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## Editorial Comments.



ALL the reports of Convocation have been very mild—no criticism of the action of the authorities—no sensational accounts of the behavior of the students; and though everybody was mortified by the humiliating farce that opened the college year, yet it is some satisfaction to find that the University has strong enough hold on the affections of the people to shield those connected with it, for a time at least, from the criticism they deserved.

But it is useless to dam back public censure—we must strive not to deserve it—we cannot escape punishment if we continue to be in the wrong, we cannot expect public approval unless we are consciously and conspicuously in the right.

In deciding where the blame belongs we have not the slightest hesitation in saying that the authorities were most seriously at fault. There were many reasons—sentimental, it is true, but nevertheless strong ones—why Convocation should be held in the New Building, if a suitable room could be found, but there was no reason strong enough to justify the authorities in attempting to exclude the students from a ceremony which they had always manifested a strong desire to attend. And in this instance, at any rate, though their conduct lacked that dignity and decorum which sits so well on all corporate action, yet the students were acting well within their rights—at any rate according to the received traditions of their rights.

For Convocation isn't held for the Faculty alone, nor the friends of the Faculty, nor for the prizemen, nor the distribution of prizes, nor for Latin Orations, no matter how pure their Latinity, but Convocation is the formal assembling of the members of the University at the beginning of a new term, and each student has a right of attendance as ancient and as well-established as the right of the Chancellor himself. Of course no individual student will insist on this right when asked to waive it for the convenience or comfort of another. But the right exists, and the whole body of students is not likely to acquiesce in even a temporary surrender of privileges unless the strongest reasons can be urged in favor of such a course—reasons which, in this case did not exist.

However, it is no new sight that we witnessed. It is an old spectacle now. Impotent wrath at one end, impudent irresponsibility at the other, and between them the tiers of an enduring public that sit and sit and wonder at the impudence and the impotence, and the wonder is that they wonder so long.

Numerous complaints reach us of the severity and unfairness of the papers set in May last. Some of these appear to be well founded, and we give them place here

that they may come to the notice of those who have it in their power to apply the proper remedy.

The unusual number plucked and starred in the first and second years is pointed to as proof that the standard has been raised unduly.

We have been asked why pass men are privileged to prepare two subjects for supplemental examination, while honor men are restricted to one, and we have replied that thus it has been ordained by reason of the greater ability of the former.

We have heard it declared, by men we could believe on oath, that the pass translation papers in Latin, French and German, were in many cases more difficult than the corresponding honor papers.

Some are convinced they failed because a certain examiner would insist on addressing the assembled candidates once in every seven minutes (We had the pleasure of hearing this examiner comment on a German paper, and we think that in justice to him the time should be reduced to five minutes.)

And then come in vague mysterious rumors of nervous individuals whose hearts failed them and whose pens refused to perform their wonted functions when they learned that previously written papers had been weighed in the balance and many of them found wanting.

Many were seriously discomposed by the less knowing or more speedy candidates passing out of the room while they were still laboring amidst difficulties.

This and much more have we heard, and our only wonder is that with so many untoward circumstances in conjunction against them, with classical and modern masters resolved to show each other that theirs is not a course which may be trifled with, and our vigilant "Yeoman Bedele" persistently spoiling answers by preventing the use of text books and thwarting that tendency towards co-operation which is so admirable a characteristic of our times; our only wonder, we repeat, is that any escaped to tell the tale.

It does seem a real grievance—that of allowing two subjects to be taken at supplemental by pass men, while those in honors are plucked if they fail in more than one. Many excellent students, who obtained high standing in their honor work, are obliged to take the year over.

With regard to interruptions by the presiding examiner, we consider them mischievous and unnecessary. Sufficient explanation should be given in notes by the examiner who prepares the paper and all further information refused.

The question of revealing results before the official publication will be dealt with in a future issue.

The examination hall in the medical building seats some two hundred candidates, and it often happened that before the first half-hour had run some unusually BRILLIANT student was prepared to leave the room, heading a procession which lasted for the remaining two hours, and which

though moving with considerable irregularity was generally within view. This, we submit, is not a condition of things favorable to concentration and continuity of thought. The remedy lies in providing a larger number of rooms for examination purposes, and the small additional expense should not prevent the change being made.

The most striking feature of the examination, however, was the number of failure in the first and second years. The standard for these years has been raised and this is certainly a step (some would say a leap) in the right direction. That the Senate have the right object in view must be conceded, but that that object will be better obtained by a steady and moderate hardening of the examinations than by sudden leaps from one standard to another much higher is too obvious for argument. It is to be hoped the Senate will see their way to allow the most deserving to proceed with their next year's work.

In connection with this matter we recollect seeing in one of the daily papers that a motion was made in the University Senate by Sir Daniel Wilson to have an investigation as to the cause of the unprecedented number of failures in the second year. Such a report prepared by those best able to perform the work was no doubt anxiously awaited by many who hoped to find the fault in the papers set rather than in themselves; but, although it is highly improbable that the worthy gentleman who asked for such information should have been put off with the reply, "You mustn't come here wanting to know things you know," as was Mr. Daniel Doyce when on a similar quest in a famous office which long ago ceased to exist, and of which no trace can be found in this or any other honestly governed country, still the conclusion must have been reached, reluctantly we are certain, that the matter had been "referred back," and for all time as hopelessly lost as was the application of the aforesaid Daniel. In his disappointment, we feel sure, the despairing Sophomore hoped that in the editorial columns of THE VARSITY he would find if not relief at least expression for his woe, and if he deems that in this page we have dealt too leniently with the much-offending examiners, he must ascribe it to our remembrance that they are men of "like passions with ourselves" and liable to err.

