

## University Discipline

(When the last number of "Varsity" went to press seven men were under sentence of suspension. It may not seem right for the editor to investigate the troubles which marked last term, but however easily these affairs have been passed over it is plain to everyone that they have not been finally settled. Far from that, there is a strong feeling that the condition with regard to discipline is worse than before. The Committee on Discipline brought down a heavy hand only to lift it, and now we do not know what their future policy may be. The editor has thought it worth while to bring together the opinions of several prominent men upon these subjects.)

### LET ONE MAN DO THE WORK

—Prof. Goldwin Smith

Professor Goldwin Smith said that there should be some men in authority whose especial duty would be to see that good order was maintained. He thought it was perhaps possible that student representatives should aid in this task. They should make it clear that lazing is an insult to the honor of the student victims.

Upon being asked, "What is your opinion of the course taken by the Committee on Discipline in the recent troubles, of punishing only a few men and allowing others known to be equally guilty to go unpunished? Is it justifiable as an unfortunate necessity?"

The professor said, "Of course nothing that is arbitrary is right. But I cannot give an opinion upon this case as I do not know all the circumstances. It may be that the five men suspended were either ringleaders or else implicated in some especial way."

### IMMEDIATE CONFERENCE

—Edmund E. Sheppard

Mr. Edmund E. Sheppard, of Saturday Night—the genial "Don," always the warm friend and the powerful advocate of the students—suggested that a conference representative of the faculty and of the students might bring about a *modus vivendi* by which the students could apply their own discipline.

"I remember," said he, "some fifteen years ago the students caused great annoyance at one of the theatres. They hurled missiles, they howled, in a word they raised hell. The manager of the theatre was in a quandary. I suggested that he should ask representatives of the students to meet him and should point out to them the harm they were doing his theatre and ask them frankly to arrange to discipline their boisterous comrades. Well, the students organized for this purpose and did all that he asked, and for years there was no further trouble at that theatre."

When asked his opinion of the recent action of the Discipline Committee, Mr. Sheppard said, "They must all be Calvinists. They consider seven men elect and some hundred non-elect."

### STUDENTS SHOULD RULE

—Rev. J. A. Macdonald

Rev. J. A. Macdonald, editor of *The Globe*, said, "The task of keeping order should be left to a great extent in the hands of the students. At least the experiment should be tried for

things are very unsatisfactory at present. Give students responsibility and they will rise to the occasion, for they are idealists to a greater extent than their professors. They understand their fellow-students better than the faculty do. In dealing with offenders they would not be any more lenient than the professors and their rulings would be more just and more effective. Above all, this would tend to develop an organizing faculty and a public opinion among undergraduates which would fit them for the more important duties which would rest upon them in after life."



### THE ADVENTURES OF SMITH

J. R. G. M.

Mr. John Smith upon a certain occasion related to a Mr. Hut. W. Walter the substance of the following narrative: "Some years ago, when I was enjoying a short sojourn in Central Africa, a tiger hunt attracted me to the jungles of the immediate environment. I armed myself with a gun and took a small dog along with me, more for company than anything else. I soon met a ferocious looking tiger. To my surprise I noticed that my gun was out of order, and, for an instant, I was at a loss to know just what to do. I did not fear for my own safety, but I couldn't see my innocent little dog suffer. The only thing for me to do was to climb a tree and take my companion with me. This I did and felt hopeful in that I might be able to tire out the animal below. However, three long days and nights passed and still the fierce eyes of the monster glared up at me. A happy thought came to my uneasy brain just as I was about to fall from exhaustion. I acted accordingly, and cut a ten-foot gad from the tree and tied my pet to one end thereof. Holding this in my hands I watched for my opportunity. A few minutes passed and my chance came. Just as the beast turned his eyes away from mine I dropped on him and, straddling his back, I held the gad out in front of him with the little dog on the distal end. The tiger made a leap for his prey but missed. Leap after leap followed and I found myself enjoying a wild ride over stumps, fallen trees and rivers. Before long I noticed that I could steer my mount in any direction I chose. Accordingly I directed him towards the camp at which I was staying, a distance of some fifteen or twenty miles. Arriving at my destination I found some difficulty in making my home-coming known to the folks inside. After encircling the building about seventeen times, an upstairs window was raised and a rope thrown to me. I flung gad and dog through the window and seized the rope and climbed to my friends upstairs. The tiger lurked about the place for some time and I succeeded in fatally wounding him. Unfortunately," added Mr. Smith, "circumstances forced me some years ago to sell the skin."

Mr. Hut. W. Walter—"I think that tiger, or more likely yourself, was a lion."



Those "organ grinders" in the B. & P. course would do well to look sharp to their own upper flats instead of to those of the Union.