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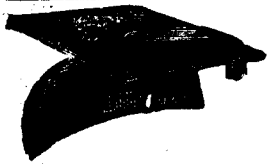
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## CONCERNING CO-EDS.

Mr. Gibson, of Hamilton, has given notice of motion, "for a return showing what applications have been made by females for admission to any of the lectures of University College for the session of 1881-2, and the results of such applications, together with copies of all correspondence in connection therewith." It will be quite worth the while of the undergraduates to hear the discussion, if only to enjoy the turning-over which the College Council will in all probability receive.

## CIVIL POLITY IN THE UNIVERSITY.

Last year, in the columns of the *'Varsity*, I suggested the creation of a sixth graduating department, which should embrace, besides the English of the Fourth Year, a comprehensive course of Political Economy, Constitutional Law and History, Jurisprudence, and International Law. I called attention then to the absurd manner in which History and Civil Polity have been dealt with by the Senate in the present arrangement of work for the Blake Scholarship, and showed that the true way out of the *cul de sac* in which the competitors for that scholarship find themselves at the end of their third year, would be to continue the same class of subjects as a separate graduating department into the fourth year. In the light of recent developments I now repeat my suggestion, and in so doing, I shall enforce it with a few considerations which have since this time last year acquired an amount of force which cannot fail to carry conviction to the minds of many who could not then see their way clear to endorsing it.

Of all the objections which I have ever heard urged against the creation of a Civil Polity Department in the University curriculum, the strongest is based on the fact that no affiliated college provides for instruction in the branches included in it. It will be seen from a perusal of the recently published report of the Committee of Senate appointed to consider the finances and requirements of the University and University College, that one of the recommendations of that Committee is the institution of lectureships in Political Economy and in Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence in University College. While I still hold that the creation of the department referred to should not be made contingent on the establishment of these proposed lectureships, I am free to admit that the carrying out of this part of the scheme outlined in the report, greatly strengthens the case I am trying to make out. The only one of the subjects I have enumerated as proper to be included in such a department that would in that event be omitted from the College course is International Law, which could be easily dealt with by a competent lecturer on Jurisprudence.

I do not intend to waste time and space in discussing other objections to the proposed new department, as most of them have very little weight. I prefer to call attention once more to one or two considerations which seem to me to render its crea-

tion highly expedient, if not absolutely necessary. Any one who is even sufficiently acquainted with the character of the University curriculum must have been struck by the extent to which, by its system of options, it affords facilities for quasi professional training. Those intending to pursue the study of Theology can devote themselves to Classics, Oriental Languages or Philosophy. Intending medical practitioners can greatly facilitate their purely professional course of study by taking up the Natural Sciences. But there is no optional department which affords an equally good incidental preparation for the study of law, and this long felt want would be supplied by the creation of such a department as the one I advocate.

But there is a more practical consideration still. Fortunately for the country an increasing number of graduates of Toronto University are finding their way into public life and the profession of journalism. It is extremely desirable that both pursuits should be to a larger extent than at present followed by men of liberal education, and a course of reading embracing Civil Polity, Jurisprudence, Constitutional History, and English, would be the best possible kind of mental discipline for the intending publicist. I need not say a word in favor of such a course on the score of its educational value. "Politics," in the best sense of the term, is the science of human government, and no subject is *per se* better calculated either to improve the mind of the thoughtful student or to win his enthusiastic devotion.

WM. HOUSTON.

## THE GREEK PLAY.

It may, perhaps, be a mistake to attempt to defend the theatre, on the ground that it is a grand agent in popular education. No one, however, we may presume, is so bigoted an opponent of theatrical representations, as to deny that the stage might, by the accurate performance of the best plays, with the aid of carefully designed scenery and costumes, be utilized with telling effect towards the education and elevation of taste and mind. We venture to assert, that to have seen Neilson in "Romeo and Juliet," Booth in "Richard III.," or Rignold in "Henry V.," adds more to one's appreciation of the beauties of these plays, than scores of lectures devoted to the notice of figures of speech and the analysis of characters, with which the students in Honor English (don't be offended, gentlemen, the writer has been one himself) burden their minds, under the impression, presumably, that a play of Shakespeare cannot be appreciated unless every example of metonymy, epanalepsis, &c., can be pointed out and designated with an appropriate name.

It is not proposed, however, to discuss the broad question of the use and abuse of the stage at the present day. The question which is of most interest to University men is, why the Greek Play should not be produced at the Grand Opera House, where, confessedly, it could be produced with the grandest effect, to the largest audiences, with the least trouble and inconvenience, and with a tithe of the expense that will be incurred in attempting

the performance in Convocation Hall in a manner worthy of the University? If the College Council had taken the ground that it is more appropriate that an entertainment given by University men should be held in our own hall, one could understand this position. But the objection is not based on this ground, and the position taken is apparently this, that, as some people object to the immorality with which the stage is supposed to be impregnated, a performance in the Opera House, under the sanction of the College Council, might give offence to these squeamish individuals.