In another column we publish a letter from Lieut. Barker on the condition of K Company, Q. O. R. The company was formed during the excitement caused by the Trent affair in 1861, which may be said to have given birth to the present volunteer system of Canada. The company has seen service in 1866 and 1885. At Limeridge—1866—the loss of the company was three killed, four wounded, three taken prisoners. Some members of the company were in action at the capture of Batoche, and one hundred of them were in Otter's flying column that fought Poundmaker at Cut Knife Creek. The company has been a nursery for officers in all parts of Canada, and there is scarcely a battalion in Ontario which has not among its officers former privates of the University Rifles.

Don't plaster, says a correspondent, don't plaster. If you must plaster, plaster them in the eye.

A Second Year man who has to clamber up to that "little attic room," facetiously calls himself "Un philosophe sous les toits."

## DREAM FACES.

Slumb'rous airs and sleep-tunes hover  
O'er my weary head,  
Day's desires and doubts are over,  
And o'er all the past is shed  
The glamour that our dreams recover  
From memories of pleasures fled.

Ere the spells of sleep dissever  
Links of yielding pain,  
Soothe the soul of strong endeavour  
With fair hopes that wax and wane—  
Thronging forms float on forever  
Through the portals of my brain.

And amid the myriads streaming  
In the spirit's light,  
Shines one dear face through my dreaming  
Vaguely through the gloom of night—  
And those eyes ethereal beaming  
Thrill my slumber with delight.

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## LATIN ORATION.

Rursum, O Cancellarie et senatores et litteris studiosi in curiam universitatis convocati sumus ut eis qui nobis se recentissime adjunxerunt de adventu gratulemur, præmiorum donationem aspiciamus, eloquentiam sapientiamque cancellarii honoratissimi, præsidis veneratissimi, aliorum clarissimorum, admiremur.

More, etiam, et nescio qua levitate fortunæ decretum est ut me ad socios meos loquentem breve patiamini. Vereor autem ut quid dicere possim quod vel tironi novissimo nedum gradum adeptis prodesse possit.

Is enim qui in cella carbonum plena factionem novam comparantibus lætissimus interfuit, et, quum partes suæ poculis pensioneque annua academiæ cives corrumpent vique et armis et hominum viginti delectu, quibus hic Macuvius præerat, septa obstruerent nec sudori nec vestimentis parcerent si modo incepta nefaria perficerentur, nec manu nec voce obsistebat sed ipsis in ædibus Sanctissimi Andreæ magis sonitu tubarum fauciumque lætabatur quam tenui voce professoris curiosi—qua fronte, rogo, talis tironibus admonere potest ut se sedatos legibusque obediens semper præbeant?

Is, deinde, qui quum subsellia prima a medicinæ studiosis injuste arrogarentur in pugnam cum illis vehementer ruebat et quum a professore irato eductus alia janua in proelium redisset, a medico quodam ejectus est minus irato sed multo fortiori; qui pugna anno proximo redintegrata, uno brachiolo tenero in janua frangenda adjuvabat dum altero liber ille vibrabatur quo prælia deorum ab Homero narratur et *γλαυκοπις* Durantius silens immobilisque adstabat meditans ut dicitur quo modo Argivi abire cogentur Iliumque sacrum servari posset; qui paucos post dies, magna sperans, ad aliam pugnam festinavit quæ illam pro Addisonio famâ superasset sed "dis—et vigilibus—aliter visum"—quo modo, rogo, talis studiosos duabus in facultatibus hortari potest ut amice fraterneque inter se vivant?

Is, postremo, qui pridie Kalendas Novembris theatrum turbantibus se adjunxit, et, quum pilula in caput calvum a studioso aliquo dejecta esset immoderate cachinnabatur; qui socium quandam heroa habebat quod pernam e taberna in intinerem correptam in coquos collegii Moultonensis per fenestram injectam; qui, intervallo salvus, vigiles urbis voce rauca deridebat dum agmen sociorum longum per vias sinuabatur—qua fronte, rogo, talibus rebus immixtus. socii veteribus suadeat ut semper modesti sint atque vere cundi?

Unum tamen ex eis qui anno "octoginta et septem" universitatem intraverunt vobis hodie convocatis de communibus rebus loqui, multis de causis mihi convenire videtur.

Nunquam enim tam brevi tempore plura in universitate mutata sunt quam quattuor annis quos ego et socii mei in Collegio egimus. Nos enim vocem illius philosophiæ magistri præclari ultimi audiebamus—vos tirones ad collegium pervenitis simul ac alter ejus successorum duorum. Nos tempus in memoria tenemus quo scientiam quæ de civitate tractat nullus professor docebat nec ullus eæ studiosus erat nunc tres professores et magna copia studiosorum in ea versantur. Tum linguis orientalibus tantum unus studebat—nunc numerus usque ad duo crevit. Tum lex de universitatibus fœderandis vix lata erat, mox curia formosa universitatis magnæ quæ prima—sed, eheu, sola—fœdus accepit ante oculos vestros nitebit. Tum physicis studentes vix satis spatii habebant quo unum ranunculum tristem torquerent—nunc circumspicientes videtis quam pulchrum ædificium in usum eorum devotum sit.

