

Editors University Gazette:—

Reference having been made in your issue of last week, to one of several articles concerning me, which have lately appeared in the *New York Mercury*, I desire to deny most emphatically that there is a particle of truth in any one of them.

Knowing the character of the *New York Mercury* and the nature of its productions, I should have imagined that the UNIVERSITY GAZETTE would have been the last to countenance anything derogatory to the interests of the college, or any of its students.

Who the author of those effusions is, it would be difficult to find out, as I understand that any anonymous communication will be accepted. But I think a careful perusal of the articles will convince anyone, that they were either written by, or, the material for them, supplied by one of the students of the Medical Faculty.

It has been suggested that they were written in the spirit of a joke; if so, he must be a low and mean spirited man, if he cannot find any other way of amusing himself, than by writing false and cowardly articles about his fellow students. But after reading the lying and villainous articles which appeared in Saturday's *Mercury*, I think that they were written for the purpose of injuring the students to whom reference is made—I do not suppose that this letter will have the effect of shaming him into silence, as I have no doubt but that he is so void of manliness or honesty, that it would be impossible to bring a blush of shame to his cheek.

I shall conclude by assuring him, that, if he hopes to injure by continuing his attacks, I shall willingly forfeit the esteem of anyone, who would be influenced by his scurrilous articles.

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E. J. BOWES.

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In my opinion, if the "kickers" of the two previous issues would only stimulate themselves sufficiently to give as many lines of interesting news, as there were of senseless grumbling, the paper would benefit appreciably thereby. If they wish to find fault, why not also suggest a *reasonable* plan of improvement? We do not require long theses on abstruse subjects, by embryo journalists or would-be authors, when the best talent the world can offer may be obtained in their respective fields of labour, in the different periodicals found on every reading room table. The GAZETTE is *not* a periodical, in the sense named. Its name implies "a newspaper: a printed sheet published periodically and containing an account of transactions and events of public or private concern." (Webster). We want short articles, such as appear from time to time by "Thistle" and others.

Objection is made to "the driest of all jokes—the purely technical joke," but if the contributors of these light passes would only frame their sentences properly, there is no reason why anyone not in the fun, should fail to see the point.

With reference to the "kick" about hockey matches and foot-ball notes, they are just as good an indica-

tion of the physical culture so necessary as an antidote to the evil effects of such a sedentary occupation as that of the student necessarily is, as the learned discourses on the "Antedeluvian geological formations," are an indication of the mental culture of our sisters of the East Wing—(with all due apologies in advance).

I hope you will forgive me taking up so much of your valuable space in a final "protest against the kickers," indeed there seem to be more kicks than ha'pence, judging by the subscription list outside of the Faculty of Medicine.

Yours, OMEGA.

 Between the Lectures.

I do detest a man that's close,
And further more a day,
But when a pretty girl is close,
I feel the other way.

Some of the third year men are *dunn* with Alesia.

Be suspicious of the man you hear repeating—
"A—c—e."

Who is the Vet. that owns the talking crow? Say,
Vets., isn't that a *little too* strong?

"What's your name? Where do you live? Pro-
testant or Catholic?" etc. You all know it! Well,
another Freshman has got the "appointment," down
at the General.

We have it on undeniable authority that service in
the North-West Mounted Police is a predisposing
cause to an important class of diseases. This is a
medical fact of great importance.

During Lecture—"And any man that don't under-
stand these plates, ought to have his cortex looked
into." That's all right, but who is going to pay the
funeral expenses of the man that owned the "cor-
tex!"

A traumatic lesion is assigned as the cause of
specific disease. A patient has appeared who alleges
that the immediate cause of a suspicious rash was an
injury received by a tree falling upon him—in the
North-West.

Why is there no editor from the Veterinary Faculty
on the Board of Editors? Rumors of choice bits of
news come to us from that Faculty, but we are
unable to write them up from an insufficient knowledge
of the matter.

At a recent performance in the New Haven opera
house, as a number of students left their seats be-
tween acts, a good lady was heard to remark—"Aint
it too bad those young fellows have to go home and
go to studying!"

Gentlemen who expectorate on the dissecting room
floor can not expect to rate very high in the spring.
If any of the dear public should find the *meat* of
these chestnuts *too strong*, will they not please bear
in mind that the boys are accustomed to that sort of
thing during their primary years.