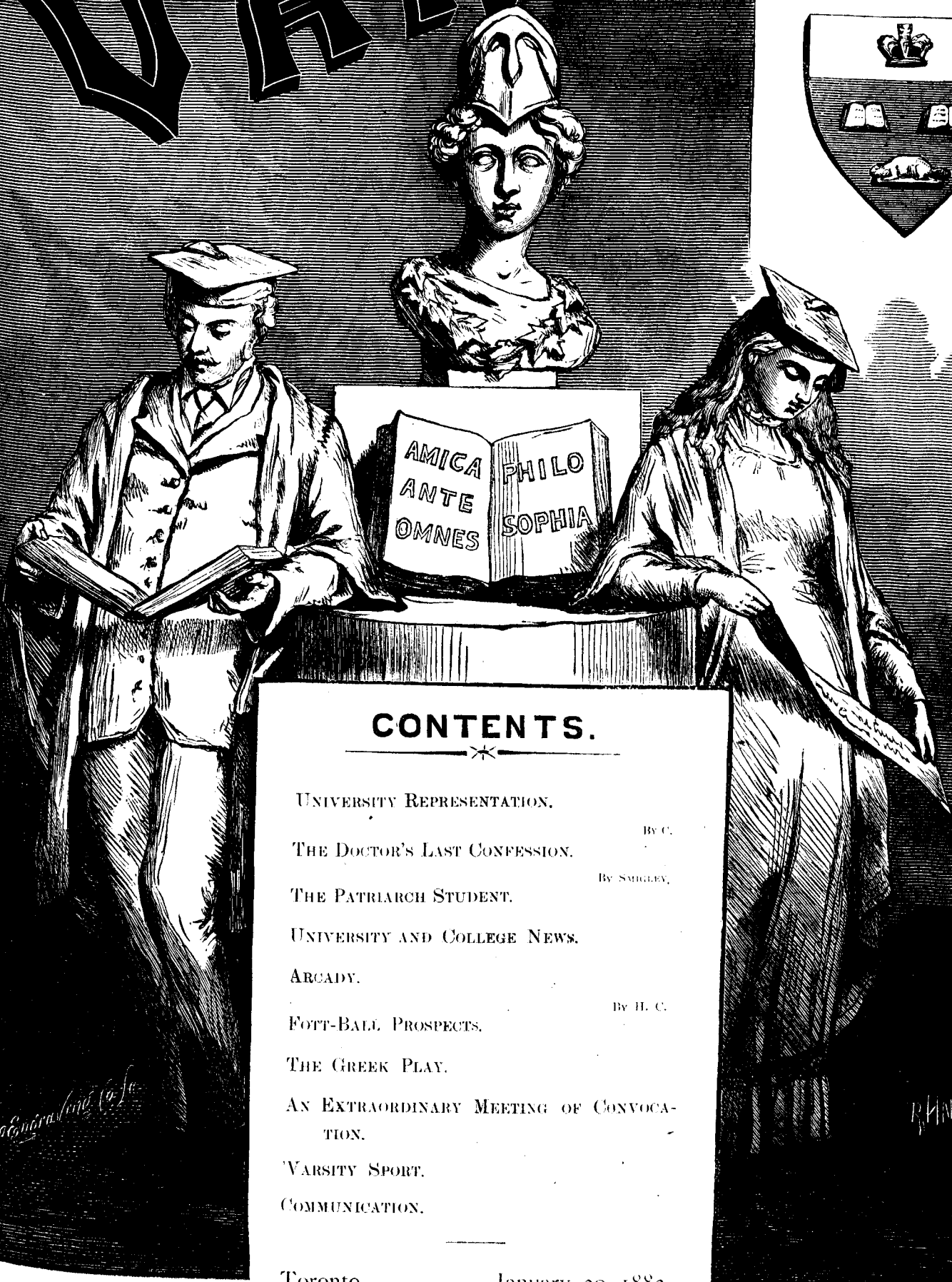


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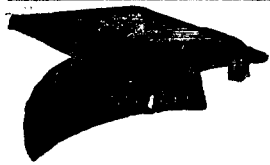
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UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATION IN PARLIAMENT.