The "Antigone" itself is confessedly a splendid example of Greek tragedy, and was probably often presented to immense audiences, variously estimated at from twenty to thirty thousand persons, in the magnificent theatre in ancient Athens—a theatre, by the way, supported by the State. We University men are justly proud of the prominent position taken by our Alma Mater and University College in the advancement and enlightenment of the age, and surely we can be excused if we express our surprise that the authorities, instead of attempting to overcome, should quietly yield to such narrow-minded prejudice.

The difficulties which beset the gentlemen engaged in getting up the performance are manifold. It would be a sufficiently difficult matter to give the play in proper setting in a well-appointed theatre; but when one considers the disadvantages of Convocation Hall for a performance of this nature—its poor acoustic properties, inadequate accommodation, the expense of raising the stage and the floor to enable those behind to see, the difficulties of making proper stage arrangements—we must admire the courage of the committee in grappling with such a tremendous undertaking. We have no reason to doubt that the performance can and will be made a success, even under circumstances so adverse; and it is confidently expected that every man who pretends to take the slightest interest in the University and College will come forward, and do his best to aid in accomplishing the most ambitious undertaking ever attempted by our graduates and undergraduates.

As the author of "Sign-board Poetry" neglected to send his name with the article, we will be obliged to postpone publishing it till we hear from him.

A NEW law book, entitled "A Manual of Practical Conveyancing," by D. A. O'Sullivan, M.A., LL.B., has this week been issued by the publishers. Mr. O'Sullivan, who is a graduate of Toronto University, is already well known as the author of "A Manual of Government in Canada." It is believed that this second work will establish his reputation as an author of legal text books. Previously to the publication of this treatise there was no Canadian law book on the subject of conveyancing, and students and practitioners were compelled to rely on English works, although the laws relating to the transfer of property in Ontario and the corresponding laws in England differ widely in many respects. The new book will be of great assistance to students, and we hope to see it adopted as a text book by the Law Society, as has already been done with the "Manual of Government."

In common with much greater periodicals, the 'Varsity has its critics, who never fail to express disapprobation—always, of course, in the most friendly and agreeable manner. Such criticisms vary extensively, as might be expected. One college journal imparts the enlightening information that our pages would be more sparkling and readable if divided into three columns instead of two; our more immediate guardians generally confine themselves to the caustic nomenclature of western criticism; and above all, who has not experienced the blighting influence of the man who, with the careless superiority of the *Saturday Review*, casually remarks, that he "does not think much of it." Now, we have no wish to interfere with this cherished function to carp and criticise. But as our critics thus impliedly assume their capacity for greater and better things, it is only fair to point out to them their unkindness in withholding from the readers of the 'Varsity as well their refutation of errors, as whatever little things of their own

they may have hitherto neglected to publish. The editorial staff is not perplexed every week by the difficulty of choosing from a huge mass of contributions. By all means let some of our detractors abandon the barren task of desultory criticism, and give us their assistance in improving whatever has failed to meet with their approbation.

In almost all European Universities, one evening is set apart by the students for the purpose of attending the performances at the various theatres, and this is known as their "theatre night." As the students of Toronto are a theatre-going body, there is no reason why they should not move to establish this old country custom here. This is aimed at in some American Universities to-day. The advantages to be gained are many, noticeably the promotion of friendly intercourse among students of the various departments and professions, as well as a saving of that part of their pocket money set aside for amusements. The manager of the Grand Opera House has signified his willingness to make a reduction in the ordinary prices to students, on their establishing a "theatre night." The best place to bring this question up for consideration, it seems, would be at the meeting of the Students' Union to be held to-night.

#### STAGE HINTS.

In ancient times old Pericles  
Saw fit to legislate,  
So needful did he deem it  
Each Greek to educate.  
That every Dorian subject,  
Once a week at any rate,  
Should attend the great Lyceum,  
At the expense of the State.

Now, because Canadian people  
May cry out, Hold on! Wait!  
You're running to perdition  
At a headlong 2.10 gait;  
The doors of public theatres  
Are barred us: schoolboy's fate;  
And we're forced to play "Antigone"  
On a stage 'bout 6 by 8.

Ye weird old Theban senators,  
Till your college course is run,  
You still are henpecked students,  
Hardly more than twenty-one  
To work you in your proper place  
In Convocation Hall,  
You must roost on either side upon  
A bar nailed to the wall.

