

ANOTHER WORD ON THE MEDAL QUESTION.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

I do not wish to unseemly extend the present timely discussion on the awarding of medals at our Alma Mater, but you will excuse a few further remarks from one who thinks he has reason to feel that there is something wrong in the way matters now are arranged.

Your criticism of Professor Baldwin's kindly letter was well made, as it is not easily seen how aggregate first-class honors could be allowed if first-class standing in each of the class-list sub-departments were not taken. You also ask the question, "To whom would the medal be given if half-a-dozen or more were fortunate enough to take first-class honors all around?" For a practical answer to this I might refer you to the records in the department of Physics. At the last May examination four took first-class in the Fourth Year, and these same four all took first-class on their third examination. Further, two of these ranked high in first-class on every examination, and were not blessed with the twinkle of an evil star. And yet no medal was given in that department. It was claimed by some that "access to the percentages obtained" would have settled the matter; but that is really away from the real question of justice. If there had been only one in the first-class there would have been no difficulty, and so it would appear that the more first-class honors taken the fewer medals would be awarded. That seems rather strange, but is not that conclusion deducible? On such considerations as these, and from the stand which they believed they had taken, the students in Physics thought their treatment rather undeserved, when, after the mention of the Stanley Medal in the Convocation list, they saw the words "not awarded" with no words of explanation.

What is to be done? I think the experience of this year shows conclusively that the class-equality arrangement is incompatible with the presentation of medals. Indeed, one of the examiners says: "I do not myself see how they can consistently present a medal in the Fourth year when the principle of alphabetical ranking is in vogue." One or the other should be abolished, and the question is which is the more important? For my part the alphabetical arrangement seems a good one, as, if no medals were given for competition on graduation there would be no disappointments when they are withdrawn. The able members of the Senate can certainly decide.

Perhaps the above may explain away part of that feature on the medal list which, you say, impressed you most—the ever-recurring "not awarded." There may be something in your wonder at the necessity of taking first-class honors in each sub-department of Moderns; but, on the other hand, I have heard the opinion stated that in the distribution of patronage in the shape of class-list space, the departments of Classics and Mathematics are not so generously provided for as some of the others. It may be the vigorous rejuvenation of THE VARSITY may do much to correct all these errors, and in doing so you have the best wishes of

Yours very truly,

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BUSINESS NOTICE.

A meeting of the Medical Students will be held in the reading room of the School on Wednesday next, 29th inst., at 2.30 o'clock, for the purpose of appointing an Editor for THE VARSITY from amongst their body, and doing some other business in connection with the paper. A large attendance is requested.

Six Siamese students have been sent by the Government of Siam to be educated in this country. They go to Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa.

THE FOOTBALL CONTEST.

CHAMPIONS OF TORONTO.

Saturday's football match with Osgoode Hall had the usual result. Varsity's team, the victors of many a hard-fought battle on the football campus, still stands forth with an unblemished record of victories—a record which, we venture to assert, no club in the country can equal.

Osgoode came on the field with the determination to do or die, and played a hard, fast, dashing game throughout. The toughest match of the season was the result, and until the last ten or fifteen minutes the outcome of the game was always in doubt. The match did not start till after four o'clock, at which time a large number of sympathizers of both teams were on hand to vent their pent-up feelings in vigorous yells of encouragement or derision. After the kick-off by Osgoode, Varsity held the upper hand for some time, and before the game had been long in progress, on a combined rush of the forwards, Buckingham kicked the first goal for Varsity. After this the play evened up, and rush after rush was made on either goal, though those of the Varsity forwards were far the more dangerous. Starr having to use his hands several times, while during the whole first half Porter touched the ball only once. Osgoode was unable to score, and Starr's citadel did not again fall during this half. Thus, when half-time was called, a solitary goal—and that to Varsity's credit—was the only point scored on either side.

But it was during the second half that the game raged fast and furious. Osgoode, realizing what depended on the game, played up from the kick-off, and before long succeeded in equalizing matters. Then Varsity, pulling themselves together, began to rush matters. Duncan ran the ball down, and Doc McLay with a pretty shot put Varsity in the lead. Still Varsity continued to press, and the legal defence, though they played in brilliant style, could not keep the Varsity forwards out. Watty made a hard, swift shot, which Starr stopped. McLay was on hand and easily scored the third goal for Varsity. But the Legals were not disheartened. Urged on by the encouraging shouts of their supporters, they played up with the determination to win the match, notwithstanding Varsity's lead. On a centre from the right, Herb Wood, a worthy brother of Casey's, scored Osgoode's second goal. Again the Legal forwards pulled themselves together, and made rush after rush on the Varsity goal. They were with the greatest difficulty prevented from scoring. But soon the possibility of their winning the match was gone, for the Varsity forward line made an old-time rush on the legal goal, and "Watty," after one of the prettiest plays of the day, scored goal No. 4 for Varsity, and put the result beyond doubt. The match thus closed 4 to 2 in favor of Varsity.

Of the team as a whole, it must be said that they did not exhibit their usual form, this being accounted for, in all probability, by lack of practice during the past week. This was shown more especially in the want of combination on the forward line, which on Saturday was conspicuous by its comparative absence. On the other hand, the fast play of the Legals, especially in the second half, was somewhat of a surprise to Varsity. As a whole, however, their combination was by no means superior to that of Varsity, and their attacks were comparatively seldom very dangerous, except in about ten minutes of the second half.

Mr. Jno. R. Blake acted in the capacity of referee, and though his decisions were not always unquestioned, his impartiality could not be held in doubt.

During the fall series, Watty, Doc McLay and Buckingham have each scored three times, and Duncan and Casey Wood once each. During the match against the Scots, Edmonds generously gave Varsity a goal, and this brings the total goals scored to twelve, those lost summing up to four. Thus it is that our association team has succeeded in upholding their reputation of last fall. But the final tugs-of-war, so to speak, are yet to come. Berlin and