Such universities of Great Britain as are entitled to parliamentary representation have undoubtedly been successful in returning as their members men of the highest ability and attainments; and whom, at the same time, it would have been otherwise difficult to keep in public life. From that point of view at least university representation there has been justified; but while thus successful in the highly complex and irregular electoral system of England, it would be well to examine if it can be successfully applied here where there is a simpler and more uniform system, and less need of attempting to arrive at a fair representation by making it of as compound and varied a nature as possible.

As the University of Toronto is a Provincial institution endowed by the Province, and under the control of the Provincial Legislature, it would be contrary alike to the spirit and the letter of our constitution that it should send a representative to the Federal House. A university representative—presumably a man of ability and breadth of view—would be of more use, and would feel more at home, in the broader arena of the Dominion House than in the Local Assembly. The practical business or professional man is needed in the latter, the statesman in the former. But from the nature of our constitution the Federal House must be forever barred to a representative of this University. Even in the Local House, the influence of such a representative on behalf of the University would be minimised by the fact that all his efforts would be regarded with the suspicion that the Provincial Treasury was being attacked in the interests of a close corporation.

This would be a direct result arising from what forms the strongest objection to university representation here—that granting us such a representative would be legislation in favor of a class. The precedent once created, the usual evils of class legislation would follow. The other denominational universities would justly claim like privileges, and this might in time unite and strengthen whatever opposition now exists to the Provincial University. But our representative would be in the peculiar position of representing an institution which is endowed by the Province, and completely under the control of the Provincial Legislature, a position obviously anomalous, and without any parallel in Great Britain. This in itself would be almost fatal to the influence of such a representative.

Every member ought to and does, if the system exclude class legislation, represent not his own constituency alone but the nation also. No representative of a mere class, arbitrarily distinguished as such from the people, can speak with the authority and influence of those whose constituencies are in fact the nation. University men can make (as they have made) their influence felt without the aid of unnatural and artificial distinctions, to draw which is to confess a weakness that does not exist. To teach educated men that their interests are different

from those of the people is to inculcate a doctrine that can do no good either to the educated classes or to the people. Such distinctions are purely arbitrary, and the best plan is to legislate always as if the people were "one and indivisible."

I need not enlarge on the demoralizing effect that election contests would have on the *morale* of the University. A mere reference to the recent Oxford election trial shows the danger we may justly apprehend from this source. The strongest argument in favor of university representation is that it might afford educated men an opportunity to actively devote themselves to politics, which they do not otherwise often have in democratic countries. Rather than being an argument for University representation, this is an objection against the present system of election by majorities. Mr. HARE's scheme of minority representation makes such provisions, by enabling electors to vote for candidates outside their own electoral district, as would afford good men abundant opportunities for entering public life. This scheme, though apparently complex, is by no means impracticable; and it, or some similar scheme, must be adopted to escape the defects of our present system. To object to it as impracticable or chimerical is merely to urge the same stupid objection that has been raised and, we may be sure, always will be raised, against every reform, no matter how necessary.

C.

THE DOCTOR'S LAST CONFESSION.

Oh! lay your loving fingers on your Peter's fevered brow,
For, mother, I am dying, and I feel so weary now;
So bend your gentle ear, mamma, my life is fading fast,
And every struggling breath I draw may be your Peter's last.

A burden lies upon my mind, a load of guilty woe,
Which heavier, as the years went by, and heavier seemed to grow;
And now upon my tortured soul it presses like a weight,
So, mother, prithee listen to the story I'll relate.

Not far from where my humble home in modest merit stood
(I'm speaking of a year ago, when I was young and good,
And practised as a doctor in an unobtrusive way),
A most bewitching maiden dwelt, Miss Sarah Sangster Grey.

Well, she and I grew very "thick"—in plainer English, "chums"—
For I had backed her father's bills and lent him sundry sums,
And stood him store of stimulants, and, thought he poison's cheap,
He held such frightful quantities, it stood me in a heap.