Kreon, you're on so often, if  
You know what you're about,  
Go into training first of March  
To avoid a crowding out.  
If you, your wife, and Hæmon's corpse,  
Get once wedged in yon vice;  
Sophocles' Antigone never will  
Be represented twice.

Now as some little trouble  
May crop up at this point,  
By some one's metacarpal bones  
Being squeezed out of joint;  
I suggest this innovation:  
In manipulating Hæmon,  
Pull him through by an endless chain,  
While no one else is on.

Well, narrow as the boundaries are  
Of this Lilliputian stage,  
They're not as narrow as the views  
Of those hoary men and sage,  
Who, for fear it might engender  
In Toronto's verdant youth,  
A tendency to run to see  
Or Anderson or Booth,

Have ruled with mighty wisdom that,  
To have the play at all,  
It must be acted on the stage  
Of Convocation Hall.  
This is the means by which you can  
Bend students to your will;  
Get profs. concerned; and then 'tis made  
A somewhat easier bill

THE ASHCAT.

## OBSERVATIONS BY THE PATRIARCH STUDENT.

A TORONTO schoolmistress was putting a company of juveniles of the gentler sex through their facings in the spelling-book; and came to the word, "lad," of which, according to custom, she asked the signification. "For courtin' wi'," was the prompt reply; and I place the definition on record for the benefit of future lexicographers.

"I UNDERSTAND very well," said one of the lights of the Third Year to a Fifth Year Residence man, "why you don't work after dinner; you want to digest your food. But why shouldn't you work when you get up in the morning?"

"I want to digest my sleep."

ONE of the big guns of the Fourth Year in Metaphysics, says that the number of thinkers in the world is very small, but the number of men who think that they are great thinkers is very large.

WHY should not the lawns in front of Upper Canada College be added to the field on the west side to form one play-ground? The masters are too well provided in quarters and salary to afford a pretext for depriving the boys of elbow-room for their physical education. The gymnasium might then be placed on Adelaide Street and a cinder track between the College Avenue and John Street, without unduly encroaching upon the cricket and foot-ball field, whilst the grounds between the Avenue and Simcoe Street afford a situation for fives' courts, a racquet court, &c.

If these lawns cannot be utilized for the benefit of the boys, they should be converted, along with those about Government House, into public squares. Land is not so abundant that a large area near the heart of the city should be set aside for the use of a few individuals who are too well cared for in other respects. Even the pleasure of simply viewing ornamental cultivation is obstructed in this instance by high and hideous fences.

Mr. Bell in the assembly on Wednesday spoke in favor of removing the College to the environs of University College—the vacancy to be taken up by the Parliament buildings. If the improvements I have alluded to are somewhat impracticable, then the suggestion of the member from West Toronto is one that fits the case, since it would have the twofold effect of giving the taxpayer more worth for his money and of bettering the lot of the college boy.

THAT was a mean boy who, knowing that nice young fellow from the Residence was still in the drawing room with his (the boy's) sister, slipped down gaily towards midnight and rang the breakfast-bell.

## UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE NEWS.

COLUMBIA. This college, formerly King's College, was founded in 1754, and in 1787 was placed under the care of twenty-four trustees. The funds came from voluntary donations of the State and of individuals, Joseph Murray, a lawyer, bequeathing his library and fortune to the college, amounting to \$25,000. The botanic garden, then situated about four miles from the city of New York, and containing some 2,000 plants, was purchased before 1818 by the State for the sum of \$73,000, and given to the college on condition that it should be removed to its vicinity. In 1811 there were 103 students. The faculty of medicine was incorporated in 1807.

This college, like many other northern colleges, is agitating the co-educational question. This is getting to be a practical issue, and should receive full discussion.

AMHERST. Amherst has given up holding examinations.

YALE. Yale holds the foot-ball, base-ball, and boating championship of American colleges.

HARVARD. The library is kept open on Sundays, and on the afternoon of that day lectures are given on Biblical History.

Harvard scholarships amount to \$25,000 annually.

ANN ARBOR. A Latin play is to be produced at Michigan. One of the comedies of Terence or Plautus will likely be selected.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE. A grave near Kingston was robbed, and the police, followed by the female relatives of deceased, searched Queen's for the body from cellar to garret. This sort of thing happens often at Queen's.

TRINITY. An effort is being made to raise \$100,000 for the purpose of establishing professorships in Theology and Physical Science, and for the erection of a new chapel, at Trinity College. A circular has been sent to the leading church people in Canada asking their assistance.

The Rev. C. W. E. Body, new Provost of Trinity College, was Sixth Wrangler at Cambridge, Fellow of St. John's College, and Tyrerwit Hebrew Scholar.

An order has been issued by the Dean, making it obligatory on all attending lectures to live in Residence, save those whose parents reside in the city.