Nos plus quam tres annos in ædibus veteribus egimus dum intactæ manebant—vos, socii mei, eas ad utilitatem majorem et, ut spero saltem, ad pulchritudinem pristinam restitutas mox invenietis. Nos in curiam Mossensem ultimi conveniebamus et disputabamus—vos famâ tantum et privatione eam cognoscitis. Nos annum primum sine nos sociando ultimi egimus—nunc societatibus studiosorum et, eheu, studiosarum vita in hoc collegio maxime distinguitur. Nos pristino more sine obsistendo ultimi circumjactati initiatique sumus—vos tirones sese hortati et conglobati hostem strenue repellitis sed decenter, spero, et ore pudico. Nos denique duos annos libellum veterem "Varsitatem" perlegebamus nunc eum renovatum vestrumque proprium vobis tradimus.

Quum igitur exeuntes in universitatem tristibus oculis respicimus longe alia videmus ac oribus nostris laete in euntium objiciebantur; atque nos qui hoc anno in gradum admissi sumus quasi pons trans hiatum trajectus videmur qui tempora pristina ante universitate conflagrata ab omnibus venturis semper separabit meaque vox alicujus prisce videtur ex preteritis annis ad novam ætatem clamantis

Quæ quum ita sint, mihi venit in mentem, antequam a sociis meis decedo, pauca dicere de nostra in hoc collegio vita. Nam non est dubium quin multa ab illa expectata inveniamus sed semper spe fallamur semperque in sermonibus quæramus. Si igitur ego malum indicare conari ausim, ante omnia deplorandum esse dixerim studiosus consuetudinem cum cultis tam raro habere; quod autem bonos mores maxime inducit. Plerique, sine dubio satis probi ad collegium pervenimus sed, quod ad cultum rectum pertinet, vereor ne confitendum sit nos rusticos esse parumque urbanos; etque quamvis multum scientiæ hic adipiscamur quattuor post annos æque incultos abire; quasi automata, enim vitam hic agimus a dormitoriis ad auditoria semper ventitantes. Edimus, dormimus, operi nostro studemus, nonnunquam etiam corpora exercemus ne cibus crudus maneat et capitis dolor studium frustretur; sed quod antea dixi, consuetudinem cum hominibus mulieribusque cultis fere nullam habemus.

Juvenem quendam cognosco maximi ingenii multa que præmia adeptum sed morum malorum; nunquam tamen ex quo tempore ad collegium venit domum elegantem iniiit. Abibit, ut advenit, agrestis. Longe meliora vero ab universitate postulanda erant.

Si quæris quem reprehendam neminem nisi nos ipsos respondebo. Conditionibus vitæ duris sine dubio necesse est ut plerique strenue laboremus parceque vivamus sed maxime omnium nobis semper curandum est ut mores nostri in dies meliores fiant; quod autem magnopere vereor ne sæpius obliviscamur; ea quo, credo, etiam accidit ut nullam agendi regulam veram rigidamque in rebus communibus habeamus. Ignavi timidique sumus quum inhonesta ante oculos nostros faciuntur, cum facientibus nos sociamus ut omnibus affabiles videlicet omniaque tolerantiores videamur. Segnes atque inertes etiam sumus in vitiis nostris ipsorum emendandis. Utinam afflatus aliquis nescio unde descendens homines universitatis Torontonensis ex hoc torpore excitet, ut aliquando maculas omnes a vita sua detergere conentur mores bene cultos

præbeant ad omnia elegantia recta via procedant. Tum demum, credo, universitas nostra a gradum in ea adeptis quo modo debet re vera amabitur—tum demum juvenibus carissimæ patriæ, quo modo debet, sine dubio proderit.

Oct. 5, 1891.

C. A. STUART.

## THE CALENDAR.

By this time the extracts from the new Calendar will be in the hands of every registered student. The Calendar itself is for sale or exchange at Rowsell & Hutchison's, University Printers, King Street East.

The University had outgrown its old Calendar. The "grafting" process has been carried on until the old tree will provide shelter for all the beasts of earth and birds of heaven, and a new Calendar was a necessity. Anyone who reads the sketch of the growth and the description of the present government of the University of Toronto will feel grateful to the compilers who have tried to make him understand a few at least of the complexities of our federated existence.

The pages which contain a list of the graduates are disfigured—so at least it appears to many—by the too, too long lists of medallists. The time was when the enemies of the University used to say that Toronto offered two medals for every three students. But that policy was abandoned, and many think that it would be as well if all traces of its existence were removed as well. Such information may have a certain historical, or rather a certain biographical value, but it must be very small and—but, however, as the old man of old said, this question more properly pertains to other pages, and at another time.

## "K" COMPANY, QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES.

This company is composed entirely of University students, and as such is deserving of the hearty support of the student body.

The fire which destroyed our College also played havoc with the University company, which has not yet recovered from that disaster. Now, however, we have a new outfit, and have still several vacancies in the ranks which we would like filled with good able-bodied arts men. Another recruiting class will be started on Monday afternoon, Oct. 19, at four o'clock. The classes will last for one hour at a time, each day for one week.

