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UNIVERSITY HERALDRY

Heraldry is a science in which little interest is taken on this side of the water. Few families in Canada boast a coat of arms, fewer still—fortunately—display one. Few people, as a result, know anything at all about such things. This, in itself, is rather a good sign than otherwise. A man stands or falls by what he is, and not by what his ancestors have been. It has one unfortunate result, however. Institutions which have armorial bearings, and which rightly cherish them, are inclined to become careless as to the correctness of the arms they display. At Toronto, for instance, we have a coat of arms for the University, and one for each college; but comparatively few undergraduates know them sufficiently well to realize a mistake in the devices when it is made.

The athletic colour of University College affords a good example of this fact. The arms as they appear on the colour show all the changes borne on the correct shield, but their disposition, and even their colour, is far from correct. The arms are, as every one should know, a red shield charged with a white chevron; above the chevron two open books proper—i.e., in their natural colour—and below it a beaver, also proper; on the chevron itself, not above it, is a crown, proper. The crest is, of course, a lamp. A moment's reflection on the part of anyone familiar with the U. C. athletic colour, will satisfy him that the arms on the colour are vastly different from the real college arms. It is a pity that the athletic association of the College should allow such an error to appear on their official reward for athletic prowess.

Similar inaccuracy is noticeable in names. The whole device,—crest, shield, and motto, is commonly termed "crest." This is probably the result of a certain inaccuracy of thought which seems to be a characteristic of this continent. In common speech, it is not so much to be regretted, though there it is bad enough; but when it occurs in official form, we think it is time to bring the matter up. The certificate which goes with the University colour is a document prized by all who are fortunate enough to win it, it is regrettable that in it, the whole device is termed the "crest." Now the crest of the University is a tree. True, the tree does appear on the colour, but not alone, as the wording of the certificate would indicate. Surely, in official and highly prized documents such as this, we can have accuracy at least.

CONCERNING COPY

The editors and printers connected with The Varsity are slowly being made into candidates for the insane asylum by the "copy" which they are called upon to handle. Some of it bears a striking resemblance to the manuscript of the ancient Egyptians and no one on The Varsity is capable of reading this ancient literature. For the sake of the mental repose of the editors, if not for the very practical one of economy in type-setting, correspondents are urged, requested, implored to write legibly and neatly and on

the copy paper which will be supplied at the Varsity office.

The many who are so kindly assisting in the preparation of copy will also please disabuse their minds of the idea which seems to prevail that The Varsity has a battery of a dozen or more linotype machines and can set up its paper in thirty minutes before going to press. It is flattering that we are thus believed such a mighty concern, but unfortunately we cannot fill the role. We are driven to confess that, in fact, our type-setting capacity is decidedly limited, and, in order to produce the paper every second day, almost an equal amount of copy has to be in the printer's hands each day. That for the inside pages must always be in two days before issue and as much of the remainder as possible by 1 o'clock the day before the issue.

While laying bare some of the difficulties that beset our path, we might also inform our friends concerning something else for which The Varsity has been criticised. It is claimed by some that the paper shows favoritism in its College news, some colleges or faculties are given several inches of space each issue while others receive scant recognition. The reason for this is not partiality on the part of Varsity editors, but lack of industry on the part of the elected faculty representative. Some colleges have hustling correspondents who get in their copy in large quantity, good shape, and good time while others are tardy, slow and incapable of appreciating news. The editors do not wish to put one college to the fore continually, but they hesitate to reward the "live" correspondent by suppressing his material while they wait, perhaps in vain, for a few badly written items from another college. If all faculty representatives are equally industrious, careful and prompt in their work the copy will be edited in the manner its importance and that of the faculty or college represented deserves. Of the three virtues above named, perhaps the greatest for the purpose desired is promptness. Unless the editor has before him when he starts his work all the material he will be called upon to handle, it is impossible for him to edit that all will appear as its relative importance deserves. College news should all be in by 4 p.m. two days before issue.

A SUGGESTION

In connection with the arrangements for the rooting at football matches, and in particular at the match for Dominion honors if Varsity captures the Inter-collegiate title, The Varsity would like to make a suggestion.

It is just a slight variation of the plan, which has proved so effective in the big games in the past three years, of displaying a design by means of white sweaters against a dark background, on the main rooters' bleachers.

Let every man in the bleachers be provided with a piece of blue and a piece of white bunting sewn together, either in the form of a cape, with one colour on the back and the other on the front, or as a double covering for the front, in either case allowing free and rapid change of the colours. Have a series of design prepared, and let every man, as he enters the bleachers, be given a seat number and a schedule showing when he, as the occupant of that seat, is to expose the blue, and when the white bunting. The cheer leaders could direct the design. The bleachers could be made not only a dazzling array of blue and white, but a dozen different arrangements of stripes and letters could be effected with practically no trouble. It would be necessary only that each man should take and keep one particular seat and follow his schedule and the directions of the cheer leaders. The scheme would involve a great deal of preparation, it is true, but we suggest that the result would be so striking as to make the outlay of time and money small in comparison

Thine eyes are bright,
Thy teeth are white,
Thy feet are simply out of sight,
Thy lips are sweet,
Thy dress is neat,
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