Her form was tall and slender, and her liquid, starry eyes
Were like the astral brilliants that you see in midnight skies;
And oh! her lips were ravishing, like bits of sweetened coral,
And how I yearned to kiss them—but I wasn't so immoral.

I spooned her perseveringly, and each recurrent eve
I dropped around to see her, with my heart upon my sleeve;
And there I'd sit and squeeze her hand, and tell of my escapes
From shipwrecks and from jeopardies in other thrilling shapes.

I don't know how it came about, or whom she had to thank
For introducing Squirter, of the Grand Combustion Bank;
But this I know, I found him there, one evening when I called,
Upon the very sofa where I used to be installed.

Young Squirter was a pretty lad, with closely curling locks,
Precise was he in boots and ties, and cigarettes and socks;
His coats were of the shortest and most fashionable kind,
For though he wasn't English born, he had an English mind.

No, Squirter wasn't English, but he held in proper scorn
The motley, mean and mongrel mob who hereabouts are born;
I heard an epigram on him that's worthy of quotation:
"If Squirter isn't English, he's a gorgeous imitation."

Miss Sarah fell in love with him. His talk of banks and stocks,
The shortness of his English coats, the splendor of his socks,
Made such a deep impression on the maiden's simple breast
That I gave up my visits there—by special request.

This Squirter chap condoled with me in nauseous English slang—
Said he, "Keep up your spirits, boy, you shouldn't care a hang;
Some othaw gurl may fawney you, some gurl with lots of chink,
And here the young barbarian evolved a hideous wink.

I bottled up my agony, though at this lapse of time
I wonder that I did not start on some career of crime;
No matter, I was quite resolved to be revenged on both,
And I am not the kind of man to break a solemn oath.

One day young Squirter called on me—said he, "Now, Doctor A.,
I thought I'd look you up, you know, I'm out of sorts to-day;
I'm regularly off me oats, I cawn't endure me grub."
(Observe the neat vernacular made use of by the cub).

I took his pulse, his temperature, and rapped with skilful care
Upon his manly thorax, in search for symptoms there;
But, no! the rascal's heart and lungs were free from all complaint,
And strong as iron boiler-plates, and fresh—as fresh as paint.

I said, "See here, young gentleman, a rattling bad attack
Of sacro-spinal-curvature is threatening your back;
The coats you have been wearing were preposterously short,
And gave your spinal column an inadequate support.

"So go, lay up recumbent on a horizontal bed,
Nor dare to move, without my leave, your body, arms or head;
For rest, remember, *perfect rest*, may still avert disaster,
Assisted by some pilules and an Epispaetic Plaster."

I clapped a blister on his back—a blister acres big;
I gave him soothing senna tea in thumping mugs to swig,
And SILVER NITRATE PILULES, then, I caused him to consume,
And kept him close secluded in a quiet, darkened room.

Perhaps, mamma, you're not aware how silver nitrate works—
Prolonged in little doses it within the system lurks,
And stains a man a bluish-black—his whole expanse of skin
Adopts the cheering color one associates with sin.

He took his little pilules, then, in simple child-like hope,
(I always knew he'd hang himself had he enough of rope)
And when he'd finished sixty pills I saw a dusky hue
Appearing on his pallid cheek to my delighted view.

When he had finished sixty more, this English-blooded fellow
Resembled very strikingly a wretched stage Othello,
And thus he stopped a COLORED GENT—just think of it, by gosh,
A thorough colored gentleman, and warranted to wash.

I told him that his skin was changed, in fact, was very black,
I mentioned Darwin's theory of colors "Harking back;"
How traits of skin and feature often skip a generation,
And roused out the volume to support my imputation.

I made it clear as day to him his ancestors were dark,
And propped my clever notion up with many a sage remark;
"What's more, you can't deny it *now*," I added, with a wink,
"Your wool has got what I would call a truly 'Negroid kink.'"