Monthly examinations are held now: a step in the direction of high school procedure.

A graduate barrister of three years' standing gets his B.C.L. at Trinity by simply paying a fee.

The *Rouge et Noir* is a sixteen page journal published four times a year at Trinity. The business management have a "design on hand at present of making the paper a monthly magazine, which might obtain for itself a recognized position among the literary efforts of our country." Bravo! Business management.

McGILL COLLEGE. Lectures commenced at McGill on Thursday, 4th inst., and everything is now in full swing again. The valedictorians for this year are as follows: Law, R. A. Klock, B.A.; Arts, N. T. Rielle; Applied Science, I. H. Burland; Medicine, T. O'Brien. Glancing at this list, I think we are justified in looking forward to quite a literary treat on Convocation day.

The preparations for the annual dinners are already commenced, the usual meeting of the Applied Science men being the first on the list. Last year the Sophomores went for a drive to the back river, where a good supper, and the usual speech-making and songs, afforded a very enjoyable entertainment. Such a way of spending the evening is much preferable to the ordinary down-town affair.

There is to be no Founder's Festival this year, which will be a great relief to all concerned. It was proposed at the beginning of the session to have substituted a students' ball for the festival, but the project was open to innumerable objections, and soon died a natural death. The difficulties which interposed were of such a character that we think the committee elected to carry out the design were quite justified in letting the matter drop.

The work in the new museum building seems to be progressing slowly; but little remains now to be done, and the whole will likely be finished early in the spring. The use of the college buildings has been offered and accepted for the meetings of the American Association, which are to take place here in August. It is to be hoped that the museum will be in order before that time, and that the collection presented by the Principal will be in position. By the way, the value of the collection is estimated at \$15,000, no mean gift for the College to receive.

On Friday evening the question "Shud fonetik spelling be adopted in the English langwedge?" was discussed at the University Literary Society. We are glad to say that the Society is coming to life again, and that the President, Mr. Archibald, means to take an interest in it and make it a success. "Should the Chinese immigration into North America be checked?" was the question at the Undergraduates' Society, which, after a very instructive and lively debate, was decided in the negative. The speakers were Messrs. Greenshields, Rogers, Wright, Lee, England and Hunter. After the debate Mr. Weston gave a humorous selection, which closed one of the pleasantest evenings yet passed since the opening of the Society. The President, Mr. J. R. Murray, occupied the chair.

Nothing has been heard lately of the introduction of the new curriculum, and we hope sincerely that this unnecessary reform is to remain in the possession of its stately originator.

The hockey match with the Quebec Club came off on Friday evening, and resulted in a draw. The general expectation was that the College would have been beaten, even the gallant captain himself refusing to back his side. But fortunately the men showed to advantage, and upheld the honor of the Alma Mater. The team, after a little more practice, will be very formidable, and we look forward to the match with the Victoria Club with confidence. The names of the players on Friday were Messrs. Brown, Foster, Low, Smith, Arnton, Collins and Green.

At the last meeting of the Reading Room Committee it was determined to invest in a new carpet for the room, a move which has been taken not a bit too soon. We would suggest that next year some kind of easy chairs be provided, as the present ones are very uncomfortable, and the expense would not be too great.

The annual Science Dinner came off on Tuesday at the Richelieu Hotel, and was a great success. C. W. Trenholme, who attended as representative from Arts, was much applauded for the eloquent way in which he replied to the toast of his faculty.

At the Undergraduate Society, the question as to the influence of increased wealth upon the morals of a nation was discussed. The debate was not the best which we have heard in the Society; indeed, the only speech worth mentioning was that of Mr. Pedley, which was really very able as well as amusing. The President, Mr. J. R. Murray, read an essay on the "Applicability of the Republican form of Government to England of the present day," and Mr. Unsworth gave a reading from Tenyson. On the motion of Mr. Greenshields, seconded by Mr. England, the Special Committee were empowered to make arrangements with Mr. Weston to deliver one of his lectures before the Society on Friday, 3rd February. His lectures, we believe, are very interesting, and he will no doubt attract a large house.

There is some talk of a foot-ball match to be played on the ice in the Victoria Rink sometime next week. The project we suspect will hardly be carried out, although if it be attempted it will be sure to draw the crowd.

The college paper of the leading university of Virginia recently contained, as its principal article, a dissertation on duelling, advocating the upholding of the duello.

There are, at the present time, nearly four hundred female physicians in active practice in twenty-six of the United States.

Professor Max Muller has been elected Curator of Bodleian Library in place of Dr. Rolleston.

A new ladies' college, called Alma College, has been established at St. Thomas, Ontario. The Principal is Rev. B. F. Austin, M.A., a graduate of Albert College, Belleville.