No expense is incurred by joining the regiment, and lots of pleasure is derived therefrom.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for this space in our valued weekly, and hoping to see a large number of undergraduates on hand on Monday, Oct. 19,

I am, yours respectfully,

R. K. BARKER, 2nd Lieut. Q. O. R.

TORONTO COLLEGE OF MUSIC.—On Thursday evening, Oct. 8, Mr. Frederic Boscovitz, the accomplished pianist, gave a private recital in the hall of the Toronto College of Music. The programme was delightfully varied, the entire performance of which gave the large and critical audience present the utmost delight. Mr. Boscovitz's playing is exquisitely refined and finished, his playing of Chopin's music is a strong feature in his performances. Mr. Torrington is to be congratulated on having so excellent an artist on the teaching staff of the College.

The Race of Ham.—A purp after a shoat (Ethnological Review).

It is reported that a sophomore has been "run in" for raising cane, and our Snake reporter was hauled up for "having no visible means of support."

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A PAPER FOUND ON THE TABLE OF A MAN  
WHO LEFT COLLEGE LAST WEEK AT THE  
END OF HIS THIRD YEAR.



THREE years ago I borrowed \$1,000 to send me to college. Probably I should not mention it. I didn't say anything about it before but it will not make any difference now since I am going away. You see for three years I have acted as if I had never owed anyone any money. I have tried to be interested, and sometimes I thought I was interested in other things, but for three years the feeling has never left me that was in my heart when I borrowed the money.

Others I could see were influenced or said they were influenced by various things, by a desire to please their friends, injure their enemies, achieve distinction. I had no motive. My life since then has been governed by one Act, that Act of borrowing. Oh, I didn't tell you how I got the security. I insured my life for \$1,500 and left the policy with my "Maecenas," as I called him, and as I had enough palpitation of the heart to make my life uncertain he lent me the money at ten per cent. "just to help me along." I was very grateful to him.

When I came down here a fellow told me that if I went into Knox I could get board cheaper, and by doing mission work in the summer time I could pay my own way. He said he had done that and was \$150 in pocket. That seemed to me to be a pretty good thing, but he didn't talk like a student, and I wanted to be a student. That was what I borrowed the \$1,000 for. I didn't go into Knox.

I thought I would ask the Registrar what course I had better take. He didn't tell me. I know now that I shouldn't have asked him, and I guess I knew it then, but I thought maybe he might tell me. But I asked another fellow. He was in his Third Year. He said, if you want to be a Fellow take Moderns because there are a great many more chances in moderns. If you want to get a good salary in a High School and keep abreast of the spirit of the age take natural science. By all means if you want to be "in the swim" take Natural Science or Moderns. I thought it would be very nice to be a Fellow or a High School Teacher, and he said that everybody wanted to be "in the swim" and up to the age." But I didn't want to work for that. You see I didn't know much about "the age," and I wanted to be a student. I didn't take his advice.

I decided to take either mathematics or classics, for I had heard that nobody studied Orientals except those who were studying for the ministry, and I was not studying for anything. I had a great respect for mathematics, but I could not understand them, so I took classics. I liked my course very much. The men that lectured seemed to be students. One of them was a great man, but he lacked conviction; another had conviction, but was not great, and another one was very gentle. I did not know them, but that was what they seemed like.

I had a very good course. I was nearly starved in my second year. I didn't know the metric system. You see I knew it when I was little but I forgot it. But I got Second-class Honors, and once I got A<sub>3</sub> in my sight translation, and three times the Professor wrote "very fair" in my Greek prose.

I used to see the President at convocation and at prayers in the morning. I used to go to prayers because I liked to hear him say the words. He was very venerable. One day he said hard things to us. We had disturbed him by singing songs. We used to like to sing the songs. I never sung any more for his words hurt. It was just as well, for I never could sing very well. But I wish he hadn't said it, for he was very venerable.

Five times I had letters come for me. Three of them were invitations to a Y.M.C.A. reception, and one of them was from Bradley, Garretson & Co., and one was from the Registrar. You see, I didn't know anybody in the city, and I couldn't go to see people at their houses—that was not what I came down for. I came down to be a student. If I hadn't wanted to be a student I wouldn't have borrowed the \$1,000.

I went to the Y.M.C.A. once. It was on Thursday afternoon. I was in the reading room, and I could hear the men singing in the parlor, "Lord, what a helpless wretch am I!" It was very nice. Their voices sounded very strong and sweet. I do not think they were wretched. They seemed to me to be very happy. One of them told me that he hoped he always tried to do his duty. I do not know what duty is, but he seemed to be a mild man.

I met a great man here. He was a student. I didn't know him very well, but he seemed to be a great man. I do not know where he is now. He seemed to me to be very intense. Students are not always intense.

I have decided to go away. You see I got a star last year and I had to write it off. So that my \$1,000 is all gone. Ten per cent. counts up pretty fast, but I was very grateful to him at the time. I didn't expect to be able to be a student all my life; I just thought I would like to have a thousand dollars' worth of student's life. That was what I borrowed it for. I am not sorry to go, because I haven't been a student at all; I have been thinking all the time of the money I owed to the man who has the life insurance policy, and if I stayed any longer I would be studying how I might pay him off, and I don't think a student should be always thinking of such things. Besides, the palpitation is a little bit worse. A student's life isn't good for palpitation. I am not sure what I will go into. I must pay off 'my Maecenas.'

UNIVERSITY SENATE.

APPOINTMENTS IN THE MEDICAL FACULTY—SEVERAL IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS PASSED.