He grew convinced I spoke the truth, and said, "Alas, for me!
I never thought my ancestors a colored race could be;
Methinks I'll buy a whitewash brush, and wed a negro wench,
Or bind myself apprentice at a colored barber's bench."

Said I, "Pray do not think of it—a wide, a grand career
In Ethiopian minstrelsy is open to you here;
On proper application to a negro minstrel troupe,
I'll lay you any money that they take you—as a *supe*."

The first time that I noticed him, this evanescent moth,
Was dressed in an expensive suit of West-of-England cloth,
And expletives like "Demmittall" and "Blawst it, don't you know,"
Embroidered in an English way his fond linguistic flow.

The last time that I noticed him, behind a barber's chair
The moth was busy razoring a drunken drummer there,
And as I watched the razor dig through stubbly beard and froth,
I heard a "Lawk-a-massy-me," distinctly, from the moth.

Oh! mother dear, I couldn't die and lie in perfect rest
With such a dreadful secret like a nightmare on my breast:
My legal will and testament bequeaths, at my demise,
My kind regards to Squirter—and a lot of good advice.

My mind is strangely eased, mamma, I now can die in peace,
And render up the misspent life I only held on lease,
To travel, borne on shadowy wings, to seek that other land,
Where fuel's at a discount, and where fans are in demand.

SMIGLEY.

OBSERVATIONS BY THE PATRIARCH STUDENT.

MISS ATALANTA X. came home for Xmas from Whitby College, with
the astounding information that there are fourteen stones in a barrel of
flour. Old X. says he never heard of such a thing. When he lived at
Cobourg there certainly used to be one stone in a tub of butter, and
several in a load of hay. And purchasers used to find fault even about
that.

Who wouldn' like to be a friend to the Lassell girl. "None of
the girls are idle now; every spare moment is devoted to making
presents for friends at home," says the December number of *Lassell*
Leaves.

A HELLMUTH College girl writes of sleighing, that one of the
"three very important requisites to this amusement, is a nice little
sleigh" that will "hold others beside yourself."

"O MAIDEN fair, why so dejected?"

Pray tell me why this deep distress,
Pray do," sighed he.

"Why, Hume proposed so unexpected,
That I said 'no' when I meant 'yes'—
Boo-hoo!" cried she.

THE most sensible view of University consolidation I have seen
presented is in the *Dalhousie Gazette* of January 13th. The conten-
tion is, that the issue is reduced to the question: What field for intel-
lectual acquirement of the first order is given by sectarian colleges?
A very small field, since Theology, together with Science, is too big a
load for the shoulders of most students; and, of course, where denom-
nationalism prevails, Science has to play second fiddle; hence a low
standard for mental attainment. A secular university is a victim to
none of these drawbacks. One university for each Province ought, in
all conscience, to suffice for the Dominion. In England, where there
is a population of over thirty millions, there are five universities;
whilst in Ontario alone there are six or seven, with two or three more
denominational puff-balls like Western University in prospect. In
this respect—thanks to the energy of the sectarian element—Ontario is
becoming a second Ohio.

Is IT by reason of the great improvement in spring-beds and mat-
trasses that people nowadays lie so easily?

TEN years ago there was in Upper Canada College a debating so-
ciety, a paper, a bowling alley, and a bagatelle table. These means of
recreation no longer exist. And still they blame the boys for being
overfond of the streets and hotels in the town.

Ten years ago the Gymnasium was a fairly good one. No im-
provements worthy the name have since been effected, and the build-
ing has come to look like a rheumatic old barn. Yet some of the 'old
boys' can't account for the noticeable decline in athleticism. I might
also put in this paragraph that the sanitary arrangements would be a
disgrace to the Central Prison.

On the other hand, what are the surroundings of the masters—
those excellent men, whose professed aim is to combine the solicitude
of the parent with the best qualities of the teacher. The Principal
has a spacious mansion; three of his subordinates have cosy quarters
hard by; whilst a fourth, who formerly occupied three apartments,
now enjoys possession of two more, one of which was reserved in better
times for the game of bagatelle.

