

## GRADUATES IN LAW.

A few weeks ago we published the motion of Mr. Crooks (made before the benchers of the law society) that the degree of graduate in law of the university of Toronto should be equivalent to three of the five years study ordinarily required of those entering the legal profession. At the same time we drew attention to the position taken by *Queen's College Journal*, viz: that this privilege should not be given to the graduates of Toronto—not because they were lacking in either training or fitness, but because the proposal did not include the graduates in law of all the other universities in the province. This was a regular dog-in-the-manger objection, and it was to this principally that we entered protest. We never said the privilege should be denied to Queen's or any other institution—provided they, showed they were doing the same work as Toronto was. This they have not done. Queen's has no active faculty in law. But instead in the current number of the *Journal* we have the plea set up that some day Queen's may give such degrees, and that being the case the *Journal* is 'not going to stand quietly by and see an important principle of Canadian university rights violated.' The editor of the *Journal* is referred to *Lorimer's Institutes*, or any other of the authorities where he will learn that rights are commensurate with powers. Queen's not having powers, is not in a position to talk about rights; when she has a faculty of law and graduates in law, then the *Journal* will have good reason to defend any disabilities they may labor under.

We have looked into the calendars of all the other universities of the province in the matter of degrees in law, and we find that the case of Toronto is sui generis. Queen's does not examine for the degree of LL.B., neither does Trinity, though she gives it to all who pass the Law Society and apply for it. Albert and Victoria have regular and special courses in law. At Albert you can take four annual examinations, or if a barrister-at-law or graduate in arts, one special examination, and receive the degree. How many of the twelve bachelors of laws of Albert took the regular course and how many the special course we are unable to say. At Victoria a candidate may take four annual examinations in law, or if he be a graduate in arts of three years' standing, and has been admitted a barrister by the Law Society of Ontario, one examination in six books is all that is required. If he is a barrister, but not a graduate in arts, two examinations are required. At Toronto there is only one way to obtain the degree of LL.B., and that is to pass five annual examinations besides matriculation. Of these five examinations two are similar to the first two in arts and the last three exclusively in law.

## SURMISES.

That our Freshmen, there being no lack of material amongst them, will form a brass band to exhibit at the organ recitals.

That the Knoxmen, instead of being at the society meeting a week ago last night, were spreading bread and butter for their conversation.

That the 'two hundred University students' who exerted their strength as back-horses for Miss Neilson were labor-loving individuals.

That the decline in the value of gold during the week is to be traced to that paragraph in the WHITE AND BLUE on passmen and gold breast pins.

That those members of the glee club who made themselves martyrs last Saturday blushed with modesty at the congratulations of their friends.

That the tenors who should have done the same but did not were sorry for having faked.

## COLLEGE ITEMS.

A great many members of the Society would like to see a contest for the office of president at the coming election.

The two football clubs will petition the Council to put a bath and drinking fountain in their room in the basement of the building.

We have just learned that the Baptists have bought a lot in rear of University college, and intend erecting a divinity hall thereon, the students of which will take their literary training in University college.

He was an honor man in moderns and was looking frantic. He had searched two hours for a 'German prose composition' as he was heard to mutter between his outbursts of—French. Then he grew calmer, sadly sat himself down, and remembering that great men always say something before they die, exclaimed 'I guess I didn't bring the buck heim.'

THERE was a slim attendance at the meeting of the Literary Society last night. Mr. Herridge, the vice-president was in the chair. Readings were given by Messrs. J. Stoddard, Macdonald and Ames. Mr. Doel contributed an essay on 'common sense.' Only one speaker, Mr. Wade, was on hand to take part in the debate; nevertheless, it was decided to hear him, and he accordingly supported the negative side of the question 'should the study of classics form part of a university training?' The decision was given for the negative.

