; and it is far from being our wish to discourage the expressing of any opinion upon so important a question—not even that of the "mere man."

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To the Editor of The Varsity:

Sir,—
May I use 'Varsity' space to call attention to the large number of names appearing in the new "University Directory" which are not followed by addresses? This lack is due, I believe, chiefly to the fact that no proof of the names was posted for correction. The result is that Univ. College has 110 names lacking addresses, Vic. 83, and School 58, making in all 251. Trinity, Knox and Wycliffe, and Meds. seem complete.

To remedy this, let me suggest that if lists were arranged for, say, at Univ. Coll. Post-office, Engineering Soc., and Vic., these addresses might be easily obtained and issued as a supplement to the present Directory.

Thanking you for space, and for any help you may be able to give in this matter, I am,

"ONE OF THOSE MISSED."

ONLOOKER'S CORNER

PHOTOGRAPHY.

There is only one unphotographed man in the University and he is holding down a dissecting table in the Medical Building. We are the most photographed people on the face of the globe. The galleries down town are full of pictures of students. In groups, and singly, in gowns, and in evening regalia, in football suits and in fancy costumes they litter the studios of our rapacious photographers.

There is less chance for a student to escape the camera than for a convict to avoid the Bertillon system. With luck and discretion you may retain your status as a free unphotographed citizen during the first three years of your stay here but the fourth session will prove to be too much for you. Committee pictures you may avoid but Torontonensis and Nemesis are synonyms speaking pictorially.

If the chief end of committees is to be 'done in a group' they should be elected scientifically. We should cast our votes with a view to the success of the completed pictures. A person who would vote for a tall dark man and a short blonde girl on the same committee should be socially ostracized.

Really though, all fooling aside, I think that it would be better not to elect our committees but to have them appoint some such authority on architecture as Professor Wrong.

THE ONLOOKER.

ADDRESS BY DR. JAYS

Speaks in Y.M.C.A. On Engineering In Foreign Countries

About sixty science men gathered in the Y.M.C.A. on Monday night to hear Dr. Tom Jays speak on the opportunities for the Engineer in foreign countries, especially Africa.

Mr. Price, B.A.Sc., was in the chair and after a few remarks, called on the Science quartette who rendered a very delightful number.

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said that Britain owned all the good harbors and the country around all the good rivers around the Western shore of Africa, while the French and Germans had not one good harbor nor a river up which a steamboat could navigate. The reason, he said, was that the British had gone to that country to right wrongs, not for selfish gains. It was still necessary for them to use force to subdue tribes of slave-traders which played havoc with the peaceful dependent people. Nearly all the country that the British had subdued has become self-supporting and prosperous, building railroads, bridges and wagon roads, while the dependencies of the other countries were always giving trouble.

One of the greatest difficulties of the engineer was in combating the white ant. This creature could eat through any kind of timber except one, and would also spoil clothing and food. Even the railroad ties had to be of steel to last any time. The natives regarded with great awe the engines and derricks of the white man when he built his railroads and bridges, and was therefore ready to act like the white man in every way possible. Consequently there was just about as great need of men to show the natives how to live right, as there was of teachers to tell them.

Concerning the heathen themselves, Dr. Jays stated that they know right from wrong to a great extent. They are also pretty skilled in making cloth, weapons, and steel. He very humorously pictured a barber shop episode with a native made razor, and also described their

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He also explained how the railroads were opening up the country and the work there for mining and civil engineers, and the prospects for those in the mechanical and electrical departments. There is lots of minerals, especially gold, both in rock and sand, big opportunities in the line of power development and in fact everything to interest the engineer. He pointed out that we, both as British and as Christians owed a great debt to these simple people who are in the same conditions as our forefathers were years ago, and that engineers could be of great use in living the Christian life when in these foreign countries, and not taking advantage of their simpleness and other unfortunate circumstances in which these poor creatures were cast.

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