The report of the Committee on the Faculty of Medicine was adopted on motion of Dr. Ogden, seconded by Dr. MacFarlane, recommending the following appointments in the Medical Faculty:—

A. B. Macallum, B.A., M.B. (Toronto), Ph.D. (Johns Hopkins), Professor of Physiology.

J. M. Macallum, M.D., Professor of Pharmacology and Therapeutics.

J. Caven, B.A., M.B., L.P.C.P. (London), Professor of Pathology.

A. McPhedran, M.B., Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine.

G. A. Peters, M.B. (Toronto), F.R.C.S. (England), Associate Professor of Principles of Surgery and Clinical Surgery.

G. R. McDonagh, M.D. (Toronto), L.R.C.P. (London), Lecturer in Laryngology and Rhinology.

The report also provided that the lectures to be delivered by Dr. Peters on Surgical Mechanics be delivered at the times before occupied by Dr. Cameron on Principles of Surgery or at such other times as may be hereafter determined, and that the instruction given by Dr. Cameron on Principles of Surgery be given in connection with his clinical work. On motion of Dr. Caven, seconded by Dr. Sheraton, the following resolution was adopted:—

That in view of the special circumstances rising out of the change of the curriculum in Arts a special supplemental examination be held commencing on the 5th of January next, at which the candidates in Arts who may have failed at the regular or supplemental examination may present themselves for examination, and that such examination be held by the examiners for 1891.

On motion of Mr. King, seconded by Dr. Sheraton, a statute was passed providing that candidates in honors in the departments of Philosophy and Political Science be required at the examination in the first year to pass in either Greek or French and German instead of in any two out of the three, as at present required.

On motion of Prof. Ashley, seconded by Mr. Moss, it was resolved that the committee appointed to confer with the Benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada be also empowered to consider the present position of the LL.B. course in relation to the course in Political Science.

Mr. Houston gave notice that at the next meeting of the Senate he will move for leave to introduce a statute to

repeal the statute passed last session making Greek equivalent of French and German during the four years of the course in Arts.

Prof. Baker gave notice of a motion to the effect that in the opinion of the Senate physical training should form part of the B.A. course.

Mr. King gave notice of a motion to the effect that any student who is not in proper academic costume of cap and gown be not admitted to any examination or to Convocation Hall on any public day, and that the Senate recommend that the time-honored custom of University undergraduates wearing cap and gown at lectures during the year be enforced by the president and his colleagues in the university and colleges, and that attention be called to these resolutions in order that its objects be at once complied with.

CONVOCAATION DAY.

So Jim has tuk the prize yer say? I knowed the boy hed brains;

I allus wished him sent to school. I wouldn't spare no pains Ter give him every chance, ye see, fer I knowed he'd beat 'em all.

So he did. But, Lands! I fussed around to git orf in the fall

To see him git the blessin' an' before the people's eyes, To hear the students yell "Hurrah!" as Jimmy tuk the prize.

So I packed my things with flutterin' heart and started right away

For to watch the hull perceedins of the Convocation Day.

Jim showed me round the city, then the college an' the lawn,

On a prouder mother 'an me that day the sun has never shone,

As we walked along, my heart I felt way up my throat to rise,

As I heerd them fellers whisper low "Thet's Jim that tuk the prize."

When the people gathered in the hall I scarcely could sit down,

I wanted to get up and shout, when Jim put on his gown, "See thet boy? He's mine!" and so I jes leaned down to cry and pray,

I felt so much excited on thet Convocation Day.

Then in comes Blake, an' Ross, Sir Dan, McKim, the profs an' sich,

An' the students crushed, an' jammed, an' swayed, an' filled up every niche;

Some fellers round the piano tried their level best to sing; Well, I heerd "Old Grimes" and "Sweedlebum," and not another thing.

When the platform men called "Order" they whooped and howled and screamed,

My Stars! jes like a mob of Pawnee maniacs seemed; They smashed the seats an' raised the roof the fragments to display,

Such orful carryins-on I seen on Convocation Day.

It seemed as tho' ten thousand brazen throats let out a roar.

Sir Dan looked sad, McKim got mad, my heart felt kinder sore,

Fer I was skeered clean outen wits unless the howlin' stopped

Jim wouldn't git his — when jes then a student flopped Himself across my seat an' ripped my Sunday dress in two, Three cheers—a crush—"God Save the Queen," and thet was all I knew

Until I sniffed pure air again. "Come, Jimmy, come away," Sez I, "oh, how I hate that mean ol' Convocation Day."

JAY KOBB.

## CHANGES IN THE FACULTY.

Mr. C. A. Chant ('90), Fellow in Physics, is a classmate of Mr. Seymour the late Fellow. Last year he spent in the Civil Service, Ottawa, but the revelations made before the Committee on Privileges and Elections have nothing to do with his presence here. Mr. Chant and Mr. Henderson both entered the University from St. Catharines Collegiate Institute.

Mr. R. Henderson, graduate of '91, has been appointed Fellow in Pure Mathematics. Mr. Henderson enters on his duties at an early age but with undoubted ability to handle the work in his department.

Mr. A. M. Stewart holds the Fellowship in German this year. Mr. Stewart is one of the polymaths of '91. His whole course was a strong protest against the present policy of "enforced specialization." He knows more about more things than he has time at present to think of.

Mr. Bonner, B.A., is the new Fellow in Classics. Mr. Bonner lectured last year during Mr. Fairclough's absence, and his appointment as Fellow merely continues his connection with the teaching staff of the college.

