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UNIVERSITY EXPANSION

The plans which were published in last week's *Gazette* regarding the erection of a new Arts Building and National Research Council Laboratories represent not only the importance of such buildings in themselves but the greater importance of the general expansion program of which they are only a part, and which includes such minor items as the renovation of the Forrest Building and the improvements in the Gym. This program contemplates the eventual erection of the Men's Residence we so badly need, and other developments in conjunction with a City project to reserve this district for hospital and research buildings which will work with the staff of the Medical faculty. It is quite proper that our present governors are fostering such a program; Dalhousie has always maintained a much higher rate of progress than other Maritime Universities.

All this brings to mind the idea which received so much support a few years ago from such bodies as the Carnegie Institute, which was to assemble the resources of all our little Maritime Universities in one central Maritime University which would be a worthy counterpart of such institutions as McGill and Toronto in Central Canada. In spite of the sound common sense it embodied the idea has received little actual support. We still, have a number of small Universities competing in the same fields without achieving any degree of excellence in any. Dalhousie has always been the notable exception to this otherwise general rule. Our professional schools rank with the best on the continent; our department of science is excellent; our new department in Bio-physics is the first of its kind in the country. The new Arts building will be one of the steps in the expansion and development of the Arts faculty.

There are some who see still further, and insist that a time must come when the Maritime student can study for a doctorate in the Maritimes, rather than have his choice of half a dozen baccalaureates in half a dozen small colleges and then go abroad for advanced work. Our bet is that if this happens at all it will happen at Dalhousie.

THE STUDENT AND POLITICS

The recent announcement of the University Progressive Conservative Club to the effect that it will be represented at the national convention of the party by Bill Cox serves to remind one of the important role played in our politics by students. The idea of active participation in politics by students is relatively new in this country, although old in Europe.

The idea used to be criticized for a number of reasons, most of which amounted to a conviction that students were not qualified to take any sort of active part in the government and politics of the country. The old politician preferred the sterling qualities of "the man in the street" and rather mistrusted students, who were too "idealistic" and "theoretical". The most pragmatic politician today, however, realizes that the study of political science has changed since President Wilson's day, and that even if it hadn't no political party can afford to ignore students altogether.

It is not for nothing that Metternich tried to suppress student opinion in the eighteen-forties: students then as now were invariably honest and outspoken in their opinions. Students in Canada are now a part of the electorate to whom the parties must appeal.

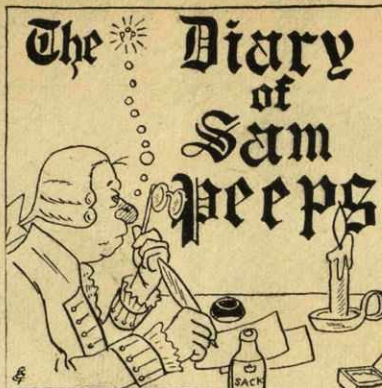
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One organization which will be folding up this year, or at least in the near future, is the Dal-King's Veterans' Association, which has served the interests of student veterans here for the last four years.

This organization has concerned itself with all subjects from Barristers' transfer fees to the Employment Service, which was taken over by the Council this year.

It was matter of some concern to University authorities, when at the end of the war the Universities were filled with the returning veterans. Many pessimists expressed the view that the returning veteran would never fit in to the accepted University standards, and that the whole plan would be unsuccessful.

The success of student veterans in their academic fields has sufficiently refuted this view, but the service and the Association are also permanent memorials to the success which veterans made of their own careers at college, and the deep and beneficial impression they have made.



Saturday, Oct. 2—A little practice on my flute, and afterwards walking in my yard to see my stock of pigeons, which begin now to breed very fast. Thence to the game between the scholars and the laborers, being much pleased to see that the scholars did by crafty means undo the base churls.

In company with Lord MacDoe did go to an Inn much frequented by Greeks where I had like to have shot at a scholar that lay over the bar, with great moonish eyes, peering at a barmaid with red hair.

Home to dinner, my mouth being very bad of the cancer and my left leg beginning to be sore again. My wife being no better, I did go out again, coming late to The Gym Inn. Here I staid with the notorious Les Moon, we drinking four or five bottles of sack. Then to a dancing meeting in Broad Street. In the end, home, where I did find the plasterers at work in all the rooms of my house, and so my wife was fain to make a bed upon the ground for her and me, and so there we lay all night.

Sunday, Oct. 3—(Lord's Day). There came some pills and plaister this morning from Dr. Hound for my wife. I to King's Abbey, where with much difficulty, stepping over sleeping scholars I did find a pew. Here Dr. Runner did begin to nibble at the Common Prayer, by saying "Glory to the Father, etc." after he had read two psalms, but the people had been so little used to it, that they could not tell what to answer.

Thence to the Lady Hamilton, gaining entrance by a back door, where I drank several bottles of Hull ale. Much company I found to come to the inn-keeper, she being very pretty and wanton. I drank til her daughter became very loving to me and kind, and I fear is not so good as she should be.

I by having but threepence in my pocket made shift to spend no more, whereas if I had more I had spent more as the rest did, so that I see it is an advantage to a man to carry little in his pocket.

Monday, Oct. 4—Up in the morning, and had some red herrings to our breakfast, while my boot-heel was a-mending, by the same token the boy left the hole as big as it was before. To my office where I found a Seaman, almost drunk, waiting to see me. He did falsely accuse me of mis-using his name in connection with an account of the scholars' activities at sport.

Went a-walking to the college on the hill, called jokingly by the scholars Dullhousie. Here I was much surprised to see that pretty maids of the nobility, and some not so noble, are to be scholars, they having lodging in a mighty fine house and large, called Marmalade Hovel. It being much more comfortable than Marlborough Palace, where live the young men of the college.

Went to see Mrs. Path, at whose door I found a couple of ladies, but she not being there, we hunted her out, and found that she and another had hid themselves behind a door. Well, they all went down into the dining room, where it was full of tag, rag and bobtail, dancing, singing and drinking of which I was ashamed, I being of late most temperate.

Going home I fell in company with a pewterer named Heavy-Daughter, he having gained many of the qualities of the pewter he And so to bed.

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