NEXT week the University Boat Club Committee hope to have their prospectus in the hands of the graduates, undergraduates, and friends of the University, and then will have been taken the first decisive step towards the securing of a much-desired need. In making this move, the undergraduates have imposed upon themselves the more laborious part of the undertaking, the duty of collecting the required money, and having done this, it then remains for the graduates and undergraduates to determine whether or not the project can be carried out with the funds at their disposal.

The annual meeting of University College football club, (Rugby), was held yesterday, when officers for the coming season were elected. A chairman has been elected this year in place of a captain, who hereafter is to be chosen by the team. The number chosen from each year to form the committee has been fixed at three, instead of two, as formerly. The officers are:—Chairman, W. D. Gwynne; secy-treasurer, C. Campbell; committeemen, F. Keefe, J. McCallum, T. C. Milligan of the third year; J. Caven, A. Campbell, E. F. Langstaff of the 2nd year; W. Caven, W. George, E. McKay of the 1st year.

THE Natural Science Association were unable to gain admittance to the School a week ago Wednesday, owing to the absence of the caretaker, who had been sent on a wild goose chase by a passman running in and telling him that the bearded member of the association had escaped out of the enclosure and was creating not a little excitement in the park. The caretaker locked the building, and at once went in pursuit of the fugitive, and did not return till late in the evening. In the meantime the members arrived, and being unable to get in, they adjourned to the nameless house.

## MISCONCEPTION.

Several articles have of late appeared in the WHITE AND BLUE vindicating with reason and justice the pass course among the other courses open to students. It would certainly only be doing justice to those who choose the pass course were honors and scholarships granted for a high standing in that course. Although many may pursue the pass course thinking the study will be less arduous, many others—those preferring the wider range for study afforded by it as well as the greater opportunity afforded for extensive general reading. That the large and most highly respected body of students who prefer this course for either of the above reasons is subject to 'sarcastic insinuations' and 'base allegations' will be news to the very great proportion of undergrads, both pass and honor, and while the former would justly be most indignant were such feelings prevalent, the latter to a man can only look upon the recent articles of X. Y. Z. as a gross misrepresentation of their sentiments regarding those not taking an honor course, as well as feel indignation at the audacious insult directed to the honor men of each department in turn. Every undergraduate (save the illustrious X. Y. Z.) cannot but feel a deep gratification in knowing from personal experience that the cultured X. Y. Z. is not a representative passman, nor of any other body of any proportions, it is to be hoped. Were he a representative there would be a good deal of justice if the feeling were prevalent which this 'much belittled Canadian gentleman (?)' wrongly supposes to be in existence, for his opinion of honor men is stupidly bigoted, and that he is profoundly ignorant of the aim and merits of an honor course is most obvious. While the mathematician will appreciate the insinuation as to his contracted intellect, he will know that there is at least one other canon absolutely hidebound. If the science man cannot 'lay claim to culture,' he will not grieve deeply over the loss if 'culture' has any connection with the display of ignorance referred to, but will be strengthened in his belief that man is developed from a superior species. And then these 'fellows,' the metaphysicians, will be eaten up with remorse on learning that their energies have been so aimlessly misdirected, for as is suggested, they should live with men rather than gods. If our Solon had measured his 'ideas' by the 'criticism of truth' I think less of his bombast would have reached the columns of the WHITE AND BLUE. Our classical friends will greatly regret that so distinguished a scholar should 'have no further time' to lay himself out on the error of their ways, or to offer them, too, at least a little valuable advice.

But the modernists will be more than satisfied to learn that they at least approximate—though still at a great distance—to the ideas of our condescending advocate of what he thinks the *summum bonum disciplinatum*. While most students will agree with me in the opinion that X. Y. Z. has a totally erroneous conception of the respect entertained for those not taking an honor course, all will agree that where a belittling disposition is shown its injustice will ensure its suppression. While I trust he will dismiss from his mind the misconception of the estimation in which he is held, it is to be hoped due reflection will convince him of the absurdity of his attack on those to whom at least a little more honor is due.

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