Mr. G. A. H. Fraser who has held the Fellowship in Classics for two years has gone to Deer Lodge, Montana, to enter upon the duties of his Professorship there. We wish Mr. Fraser every success, for he was always a close and ardent student, and during his Fellowship he devoted his whole time to his favorite studies.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

"Modern Languages and Classics in America and Europe since 1880, or Ten Years' Progress of the New Learning" is the title of a pamphlet lately issued from the office of the *Week* by A. F. Chamberlain, M.A., formerly Fellow of Modern Languages in University College, now of Clark University, Worcester, Mass. An examination of its contents will prove both useful and interesting to all interested in the controversy between Classics and Moderns, no matter to which side their individual opinions may incline. The pamphlet is exactly what it claims to be, the writer having kept to his text in a manner admirable in the extreme. He offers no arguments of his own as to the relative educational value of the Classics and Moderns, resting content with the mere statement of what he claims to be the incontrovertible facts in connection with the advance made in the study of the latter and the respect in which they are now held in comparison with that which was once their lot to obtain. He has carefully collated the opinions of about seventy-five distinguished and representative educationists in the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Hungary, Norway and Sweden, in all of which is found a surprising unanimity of feeling in favor of paying ever-increasing attention to the languages of to-day even at the risk of displacing the ancient languages from the position they once held, and which some now claim they should continue to hold. Mr. Chamberlain's authorities are not blind partisans of either the Classics or Moderns, but are for the most part men thoroughly trained in both, in many cases men whose inclinations would naturally lead them to favor the former in preference to the latter, were it not that truth and their own convictions compel them to subscribe to the statement that to-day a study of the modern languages is equally as necessary, even if *not* more so, to the attainment of culture as is that of the classics.

With reference to the claim of some ultra-classicists that Greek is superior to all other tongues, past and present, he quotes the following opinion of Dr. D. G. Brinton, a leading American authority: "The Greek is a beautiful language; so is the Chippeway; but any one who maintains that either, or that any language on the model of either, is superior as a medium of intellectual intercourse to the modern English, flies in the face of all that linguistic evo-

lution teaches and all that the history of mental development itself inculcates." With respect to the present methods of teaching Greek the following statement of Prof. J. P. Leotsakos, of the University of Athens, Greece, is quoted with approval: "Greek should be taught as a living language, for there is nothing dead about it, though the antiquated methods of teaching it have done much to make it so." The limited space at our disposal prevents our giving a more extended notice of a pamphlet well worthy of perusal by every student of languages in the University. The closing sentences contain this personal explanation: "These essays, in which an endeavor is made to indicate the present state of the world's thought on the question of the comparative merits of the ancient and modern languages, are penned in no spirit of opposition to Greek. Greek, properly taught, has its place in our educational institutions, and the grand extent of its life, from pre-Homeric bards to the singers and prose writers of our own day, bids it hope for the future a more glorious career in pedagogy than has been its fortune in the past. It is not too much to anticipate that, in the near future, Greek will be taught as a *modern* language and Latin as a portion of a university course in modern languages. Then will the strife of long years close and gentle peace assert her reign. May the classicists, *oblatae occasionis properi* hasten the happy result."

## Athletic Notes.

## VARSITY vs. U.C.C. (RUGBY).

The football season opened at Varsity on Monday, Oct. 5, Convocation Day, when our Rugby team met the Upper Canada College boys in a practice match on the lawn.

It was supposed before the game that Varsity would have a difficult task in defeating the younger team, but though no practice had been indulged in by our men the game they put up was far too fast for the Upper Canada boys.

Varsity lined up as follows: Back, Wood; half-backs, Bunting, Bain and Gilmour; quarter-back, Laidlaw; wings, F. Moss, Clayes, Boyd, Cross and C. Moss; forwards, Cronyn, J. MacRae, T. MacRae, N. Lash and M. Lash.

From the kick-off play was in favor of Varsity, and only twice during the game did Upper Canada succeed in working the ball within the home team's 25-yard line. At the close of the first half, the score stood 6 to 0 against U.C.C.

It was then supposed that the latter would put together a few points during the second half, on account of the poor condition of our players, but appearances were deceptive, and in this half Varsity scored 30 points, making the score at the close of the game 36 to nil in our favor.

This was a most creditable showing under the circumstances, and stands among the best games played against U.C.C. during recent years.

At the close of the game the hopes of Varsity were in the ascendant, and present prospects seem to point to a successful season for Rugby at Varsity. The first team plays Trinity in the ties on Oct. 15 at Trinity.

## OSGOODE HALL vs. VARSITY (RUGBY).

On Thursday afternoon, Oct. 8, the above teams met on the lawn in a practice match.

Osgoode placed their strongest team in the field, and were opposed by the following, representing Varsity: Back, Wood; half-backs, Bunting, Parkyn and Gilmour; quarter-back, Smith; wings, Bain, Parker, Cross, Clayes, F. Moss, N. Lash, Laidlaw; forwards, M. Lash, MacRae and Cronyn.

Shortly after the kick-off Varsity scored a *rouge*, but

Osgoode soon took the lead by making a touch, Pope kicking the goal. This point was objected to by Varsity, claiming that Smellie the quarter-back had passed forward.

The first half closed, however, with the points in this position, the score being 6 to 1 against Varsity.

In the second half Varsity gained somewhat and played a very fast game, which somewhat surprised the legal men. The referee allowed a foul against Osgoode, and shortly after the free kick, N. Lash made a touch-down, but the referee did not allow a kick.