Over 5,000 students attended the lectures of 215 professors at Berlin University last year.

Cambridge has conferred the degree of B.A. on two ladies.

A convention of the opponents of secret societies was held here this week, and closed by nominating Rev. Jonathan Blanchard, of Wheaton, Ill., for President of the United States in 1884; and Rev. John C. Conant, of Connecticut, for Vice President. There were about two hundred delegates present from various parts of the country—mostly cranks.—*Chicago Evening Journal.*

During the past fifteen months the sum of \$19,000,000 has been given by individuals in the United States for the cause of education.

There are 7,000 Americans now studying in German schools and universities. The American Consul at Wurtemberg estimates that \$4,500,000 has thus annually been expended in Germany.

In the present Congress of the United States thirty-four senators and one hundred and thirty-eight representatives are college graduates.

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.** The University College Natural Science Association held its first meeting for Easter term on Wednesday evening (Jan. 18th)—the President, Dr. Ellis, in the chair. Dr. Ferguson was proposed as an honorary member, and Mr. W. P. McKenzie for an ordinary member.

The collection of skulls made by Mr. S. Phelps, was voted to be given to the University Museum.

Mr. Lawson brought forward a motion that the Senate be asked to substitute Mills' Inductive Logic for Pass Civil Polity. After some discussion, this motion was carried. A paper was read by Mr. O. Weld on Post Cainozoic Geology. Dana's division of this period into Glacial, Champlain and Recent was taken. The rival "Iceberg" and "Glacier" theories were discussed, and also the formation of terraces and sea-beaches in the Champlain period. Mr. D. O. Cameron read a paper on the salt beds of Western Ontario. He described their position, discussed their probable formation, and explained the process of manufacture in Goderich.

Two of the refractory freshmen who had to be doctored for insubordination last November, were turned out of the Classical lecture room on Tuesday by the Professor for the same reason.

The Glee Club is to take part in the *Conversazione* at Osgoode Hall.

The prices of tickets for the Greek play has been fixed at \$1.50 for reserved, and \$1 for ordinary seats. The Finance Committee are now receiving signatures as vouchers for tickets. The idea is to give the graduates and undergraduates the priority of choice of seats, so that up to the end at least of the present month these will have the selection. A short time previous to the play a plan will be opened, and those having subscribed for seats will be the first choosers.

The music for "Antigone" has arrived, and practice was commenced by the Glee Club on Thursday last, 47 members being present. Those gentlemen, graduates or undergraduates, who would like to sing in the chorus, should join the club at once; the second tenor and first-bass parts are especially weak. There are now two practices each week, on Monday and Thursday, at 4.30 P. M.—Mr. W. H. Blake is expected to take the part of *Choregus* in "Antigone." Mr. H. B. Wright is the present accompanist.

THE circulars to the graduates of Toronto University, enclosing slips with which to apply for seats for the Greek Play, will be mailed before Monday. It is to be hoped that all wishing to obtain tickets will apply at once. If those who do apply will empower the Secretary, or some friend, to look after securing their seats for them when the box plan is opened, it will insure safety to themselves as well as avoid the possibility of dissatisfaction to all.

A MEETING of the Mathematical and Physical Society is to be held to-day (Friday) to receive the report of the committee appointed to draft a constitution.

The following petition to the College Council has been circulating for signatures among the undergraduates for the past few days.

"Whereas the current expenses of the Gymnasium Association amount to about \$250 per annum;

"And whereas the committee has found it impossible to raise the above amount by collecting;

"And whereas it would be a great misfortune to the students if this institution had to be closed for want of funds;

"We, your petitioners, do humbly pray and suggest that the Council may see fit to increase the present College fee to \$11, the extra amount to be devoted to the support of the gymnasium, which shall be under the management of a committee to be appointed by the students."

The petition has already been signed by all of the Committee of the Gymnasium Association, and by nearly 250 other undergraduates.

A MEETING of the undergraduates of University College will be held this (Friday) afternoon at 4 o'clock, for the purpose of choosing representatives in the Student's Union. This College is entitled to elect seven representatives, a larger number than any other college in the Union. A meeting of all the representatives of the Union will be held in Temperance Hall, Temperance Street, on Saturday, February 4th, at 8 o'clock P.M.

DURING the recent cold weather the reading-rooms were so badly heated that Residence men were forced to read in their rooms, and many others to leave the reading-rooms and go home. Now that the weather has got warm again, we expect to have full-steam on all day.

THERE are registered this year 356 students.

'**VARSIITY MEN.** Mr. W. D. Pearman, M.A., since leaving University College, has edited an edition of Cicero's "De Segibus," which is said to be excellent.