If this is the state of things the present régime regard with favor,
by all means turn the institution into a girl's school.

ANOTHER dream dispelled, another fond thought shattered. It has
always been an article of faith with me that if a bottle of soda water
was opened at an angle of 45 deg. no possible harm can ensue.
"I am always frightened of soda-water bottles," she said; "they
explode and go all over the place."

Oh, Arcady! sweet Arcady!
That used to stay the fleeting years,
That loved all joys and knew not tears—
Where art thou now, sweet Arcady?

Through the halls and flowery sideways—
While the music rose and fell,
Sweet to see and sweet to tell,
(Were they come from Arcady?)

Greeks and shepherdesses wandered
Looking, whispering love, as lo!
Once, a thousand years ago,
Once they did in Arcady!

Ah! my Arcady returned
Love 'twas made thee what thou wast!
And the human forms that past
With the years from Arcady.

This night I have lived to wander
With thy dwellers, O, most fair!
What Time brings me—do I care?
I have lived in Arcady!

H. C.

FOOT-BALL PROSPECTS.

It is arranged that some day next October Toronto University will play McGill University in the ancient City of Montreal a match at foot-ball—Rugby Union Rules. This match has to be played; there is no option in the matter. What are the prospects? Last October we were beaten, having probably as good a team as we usually play with; next October, unless we play with students in the Faculty of Law, we lose about half of last year's team, the bone and sinew. It was also noticeable last year that comparatively few neophytes played Rugby with any interest that would justify expectations of any increase in favor of the game. This is attributable to two things: First, the team for the last four years has consisted of those classes that matriculated in '77 and '78. They were the men who established the game in the University, and, although deserving all the credit that can be given to them, they kept men from the Junior Years off the team, consequently these juniors took no interest. Secondly, the game is one that calls for extra powers of endurance, not only in muscle but in bodily habiliments, for which potent reasons most of the freshmen have preferred the association game. Something must be done to make our undergraduates take an active interest in the game. There is no lack of it amongst outsiders; witness the number of spectators at the Britannia and McGill matches, as compared with those at the association matches, and there is no lack of strong, active and muscular undergraduates. While several of the Grammar Schools and Collegiate Institutes play the association game, there are only two schools in Ontario that play Rugby—Upper Canada College, from which we get many students, and Trinity College School, Port Hope, from which institution Trinity College gets its complement of students each year. Most of the men who are to play on the team must learn the game while they are in their freshman year at the University, and the committee who are to be elected next month must strive, in the interests of the game, to encourage as many freshmen as possible to play, or succeeding years will chronicle defeats, when by a little extra exertion they could be changed into victories. The jerseys we play in are too expensive; we can't expect a man to buy an expensive outfit merely to try if he likes the game; some substitute must be got. I would advocate canvas jackets and knickerbockers. The Toronto Foot-ball Club will next year play in this costume. The jackets are untearable and inexpensive, while the unmentionables can be utilized in the winter in the gymnasium. The jersey uniform is very pretty, but its utility is questionable as compared with canvas. Besides, McGill and the leading clubs on the continent play in this costume, and experience has shown that in a first-class match canvas is preferable. Each year should have its team. We have tugs of war between the different years; why not foot-ball matches? They are nearly as exciting and much more easily gotten up than foreign matches. Out of over one hundred men in each year, surely fifteen strong enough and healthy enough can be found. Let the committee and next year's captain take hold of this idea; I'm sure they will find it practicable. Neither Knox, St. Michael's, the Baptists, or the P. E. D. School play Rugby, nor, in fact, any game. All those colleges must be aware of the advantage of out-door athletics; why should there not be a match between the Toronto Baptist and St. Michael's Colleges, as well as between Christ Church and Magdalen; or does theological training and study take all the muscular vim from man. Matches should be arranged for beforehand and played, sunshine or rain, hail or snow. Foot-ball is the only game that can be said to flourish in Toronto University, and if we are to be beaten at our own game and on our own ground always, we

had better give up at once. Let us stop the practice of electing popular men on the committee, and only put on those who will work for the club. The credit of the University is to a certain extent at stake; and remember "there is nothing succeeds like success." There are only about fifteen men available for cricket each year, and since the Cricket Club was re-established in May, 1880, out of ten matches we have only been defeated twice. Why? The committee have been energetic, and individually worked, rolled the crease, cut the grass, watered it, and attended the practices, and, hardest work of all, got the team together. Let the coming Foot-ball Committee take example by this, and there can be no doubt but that success will attend their efforts.