This made the score more nearly equal, but Osgoode forced Wood to rouge twice, and with a touch-in-goal won the match by 10 to 6, Varsity having meanwhile scored a rouge.

The game throughout was close, and shows that Varsity possesses good Rugby material, which only requires a little practice to put into good shape for the coming tie matches with Trinity.

### VARSITY vs. MARLBOROUGHES.

Saturday's game would be a disappointment to those who expected the play to be up to the standard set by the Varsity team of last year, and many who knew the condition of affairs did not expect to see it fall so far short. However, the management made the very best use of the material available, and may hope for better things in future. Govanlock could not play, on account of a sprained ankle, and this necessitated Edwards playing forward, a position he was totally unaccustomed to. Dewar was discovered at the last moment and gave much-needed strength to the forward-line. "Doc." McLay was the only man available of last year's team, and although he was not in condition did some fine playing. Norman played a star game throughout, as did Porter between the flags. Rice proved himself a steady, reliable man at back. Breckenridge did good work occasionally, but some of his misses were dangerous. Goldie and Merrill played a good, steady game. The half-back line proved the strongest part of the team.

#### THE GAME.

For the first few minutes the Marlborough forwards were scarcely in the play, and their goal was frequently in danger. Dewar carried the ball down the right several times but shot behind the goal. At length a corner was secured by Varsity; Dewar dropped it beautifully, and Hooper headed through. Varsity stock went up, and "Joe" immediately raised the odds.

The Marlboroughs kicked off and bombarded the Varsity goal with great spirit for some minutes. Shot after shot was knocked out by Porter, but the ball was immediately returned, and finally Hogan scored for the Marlboroughs.

In the third game matters were reversed, Varsity had the best of it, and Dewar with a well-aimed shot put them in the lead once more. No further score was made until half-time. Norman, in a heavy charge, came to grief, but resumed his position in a few minutes.

In the second half "Doc." got clear away from the Marlborough backs, and carried the ball directly in front of goal. The crowd held their breath, ready to cheer, but the goal keeper was in the way, and the ball was passed up over the bar. Shortly after Dewar kicked on goal, and the ball went through off a Marlborough player. In the meantime the Marlboroughs had added one to their score, and went in with great vigour to even up the score, which they eventually did, Humphrey and Anderson scoring the second and third goals.

No further goals were scored, and the match ended, a draw. This puts the Marlboroughs out of the race. Osgoode Hall defaulted to the Scots on Saturday, and Varsity must win the two remaining matches or surrender the Championship colours to the Scots.

Here is the summary of matches to be played in the Toronto League:—

- October 3.—Scots vs. Marlboroughs.  
 " 10.—Varsity vs. Marlboroughs.  
 " 10.—Osgoode vs. Scots.  
 " 17.—Varsity vs. Scots.  
 " 17.—Osgoode vs. Marlboroughs.  
 " 24.—Osgoode vs. Varsity.

The deciding game will, in all probability, be that of next Saturday. If the Scots succeed in drawing it, they have the Championship; if Varsity win they will be in a fair way to retain it.

#### NOTES OF THE GAME.

Gourlay and Shanklin make a splendid full-back team.

The Varsity wings were not on good terms with one another.

It is to be hoped "Doc." will not desert the boys. If he but put himself in condition, the Scots will frequently find their goal in danger Saturday next.

Moore lacks the necessary experience, and was hardly "in it."

We wish to call the attention of Association foot-ballers thus early in the season to the desirability of establishing a year championship. This project, whenever mooted during the last two years, met with high favor, and the only reason why the matter has not been proceeded with is the reluctance to taking the initiative. But three matches would be required to complete the series, the winners of the first and second years playing the final with the winners of the third and fourth.

A championship cup could easily be obtained by subscription and we commend this to the favorable consideration of the professors and students who are lovers of the game. As the only difficulty is the first step, we shall post a notice to-morrow, asking the different years to send representatives to a meeting called for the arranging of this matter.

Every Varsity boy will be delighted with the performance of our representative at the annual meeting of the Toronto Amateur Athletic Association in Rosedale, Saturday, 26th September, when G. W. Orton ('93) ran second to one of the best mile runners in the world, pushing George right to the tape for first place, and beating the Canadian mile record; 2.28½ was his time, and it would have done credit to a veteran, but for a youth of seventeen who, three months before, did not know he could run, it is a surprising performance. There is every prospect that in a short time our Varsity boy will hold his own with the best that can be brought against him. It is not only on the race course that young Orton has won laurels. In the class lists he is placed first in his year in Spanish and Italian, with a fair stand in German, French and English. A thoroughly modest and amiable fellow, THE VARSITY congratulates him heartily, and hopes to do so on many future occasions.

#### EXCHANGES.

The first arrivals this year are the daily papers from Harvard and Cornell. These are purely newspapers; they make no pretence of giving anything of a literary character, but content themselves with reporting the college news. The editorials are fresh and crisp, and the whole papers give a splendid evidence of the enterprise and get-up-and-get of the students of these big schools.

Among the others that have arrived so far are, *Ariel*, formerly a monthly, now a weekly, from the university at Minnesota; *Bates Student*, Bates College; *Owl and Brunonian*, Brown University.



## NOTICE.

All reports of meetings or events occurring up to Thursday evening must be in the hands of the Editor by Friday noon, or they will not be published.

## 'MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

"Stonewall" Jackson, '94, will not be in football this year. He is attending in frontball Collegiate Institute.