Mr. A. H. Grose was called home to Whithy on Tuesday, on account of the death of his sister.

Mr. B. E. Chaffey, B.A., '81, is now in London, having spent a month in Florence.

**TORONTO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.** The meeting of the students for the election of representatives to the executive committee of the Students' Union is called for the 26th inst. The feeling amongst the students at present is, that it is now too late to devote much time to any schemes in connection with the Union this session.

**KNOX COLLEGE.** The number of new students entering the Theology Course proper this year is fourteen, making a total of thirty-six in theology exclusively. The Residence of the College is at present filled to overflowing, the rooms being occupied by seventy-five students. Beside these, there are about twenty-five boarding privately in the city, thus making a total of about one hundred, who are working with a view to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church.

ONE of the fancy dressed at Government House was a lady from Hudson's Bay, whose toggery, to quote the dailies, informed by the personage in question, was a "complete suit of furskins, coat with fur inside, and the outside profusely ornamented with beads and metal; a bandau round the head containing a large solitaire diamond in centre, with other jewels set in pure gold on either side, and in form of a fern-leaf, a cross, and two beetles; a heavy gold chain, with a watch in an ornamented skin pocket."

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When in his chair the Soph perceives  
His neighbor's fingers taper  
Drop betwixt his "pony" leaves  
A slip of tinted paper,  
Writ and rewrit from rim to rim,  
And signed, "Your loving Mamie,"  
Will he reply in Sanskrit hymns,  
Or answer her in paradigms  
Of *cimi* and *tithemi*?

When from the ivied College Hall  
The lights begin to glimmer,  
And forth they stroll at even-fall  
To watch the starlight shimmer;  
And not a soul is nigh to hear,  
While silence soothes the senses—  
Say! will he murmur in her ear  
A lecture on the lunar sphere,  
Or aromatic lenses?

Exchange.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, January 13th, 1882.

Prof. Loudon gave notice of the introduction at the next meeting of the Senate of a statute amending the statute in the Faculty of Arts, by providing for (1) the omission of the mathematical work for junior matriculation from the mathematical work required in the first year; (2) the substitution for the present fourth year course in mathematics of two separate courses, the first embracing mathematics and astronomy, and the second physics.

Dr. Oldright gave notice that at the next meeting of the Senate he would introduce a statute to amend the statute regarding Local Examinations for Women.

The Vice-Chancellor presented the report of the Committee on Finance, which is as follows:

To the Senate of the University of Toronto:

GENTLEMEN,—The committee appointed to report upon the income and expenditure of the University of Toronto and University College, and to consider the best means under the circumstances of improving the efficiency and extending the usefulness of these institutions, begs leave to submit the following report:—

After due consideration of the whole question, it appears that the available resources of the University and University College are altogether inadequate to render these institutions as complete as they should be in regard to the strength of the staff, and all the aids and appliances necessary to the highest kinds of teaching. Whilst our poverty of means is to be regretted, it is, on the other hand, a matter for congratulation that there exists such abundant evidence of progress and of pressing necessity for greater activity to meet the intellectual wants of the country. Prominent among the causes which render urgent an addition to our forces may be mentioned the increase in the number of students and the considerable extensions which have recently been made in revising the curriculum to the various courses of study. Many new classes have thus been rendered necessary, and the labor of the instructors largely increased, more especially in connection with the practical courses in science and honor work generally.

There are, moreover, other and equally cogent reasons which point to the necessity for making additions to our teaching strength. In certain branches, such as constitutional law and political economy, students have not hitherto had the benefit of any teaching; and it is essential that instruction in these branches should not be neglected whilst they are considered worthy of forming a part of a liberal education.

Nor should we lose sight of the duty incumbent on the University of promoting the advancement of learning by offering every encouragement and facility to those graduates who desire to devote themselves to special lines of research.

Having regard to such considerations as these, your Committee is of opinion that the teaching staff should be much larger than it is at present, and should consist of separate professors or lecturers on Greek, Latin, French and Italian, German, English, Hebrew, History, Botany, Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence, Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, Mental Science, Chemistry, Physiology, Geology and Mineralogy, Zoology, Political Economy, together with a Demonstrator of Physics, a Mathematical Tutor, a Classical Tutor, and such other assistants as the numbers of certain classes might render necessary.

Besides these, there should be established certain fellowships, whose holders should have teaching functions, according to the scheme proposed at a subsequent part of this report. Nor can the institution be considered complete without the establishment of an observatory, in which event there would be added a professor of astronomy. Such a scheme of reorganization would also necessitate a large expenditure on library, museum, and laboratories.

