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APROPOS OF FLAG POLES

Last Friday there appeared in "The Varsity," a letter advocating the erection of two flagpoles in the Stadium, one at each end. This seems to us an excellent proposal, and, if the finances of the Athletic Association will stand the strain, one that should be carried out immediately.

There is growing up in our University a strong spirit of fairness and chivalry which would be even further developed through placing in a high and honorable position the flag of our opponents from Queen's, McGill, and Ottawa, and later we hope of the winning team of the other league.

It has been suggested to us by a student who used to attend Cornell that these flags might serve, too, as the means of introducing some impressive customs similar to those obtaining in the majority of the United States Universities. At Cornell, for example, every student stands bare headed in the stadium while all sing "Alma Mater." The attitude of absolute loyalty and devotion is one which makes greatly for the unity of the great college.

The custom obtains, too, of ringing the chapel bell joyously for half an hour if the team is victorious, and of tolling slowly if ill fortune befalls.

The losing team in games in our stadium might lower its flag in honor of the victors, while all the rooters give the yell of the winning team. Well-established customs of this kind would tend to make us better sportsmen, and would add immediately to the pleasure of the games.

In any case we are in hearty accord with "P.P.A.'s" suggestion, and we trust that it will be put into effect.

FRESHMEN, ATTENTION!

To the Editor of The Varsity:

DEAR SIR,
Might I be accorded a small space in your paper to address a few words to our budding class of '15, University College?

A certain misconception exists in the canny souls of some of these worthies concerning the nature of the reception of Tuesday night to be accorded by the Sophs to their College mates of the first year. Remembering the Meds' blacking and School's whacking they have be thought them of a class-rush and a linen wrestle and have muttered the poet's sentiment "far from the maddening crowds' ignoble strife," deciding that distance would lend enchantment for them on Tuesday night.

But we are neither School nor Meds, nor do their methods pertain to University College. Invitations have been placed in the Post Office for every first year man for this reception, what will take the form of an athletic meet, with plenty of "eats" and "smokes" to liven the College spirit, and surely the men of '15 are not so devoid of the Varsity enthusiasm as to miss this in-for-fun opportunity of getting acquainted with the great and glorious men of IT4. I am,

Yours truly,
W. C. K.
Chairman of Committee.

THE ONLOOKER'S CORNER

Is there any relation, physical, psychological or metaphysical between cigarettes and lawn tennis. The Onlooker spent a very pleasant and profitable afternoon yesterday watching the tennis tournament. He was struck with the fact that almost every contestant smoked one cigarette before the game and three after. It is probable that the added interest and excitement of the players when the semi-finals are reached will necessitate the production of sundry and diverse pipes, while the final games will undoubtedly be played with the assistance of long black cigars. If the stimulus of tobacco is useful in tennis would it not be advisable to train our football team on opium.

A verdant freshman asked the Onlooker this morning to direct him to the cemetery. Of course, he meant seminary; but the Onlooker, who dearly loves his little joke showed him to the library. If you are fond of grave-yard literature and wish to read it in an absolutely appropriate setting you should take Grey's Elegy over to the library in the fall term. But don't disturb the ghosts.

The Onlooker.

CURRENT COMMENT

CHINESE UNREST

The leaning tower among nations is the Chinese Government. It has tottered so often that it would be most unusual for it to do anything else, so we are not surprised to hear that several important centres are in rebellious hands. Almost everything the government does seems to meet with opposition, especially when racialism and superstition are active. It is not easy for a person in Canada to realize the size of China and the difficulties of communication where telegraphs are scarce and railways yet to be. In such a country it may take months and even years to settle a serious local disturbance. In the meantime those who have interests and friends in the affected districts will find plenty of exercise for patience and hope.

THE HIGHER CRITICS

The Great Question has been taken up again at the Methodist Conference, and at the Eucharistic Congress in London, Ontario. An impartial spectator would have no trouble in deciding that there was, if not unanimity, at least considerable feeling displayed. The battle between the man who believes in authority and the adherent of constructive investigation goes on as fiercely as ever, but it seems rather futile. The forces of progress and of truth cannot be long divergent, and much peace of mind is lost on a question which is bound to settle itself before long.

KNOX DROPS OUT

At a meeting of the Inter-collegiate Debating Union executive held Thursday afternoon, notice was received from Knox that the College would not take part in the debates this year. Hence, Wycliffe will be awarded the first debate which was to have taken place on Nov. 2. The first debate will be on November 7 between McMaster and Trinity. Chas B. Scott, of Osgoode, has been appointed president of the union. The next meeting of the executive will be held in the union on Monday evening at 7.30.

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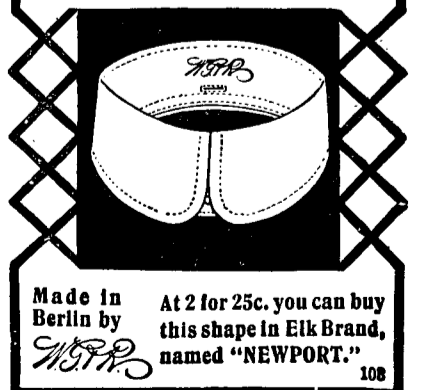
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