

man in answer to his name goes up and receives an up-to-date copy of *Statuta et Decreta Universitatis Oxoniensis*, a special memo. to undergraduates and a notice to the effect that Tom Brown or Verdant Green, as his name may be, this day was matriculated before me. Another Latinic outburst concludes the proceedings. Henceforth the fresher is "in statu pupillari" and becomes amenable for certain offences mentioned in the special memo. mentioned above, and is liable to be called upon at various times in his career as an undergrad. to increase the university revenues by sums which vary according to the temper of the Proctor on the particular morning the unhappy mortal appears before him.

Of course the town police have very little to do with us. Their special troubles are to keep a fatherly eye upon an undergrad. who may be treading what appears to him a very tortuous way home. There is however a body of men who are not always so kindly disposed towards us. I mean the Proctor and his henchmen the Bullers.

The Proctors are elected annually and aided by the B's preserve the peace. The henchmen are usually retired college servants who have a reputation for doing the 100 in flat time. Nothing so upsets an Oxford man as to turn round a corner and come across five men, one of whom growls out "Name and college, please;" an appearance at the Proctor's court is required next morning. This individual has full power to deal as he likes with the culprits and as a rule the punishment fits the crime.

Some of the crimes may be hanging around the stage door (this will be seldom broken in future as the edict has gone forth from the sanctum of the Vice-Chancellor that no more musical comedies appear in Oxford), attending entertainments which have not received the "Nihil Obstat" of the V. C., if I may use the term without disrespect, playing billiards, except between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m., possessing a motor-cycle, motor or aeroplane without proctorial permission, smoking in public while wearing academical dress and being out of college after eight p.m. in the winter and nine p.m. in the summer without wearing a gown. This rule is seldom lived up to. It is custom to pay the fine of 5/-if caught rather than be burdened with a gown—though some are in such a state that the name is a mockery—while taking the nightly constitutional after dinner in hall. Academical dress by the way, must be worn when visiting certain University and College authorities, and when going to the Bodleian Library