For the purposes of the University, there has for some time been a most pressing necessity for an Examination Hall, the numbers of candidates undergoing examination at the same time being now so large that they fill to overflowing Convocation Hall and all available lecture rooms. To all this is to be added the consideration of the question of providing facilities for the higher education of women.

The expenditure involved in such a reorganization as is indicated above, would extend far beyond the available resources of the institution, and it is submitted at present only with the view to the consideration by the Government of the question whether they would propose such an increase of funds as will enable a complete reorganization to be effected.

If the scheme for reorganization is to be confined to the present available resources, it becomes necessary to state what these are.

The income from the endowment for the year ending June 30, 1881, amounted to \$65,696, the main items of which are shown in the appended statement marked "A."

Some increase to the revenue may be expected during the next ten years, as park lots at present vacant are gradually brought under lease; and the sales of the comparatively small quantity of remaining lands throughout the Province will also afford some slight increase.

On the other hand, if allowance be made for the gradual reduction in the rate of interest, and for losses arising from loans and uninvested funds, it is possible that the income derivable from the endowment may be materially reduced.

The only other source of revenue consists of fees, which for the year ending June 30, 1881, were:

University.....	\$3,269 50
University College.....	3,327 00
	\$6,596 00

which, being added to the receipts from the endowment, \$65,696, make a total revenue for the last year of \$72,292.50.

Dealing with the revenue for the next few financial years, the average income cannot be estimated higher than as follows:

From endowment and subject to charges presently to be mentioned.....	\$65,696 00
Fees on present scale.....	6,596 50
Total.....	\$72,292 50

By an arrangement made some time ago to acquire certain University property for public purposes, a sum of \$20,000 of public money is expected to be placed at the disposal of the University on condition that \$10,000 of its own funds in addition (making in all \$30,000) are expended in the erection of a building for examination purposes and other objects absolutely necessary to the efficient working of the institution. This will involve a reduction in the income of \$600, being the interest on \$10,000. Deducting this sum from the above \$72,292.50, there would remain \$71,692.50, as the average annual income for the next few years, without allowing any provision for losses on investments, or by reason of funds being uninvested.

The expenditure for the current year, including the payment of pensions, will, it is estimated, reach \$67,914; and it is not likely to be reduced during the next few years. This amount, it should be remarked, does not include any sum for extraordinary or unforeseen expenses. With regard to the amount (\$4,866.66) paid for pensions, it is to be hoped that several years may elapse before further charges are created under this head. It seems clear that some general equitable plan ought to be adopted, whereby contributions should be made by the professors, and other members of the staff, towards a superannuation fund, and the amount of allowance and conditions of retirement declared. In this connection it would be well to consider how far the Canadian Civil Service Superannuation System, with such modification as the difference of age involves, on entrance, might serve as a basis.

It is possible that the plan of reserving a portion of the salary, and creating thereout a fund for each professor, bearing interest meantime, and payable, principal and interest, on retirement, might be more suitable. In view of the recent increase in the salaries, the present time seems especially suitable for the settlement of this question. Meantime the charge for retiring allowances must be placed at \$4,866.66.

There will be an increased charge for heating, and incidental expenses connected with the new Examination Hall, of about \$400. And it is proper to allow for such special expenditures as occur in most years, an average sum of at least \$1,000.

This brings the estimated expenditure up to \$69,314, as against an estimated revenue of \$71,692.50, leaving an estimated balance of only \$2,378.50.

These figures make it clear that the available margin is very narrow, and that even for the most indispensable improvements it may be necessary to propose a resort to the only remaining resource—an increase in the sale of fees.

The plan of improvement to be suggested is therefore limited as far as possible, and is confined to those points which seem most urgent and of most obvious importance, and to those methods of action which involve least addition to the expenditure.

The existing staff is as follows: Professors—Classics, Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, History and English Literature, Logic, Metaphysics and Ethics, Chemistry, Mineralogy and Geology, Natural History, Agriculture. Lecturers on—French, German, Italian, Oriental Languages. Tutors in—Classics, Mathematics.

It is proposed to establish in addition two lectureships—one in Political Economy and one in Constitutional Law and Principles of Jurisprudence; the salary of each lecturer being \$800 a year; and to appoint a Demonstrator of Physics at a salary of \$1,200 a year.

It is proposed, further, to inaugurate a system of fellowships, whereby graduates of approved merit and possessing special qualifications for teaching may, for a limited period, furnish most valuable assistance in the work of tuition, while they are at the same time engaged in pursuing some special line of study.

