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Internal Decay

A number of writers have compared the situation of the Western World today with that of the Roman Empire just before its fall.

A decline in agriculture and the filling of the ranks of the army with men who would contribute much more to society on the farm or in the university are typical of both epochs.

An ever-increasing search for yet more luxuries, which eventually become necessities, is another dangerous trend of society, noticeable both today and in the last days of the Roman empire.

The most disturbing sign of the times, however, is the slackening of moral standards and the shirking of personal responsibilities.

This is noticeable to a very great extent at our University. It would seem that nobody is willing to undertake any job involving responsibility about the campus. Apathy reigns supreme.

During the past few weeks a large number of thefts have occurred about the campus. The GAZETTE Office, the Glee Club Office, the Arts Building, and other buildings around the campus have had the locks on their doors forced and have been entered. The purpose of these intrusions is as yet conjecture, for little if anything has been taken. However, the jobs would appear to have been done by a person well acquainted with breaking and entering.

The whole situation is disturbing to any thinking person.

What does the future hold?
Dark Ages here we come!

What Price Tradition?

The last Law Society meeting was a disgrace to the profession and a sad reflection upon the present state of the Dalhousie Law School.

One of the first questions on the agenda was a discussion of the Mock Parliament. In previous years this matter was disposed of by electing a committee to run the Parliament, but at the meeting Thursday one member suggested that the Parliaments should be discontinued.

The Dalhousie Mock Parliament is the oldest in Canada. It has been one of the highlights of the year for every Law student that has attended the University since before the turn of the century.

Fortunately the move was turned down by the meeting which rather unenthusiastically elected a number of absent students with political leanings to form the Mock Parliament Committee.

The question of the Osgoode Hall-Dall Law School Debates, an annual institution for a number of years, was also dealt with by the meeting which decided not to hold any debate this year, as there was little interest in them by either law schools.

After thus having reached the depths of apathy, the meeting sunk still lower; the discussion moved to the subject of dogs.

Despite the existence of a ruling by University authorities that there were to be no dogs allowed to roam in the Law School, several members evidently felt that this was not enough protection and demanded some action by the Society on the matter. A doubt was raised as to whether the Law Society had the jurisdiction to deal with a matter of this kind, but, nevertheless, quite a lengthy discussion ensued on this topic until finally the meeting broke up of its own accord when all but a few of the members left the meeting in disgust.

Hitherto the Law School has held a reputation as one of the most energetic, least apathetic faculties on the campus, but after this meeting that reputation is in serious jeopardy.

Around the Common Room

By OLGA

Here we are fellows with a little charter about what happens around the common room. We'll be here every week if you like us. All the old sharkies are back playing cards after a temporary and irksome lay-off to write those trivial exams. Bridge is more in evidence than before Xmas, but nines, that abortive game of whist, still holds its own. Zn is new King of Whist, and daily fleeces the uninitiated. In a game the other day, he was sitting over me, as the saying goes, and when I had a Queen he had a King, and when I had a royal flush of hearts, he didn't have any and trumped me dizzy. I got mad after awhile and decided to ruin him. He was down to one, and I was two, and spades were trump. I had five spades to the ace, king, and not a picture in the rest of my hand. He led the Ace of Hearts and I'm sitting there with two hearts but I trump in. He plays the Ace and King of Diamonds, and I trump in on them even though I have three diamonds. Then I lead my two spades and discard the rest of my hand, saying that it isn't any good any more. So I come down two, he goes up two, and I win the game. It's the only way to beat him, fellows.

Several of the boys have joined the permanent force of Canada's Army and Air Force. With \$160. a month retroactive to the date they joined, we vouch the Lady Hamilton will make a profit in the months to follow. If you want a free beer, fellows, just look up Blondie.

We understand a poker syndicate has been formed among the boys, so if you see one of them leaving the Residence without his overcoat, don't jump to the conclusion that it was stolen from any of the coat-racks.

Everyone was disappointed with Publicity's interpretation of "The Thing"; personally we think 'Good-night Irene' is still better than anything, in view of the latest gossip:

The Highbrows among us are talking about the re-appearance of Red Shoes at the Oxford, and the Halifax premiere of Chaplin's City Lights. They are both good if you're a high-brow. The Common Room loafers voted Hank the singer of the week for the second week in a row, and continue to listen to his latest releases on the common room radio. Everyone agreed that the guitar player upstairs and the ascetic looking piano tinkler could not compete with him for honours.

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Mankind Finds Force Easier Method Than Peaceful Adjustment to Change

Embarrassing Questions On the Dal Rink

Memorial of what?

Why not make use of the more modern flooding equipment?

What is the reason for the poor quality of the ice?

Could not the ice be in better condition for student skating sessions?

Re Sunday Skating: Has anybody seen the little children skating on the frozen pond back of the Science Building? Would anybody in authority want to chase them off for skating on Sunday? The distinction would seem to be between skating outdoors and indoors. P.S.—Is there no Sunday skating?

Re Gate Receipts: How much did the new Gate Receipts Committee take in the first night it was at the gate of the Rink? What was the maximum the old Gate Receipts Committee ever took in any one night? Subtract average. How much did the old Gate Receipts Committee fail to collect? How much did the Student Body lose by the Council failing to take action on this matter sooner?

Letter to the Editor

The Editor of the Dalhousie Gazette,

Through the medium of your paper I would like to make a suggestion with regard to skating in the new rink. Being a student myself I've skated practically every time there has been student skating. Along with a lot of other people, I have been, quite frankly, disgusted with the type of music played for skating. What's wrong with the student's each bringing a record of their own choice into the management so that there will be decent music, at least, to skate by?

Another suggestion I would like to make is that the Dalhousie Students' orchestra or band appear at the rink at least once a week to provide the accompaniment for skating. This would please many of the students and would certainly be better for the skaters than to have to skate to "Good-Night Irene" half the night.

Thank you,
An avid skater.

After Classes Meet the Gang at Joe's and Tom's

Diana Sweets Tea Room

The students' recreation centre

Throughout history man has had to adjust to a changing environment and has had to compete with other living beings in order to survive. Peaceful adjustment to change has not been permitted to him, has not been preferred by him. Religion, imperialism, capitalistic expansion, and economic prosperity have been factors leading to ever more devastating conflicts. Changes of ideas and ideals have precipitated wars and the present division of the world into the opposing camps of Communism and Democracy renew discussions of the inevitability of war.

Wars are declared and fought by individuals; nations are merely groups of individuals. Psychology tells us that this definition brings up two separate types of needs, those of the individual and those of the group. Both are important and only when they complement each other will there be unanimity. But, unified opinion or not, psychology also tells of certain needs of each that lead to war.

Inherent in man's nature is the need for war. Certain needs for power and prestige lead to aggressiveness. The need for group belongingness and conformity lead to patriotism and nationalism.

Group psychology and mob psychology give other factors that lead to war. Prejudice and propaganda can lead to false generalizations and these contribute to stereotyped beliefs. Social taboos often lead to persecution of those who differ from the dominant group. Group discrimination against racial, religious and other minority groups means trouble, not only for the victim, but for the social, economic and political life of the group, the nation, and the world.

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