THE GEOLOGIAN.

A geologist went to sup
Upon a new mince pie;
He swore that all this nightmare talk
Was but within his eye.

That night he tumbled into bed,
Amid his household gods,
When, lo! across the counterpane
Crept fourteen decapods.

"Crustacean crawlers!" cried the sage,
"Have I been taking rods?"
But as he spoke his pillow swarmed
With tetradeapods!

Poor man! the perspiration pours
(The kind one never fans),
For now the headboard's hideous with
Nine entomostracans!

He leaps, that geologist,
He strides the cold bare floor;
His dream is gone, his mind restored,
He eats mince pie no more.

—Southern Collegian.

THE GREEK PLAY.

(Circular to the Graduates and Undergraduates of the University of Toronto.)

It has been decided to produce the *Antigone* in the original Greek in the Convocation Hall of the University, during the month of March next. The University Glee Club will sing the choruses arranged to the music of Mendelssohn, and the characters will all be taken by University men. The following gentlemen have been appointed to take charge of the matter: Professors Hutton, Pike and Wright, and Messrs. Vines, Kingsford, Pernet, Culham, Cameron, McCaul, Gwynne, Blake, Campbell, Lindsey, Osler, Bristol, Fairclough, Mackenzie, Boville, Wigle, Hamilton, Sykes, Vickars, Irving, Wishart, Wade, Macdonald, Gunther, Haddow.

It has been determined to give graduates and undergraduates the first opportunity of securing seats. The price of reserved seats has been fixed at \$1.50, ordinary seats \$1.00 each. The committee desire to know what support they may expect from University men, and you are requested to fill in the accompanying slip, and return the same at your earliest convenience to H. S. Osler, Esq., Secretary of the Finance Committee. There will be two representations, and you are requested to state for which evening you desire to secure seats. The securing of reserved seats will be arranged so that those who send in applications will have an opportunity of taking seats in priority to others.

MAURICE HUTTON,
Chairman of Committee.

January, 19th, 1882.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF CONVOCATION.

The following circular, calling an extraordinary meeting of Convocation, has been issued by the chairman:

The chairman of Convocation, in pursuance of section 66 of chapter 210 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, has convened an extraordinary meeting of Convocation, which will be held at the Canadian Institute, 46 Richmond Street East, in the City of Toronto, on Tuesday, the 31st day of January, 1882, at 8 p.m., for the consideration of the following matters connected with the University of Toronto, viz.:

1. The necessity of giving still greater publicity to the proceedings of the University Senate.
2. The desirability of increasing the number of Senators annually elected by Convocation, and of shortening their term of office.
3. The expediency of amending the University Act, so as
 - (a.) To give Convocation full control over its own organization, and the time and place of its own meetings.

- (b.) To restore to Convocation the power of deciding upon the affiliation of any college or school with the University, as formerly conferred by the Act of 1873.
 - (c.) To repeal the clause of the University Act which enacts that, except as in that Act expressly provided, "Convocation shall not be entitled to interfere in or have any control over the affairs of the University."
 - (d.) To reduce the quorum of Convocation below thirty.
 - (e.) To remove the limit of the interval which must at present elapse between one extraordinary meeting of Convocation and the next meeting of the same character.
4. The report of the committee appointed at a former meeting to frame by-laws for the appointment of an executive committee of Convocation.
5. The report of the committee appointed at a former meeting to collect information respecting the finances of the University.
- (Signed) W. FITZGERALD.
Clerk of Convocation.