These fellowships should be held upon the condition of giving instruction under the control of the professor in the branch in which the fellow-

ship is awarded, and should be granted by the Faculty with due regard to the merit of those available, and their fitness for the discharge of the functions for which the fellowships are created. It is proposed that each fellowship should be tenable for three years at a salary of \$500 a year. It is necessary that the number of these fellowships, and the departments in which they should be granted, should be settled with reference to the smallness of the available funds, and to the urgent need for increased teaching power in certain departments, subject to such modifications and additions as changed circumstances and experience in the working of the new system may suggest. For the present, it is proposed that there shall be eight fellowships, allotted to the various departments as follows: two in Classics, one in Mathematics, one in Physics, two in Modern Languages with History, two in Natural Sciences. The annual charges involved in these proposals would be, for

Fellowships.....	\$4,000
Lectures.....	1,600
Demonstrator of Physics.....	1,200
	<u>\$6,800</u>

From this sum, however, is to be taken \$700 already charged for the temporary appointment of a Demonstrator of Physics for the current year; so that the additional expenditure to be provided for under the above heads is \$6,100. The estimated available surplus, already stated at \$2,378.50, being taken from this, there would remain a deficiency of \$3,721.50.

To meet this deficiency, pending the possible improvement of the net income from the other sources referred to, it would seem that the only immediately available means for making the requisite additions to the teaching staff is an increase of the fees of the two institutions. As this can only be effected by the joint action of the two governing bodies, it is recommended that the Senate invite the co-operation of the Council of University College for the purpose of meeting the deficiency in question.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) WILLIAM MULOCK,  
Vice-Chancellor.

Toronto, Jan. 11th, 1882.

STATEMENT "A."

Showing Capital and Estimated Income for Year 1881-82 (June 30.)

SOURCE.	CAPITAL.	INCOME.
Debentures .....	\$792,656 00	\$46,155 00
Mortgages .....	182,953 00	12,509 00
Sales of land, balances unpaid.....	49,523 00	2,971 00
Park rents .....		5,630 00
Other rents .....		600 00
Bank stock.....		28 00
Total .....		<u>\$67,893 00</u>
Income as above.....		<u>\$67,893 00</u>
Bank account overdrawn, \$36,610 10; interest 6 per cent.....		2,197 00
		<u>\$65,696 00</u>
University fees .....		3,269 50
University College fees.....		3,327 00
		<u>\$72,292 50</u>

STATEMENT "B."

Estimate for the year 1881-1882.

Bursar's office .....	\$ 2,600
Law costs.....	200
General incidentals.....	200
Salaries and wages (including pensions, \$4,866 65).....	42,094
Scholarships.....	4,855
Examiners .....	2,750
Prizes and medals, University .....	350
"    "    College .....	400
Printing and Stationery—	
University .....	2,200
"    College .....	500
Advertising—	
University .....	100
"    College .....	50
Fuel.....	1,500
Museums—	
Natural History.....	330
Geological.....	100
Ethnological.....	100
Library.....	2,650
Water and gas.....	400
Building and grounds.....	3,000
Incidentals—	
University.....	150
College.....	150
Physical Laboratory.....	500
Chemical materials.....	100
Telephones.....	115
Rent—President's house.....	800
Insurance.....	1,700
	<u>\$67,914</u>

N. B.—The item of \$1,700 for insurance is not an annual charge, as that secures insurance for three years.

On motion of the Vice-Chancellor, the report was received.

The Vice-Chancellor presented the report of the Committee on Applications and Memorials, which was adopted, on motion of the Vice-Chancellor, seconded by Dr. Oldright.

On motion of Prof. Loudon, seconded by Mr. Gibson, the following statute was read a second time and passed:—

By the Senate of the University of Toronto, be it enacted:

1. That there shall be instituted three Standing Committees, to be known as

The Board of Legal Studies.
"    "    Medical "    "
"    "    Arts "    "

to whom shall be referred all proposed changes in the courses of study in the respective Faculties of Law, Medicine and Arts.

2. That in addition to the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be *ex officio* a member of each Board, the members constituting the said Boards shall be three for each of the two first mentioned and six for the last.

Mr. King's motion concerning examinations at affiliated examinations was allowed to stand.

Moved by Mr. Falconbridge, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and carried, "That the statute respecting the degree of LL.D. be referred to a committee consisting of the President of University College, Mr. Langton, the mover, and seconder, the President to be the convener of the committee."

The Vice-Chancellor gave notice that at the next meeting of the Senate he would move for the appointment of the members of the Boards of Studies.

Dr. Wilson gave notice of the following motion: That a committee be appointed to report on the advisability of instituting a degree in science to constitute a post graduate degree, with special examinations in the sciences, to be open only to candidates who have already proceeded to the degree of B. A., and that the following gentlemen be the committee to report, viz:—

The Senate adjourned to the call of the chair.

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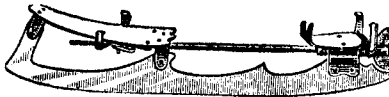
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