A. J. McKinnon, '91, is studying law in Orangeville, and is busily engaged in wrestling with Coke and Blackstone.

W. Clark, '93, is teaching in Arnprior High School. He has charge of the Mathematical Department of that institution.

Mr. A. T. DeLury, '90, after spending his summer in Ontario, has returned to Vancouver, B.C., to resume his duties there.

The recruit class of company K goes busily on with its work, and doubtless many men of military leanings will don the regimentals this year.

J. B. Peat, '90, is in the banking line now. Varsity students will watch with interest the upward career of the ex-manager of the Varsity Base Ball Club.

Russell, '94, and Docker, '94, have each dropped out for a year. The departments of classics and mathematics will welcome them back as members of '95.

The executive committee of the class society of '92 met in the Y.M.C.A. building on Saturday, Oct. 10th, at 2.30 p.m. Matters of interest to the class were discussed by the committee.

Ninety-five promises to be a large and important element in university life. It is to be hoped that they will all remember the students' paper—THE VARSITY—and subscribe for it at once.

A. T. DeLury, '90, has been offered the Mathematical Mastership of the Harbord St. Collegiate Institute. We may expect that Mathematics will be a strong department in the new institution of learning.

The Executive Committee of the Class of '94, met in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Friday the ninth at 3.30 p.m. The subject under discussion was the date on which the annual election should be held.

Two of the Undergraduates advertised lately for rooms. One received three hundred answers to his advertisement and the other about two hundred. Truly the Varsity possesses some *men of letters*.

Ninety-three owns a real live soldier, one who will always remain so. We refer to that well-known and popular Mr. F. B. R. Hellems, who has lately been appointed first lieutenant in a volunteer company.

The committee of the Mathematical and Physical Society met in the Physical Laboratory on Friday the 9th, at 3 p.m.

J. W. Baird, '94, is going to join '96. Mr. Baird has been in ill health this summer, and deems it advisable to remain out for some time.

C. A. Stuart, '91, left for New York on the sixth. Thus we have another added to that long line of graduates who are upholding the name and fame of old Varsity in various spheres and in different lands.

R. Strath, '93, has been appointed assistant business manager of THE VARSITY. With such a strong combination as J. W. and R. S. controlling the matters financial of the paper, THE VARSITY is safe from grief.

W. C. Clarke, '93, has gone to McGill. Those who remember him as an eloquent debater in the "Lit" will wish that he may attain to the same eminence in the oratorical line in the "college on the hill" as in the Varsity.

The first meeting of the Literary Society will be held on Friday the sixteenth. The Treasurer, Mr. J. S. McDougall, will be on hand, and the more quickly the fees come in the broader will be the smile upon his genial countenance.

The delivery clerks in the Library this year are N. McDougall, '93, and L. Anderson, '93. Both of these gentlemen had experience in library work last year, and all those who had any dealings with them know how prompt and obliging they were.

The *Exodus* is becoming alarming; and "boodletown" is becoming rapidly depopulated. There are eight in '95 from Ottawa this year, and still there's more to follow. We trust that no crooked work will occur in any contracts around the Varsity this year.

J. McGowan, B.A., is one more of Toronto's graduates who has been attracted by the post-graduate course of Clark University. Mr. McGowan has accepted a fellowship in the above institution, and will devote his attention to his favorite department—Mathematics.

Some discussion has been taking place of late concerning the University College colors. Some claim that the colors are pale blue and white, and others that navy blue and white are the correct thing. We are informed that the right colors to wear are pale blue and white.

One of the notices on the notice board created a little interest in the corridors this week, it was one in which some student advertised for a partner in a room, and remarked that "no Theolog. need apply." Verily the Exclusion Bill is exercising an effect upon the life of the students.

The Y.M.C.A. reception came off with all due success on Monday evening. The attendance was good, and the programme was well rendered, the edibles coming in for a fair share of attention. The gathering was very pleasant, and every one felt that an enjoyable time had been passed.

A meeting of the committee of the classical association of '93 and '94 was held in the Y.M.C.A. building on Friday, Oct. 9th, at 4 o'clock. It was decided that a meeting of the society should be held on Tuesday, the 13th, at 4 p.m. The programme will include an essay by Mr. W. P. Reeve, entitled "Comparison of the Civilization of Rome with that of Greece." Classical men of '95 are invited to attend.

The Y. M. C. A. handbook came out last week and was much appreciated by those who were fortunate enough to obtain a copy. It contains a map of Queen's Park and a map of the city, together with much other matter which cannot fail to be of use to all students. The book is a very compendious summary of general information and reflects great credit upon those who had the editing of it. We disposed of our copy for 15 cents.

The glitter and the sheen of the class-pins of '94 is occasionally seen; there are not as many of them around the Varsity this year as last year. Some of them have, with their owners, disappeared from the public gaze of university life, owing to a slight difference of opinion between their owners and the examiners; others of the class-pins are in Lake Erie, and some are with "mine uncle." *On dit* that somebody intends to advertise as follows: "Lost, a dog tag marked '94."

The Glee Club under their energetic President, Mr. R. K. Barker, have already organized for work. This year a departure will be made in the formation of an orchestra. This is a long-felt want, and it is to be hoped that this idea may be successfully carried out. There is also some talk of a week's tour through some of the Western cities, but nothing definite is arranged. The first regular meeting and practice of the Club will be on Friday, when it is hoped all the old members as well as a large number of new ones will be on hand.



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