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## EDITORIALS

The victory of our team over the Rough Riders of Ottawa, on Saturday afternoon, was the most important event in Varsity athletic circles since the similar victory of 1895. It was one of those triumphs which make every student proud of his University. Athletics at Toronto are remarkably free from the taint of professionalism, and a man may belong to a first team and take an interest in athletics generally and at the same time keep up his academic work. It is a matter for congratulation that our men won on their merit. They played a more intelligent and a much cleaner game than their opponents. The Varsity offers its hearty congratulations to the team and the Club.

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As announced a couple of weeks ago, the University Reorganization Commission have invited a deputation of students to meet with them this afternoon. J. G. Miller, of University College; M. R. Graham, of the Medical Faculty; T. R. Loudon, of the S.P.S.; G. E. Trueman, of Victoria, and A. R. Kelley, M.A., of Trinity, will represent their several colleges. The deputation met on Tuesday afternoon at University College and drafted certain resolutions which they will present to the Commission. It is to be presumed that those who form the delegation have consulted with their fellow-students in their respective colleges. The undergraduates have taken a remarkably keen interest in the question of reorganization, and feel very strongly on some phases of the situation. Last Friday night the University College Lit prolonged the discussion for a considerable time beyond the usual hour for adjournment, and a number of suggestions were made which were worth very careful consideration.

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The Undergraduates appreciate to the full the courtesy of the Commission in inviting them to

express their opinions on the questions at issue. Let us hope that this action may be an augury of more intimate relations between the administration and the undergraduate body in the future.

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The Students' Parliament opened auspiciously on Monday evening. The West Hall was crowded, and the audience was very representative. Hon. J. J. Foy opened the debate, and the Cabinet was composed of students from every faculty. The organization thus had a very fair trial and it remains to consider whether its formation has been justified by results.

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The Arts men can scarcely be expected to support the organization at all extensively. They have their own Lit., where anyone with a taste for public speaking is given ample opportunity to practice. Moreover, their form of meeting has been recently altered and now very frequently the members range themselves in parliamentary fashion, after the Oxford and Cambridge system of debate. The students in Medicine and Applied Science have a real need for some kind of a debating society, but the day's work of the average student in these faculties is so exacting that it leaves little time for the cultivation of oratory. Time was when the Lit. was open to students from Arts, Science and Medicine alike, but experience proved that it was in the best interests of the Society that its membership should be restricted to men of the one faculty. The theological students also have their debating clubs, which probably afford them sufficient practice in public speaking.

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The Students' Parliament has, however, its place in the University for two reasons. In the first place, some debating club is necessary for even a few students from Medicine and Science who have the determination to get something out of University life besides mere technical skill. In the second place it is desirable that the undergraduates should have some central organization where they may meet for discussion. The Undergraduates' Union supplies this need on the social side and the Parliament may prove an effective co-worker in its peculiar functions. Inevitably the two must in time coalesce and form the most important undergraduate association in the University.

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Mr. A. G. Brown, B.A., '03, who has recently returned from Oxford, where he spent two years as a Flavelle scholar, has been appointed an occasional lecturer in history at University College.