TORONTO, 14th January, 1882.

THE SENATE AND THE HONOR STUDENTS.

To the Editor of the 'Varsity.

DEAR SIR,—Some time ago a motion was brought forward in the University Senate by a gentleman of advanced and liberal views, providing that pass degrees should be granted to those Honor students who, failing in their final examination for honors, yet took a sufficiently high standing to entitle them fairly to a pass degree. This motion met with the hearty approval of the students. But for some unexplained reason another member of the Senate saw fit to amend this motion so as to grant the privilege only to students of two of the courses, viz., the Natural Sciences and Modern Languages. This looks very much like an unfair discrimination in favor of these two courses. Why this discrimination at all, I would ask. We get no information on this point in the published account of the meeting of the Senate. The Senate is such a dignified body that it scorns to make public the reasons for its very strange conduct; it merely says "FIAT!" and let there be no questions asked. It appears to me, however, that this secret Star-Chamber method of conducting public business is not at all in accordance with the spirit of modern, free Canadian institutions. This is a matter in which all the Honor students are vitally interested. What think you of it, gentlemen?

I am Sir, very truly yours,
DON QUIXOTE.

COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editor of the 'Varsity.

SIR,—In the last issue of your paper, there was a communication on the subject of the Zeta Psi Fraternity having a Chapter in the University. Being a member of that honorable body, I read with considerable interest what J. H. B. had to say about the matter. The view expressed appears to me a narrow-minded one, but judging from the other wise liberal tone of the epistle, I am confident the writer's opinion was hastily arrived at. Any one who had witnessed the Convention in Syracuse a fortnight ago would easily "understand how Canadian students can allow themselves to be drawn" into such an association. On that occasion there were assembled representatives from the chief universities in the Union. These young men were of as fine a university type as any to be met with in England or Germany. They strikingly exemplified the spirit and character of their respective colleges, and this variety, together with the easy and friendly intercourse which prevailed throughout, made up an invaluable and broadening experience. To meet such men under such circumstances was an education only comparable to the knowledge gained by months of sojourn in different countries. I would ask J. H. B. if a gathering like this deserves to be described as "essentially American." To any one present probably the last idea to suggest itself would be that of nationality. The invariable query was not as to what country or state, but as to what university. The term "American" does not occur once in the constitution; the society is "essentially" a university one, and, from an academic standpoint, that should be sufficient to render irrelevant any consideration of nationality. Again, I am at variance with J. H. B. when he maintains that, if a secret association exist in the University, it should be composed of Canadian students exclusively. The more widely the branches of a secret fraternity are extended, the less danger of the connexion degenerating into cliquism. The wide organization of the Greek Letter Fraternities have hitherto preserved them from this baneful characteristic of local coteries. Finally, the objection is put forth that, so far as Zeta Psi is concerned, we are isolated from other Canadian universities. I am happy to inform the objector that the isolation promises to be very temporary.

CANADIAN.

'Varsity Sport.

Below will be found a full return of the Prizes won at the annual match of the University Rifles.

Bronze Trophy and Special Prize for best aggregate score at the practices..... }Private Mickle.

General List.

1. Pte. Mickle.....	points 58
2. Pte. May.....	" 52
3. Corp. Scott.....	" 50
4. Col.-Sergt. Blake.....	" 50
5. Pte. Greig.....	" 50
6. Pte. Hall.....	" 48
7. Pte. Hagerty.....	" 46
8. Pte. Banbury.....	" 44

Non-prizemen,

1. Pte. May.....	" 52
2. " Greig.....	" 50
3. " Hall.....	" 48
4. " Banbury.....	" 44

Range Prizes.

200 yards—Pte. Fairclough.....	" 22
400 " —Col.-Segt. Blake.....	" 12
500 " —Pte. Aikenhead.....	" 15

No staff or ex-member prizes were given this year.

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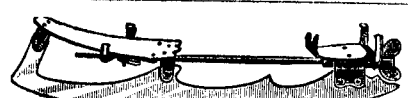
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