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IN fulfilment of the promise made in our circular of September the 15th, we to-day present to the University public the first number of Volume X. of THE VARSITY. We trust that its appearance and contents may be of such a character as to win that approval necessary to future success.

This is our first experience in the editorial chair, and the realization of that fact might well make us hesitate ere we cast ourselves on the sea of journalism at the head of a paper representing the University of Toronto. The students have placed us in the position we now occupy, and we have no apology to make for their choice. The assurance that we have of the cordial sympathy of the Graduates and Faculty of our Alma Mater and of the active co-operation of the undergraduates gives us hope and courage as we enter upon the task that is before us. If the bestowal of vigorous and constant energy will ensure success, we have little fear of the result.

THE VARSITY is now under the management of the Literary and Scientific Society, and therefore is an undergraduate paper. It shall be the aim of the editors to make THE VARSITY a mirror of the events, the lights and the shadows of college life, and moreover a true exponent of the views of the undergraduates of the University of Toronto. Managed and edited as it is entirely by undergraduates, THE VARSITY can never be in itself a representative of the graduates. But it can be, and intends to be, a medium through which those loyal men and women who have graduated from our halls can keep in touch with us who are still here and with our mutual Alma Mater, and through which they may give expression to the views they hold on matters pertaining to our University. Under all circumstances we shall be loyal to the best interests of our College. But true loyalty does not consist in servile and unthinking agreement with and adhesion to whatever the authorities may do or decree. That were poor loyalty indeed! We believe that even now there are things around old 'Varsity that might be bettered, and it shall be our duty throughout the year to point these out and at the same time to suggest what in our opinion would be changes for the better. It shall be our aim to do our duty in these respects in that spirit of fairness, and with that true desire for what is good, which will commend itself to those who may chance to read or be affected.

We hope to make the literary style of THE VARSITY of the highest standard. That portion of the paper devoted to literary productions proper will be edited to suit, not the individual tastes of the editors alone, but rather of the constituency to which we, as a University paper, appeal. We are among the number that believe that events of local interest are especially necessary in a college journal, but in putting this belief into practice we shall endeavour to present our news, not in the stereotypic

phrases of a mere detailed chronicle, but rather after a higher standard of excellence.

We must confess that we are agreeably surprised at the response to our circular and the assurances of goodwill that we have received. The Treasurer has received numerous letters from graduates and members of the Faculty with subscriptions enclosed, and invariably a few lines expressing pleasure at the re-publication of THE VARSITY. The Honourable Edward Blake, Chancellor of the University, was among the first to write us, and we feel assured that his example will be followed by many others.

In conclusion we beg our readers' indulgence in their judgment of this number. We have had only one week to contract for the printing, canvass for advertising, procure editorial rooms, prepare the reading matter, and see to the many other incidentals in connection with the first issue of a new paper. At the very last moment we were disappointed in a sketch that we were depending on, and we have to go to press without it. By next week we expect to have everything in perfect running order, and then we hope to remedy whatever deficiencies there may be in this number.

MEDALS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

There has been so much dissatisfaction among the students over the awards in the May Examinations that it may not be out of place to make some observations on the subject, and give expression to a widespread feeling as to the injustice, as some have termed it, which has been done.

The Class of '90 has the peculiar distinction of having among its members a medalist, who is not the medalist in his department, and at the same has another member who, after taking the highest place in his department, is ignored and the medal assigned to another who cannot be defended as the equal of the gentleman thus treated by those in whose hands the awarding of the medal lies.

We do not wonder that, after reading with great care the works prescribed by Professor Baldwin, and working very closely at all that would give him a thorough grasp of the subject of Philosophy, Mr. McCrimmon was indignant, and wrote on the subject to the papers. When the lists were published there could be but one conclusion from them as to whom the medal belonged, and when it was announced afterwards that he had not been declared the medalist, many of his fellow students joined with him in his indignation. This feeling was in no degree lessened when the reason for such an action was given that Mr. McCrimmon had not attended Professor Baldwin's lectures. It is only a year or two since the medal in Philosophy was given to a student who had not attended lectures. In this way a precedent had been established. If this was wrong then due notice should have been given that hereafter it would not be followed in any case. No such notice was given. Not only in the department of Philosophy, but

in every department the best students were placed in a very peculiar position from not knowing under what condition medals were to be given. We are fully persuaded that notice should have been given to cover any such possible case; it was only fair to expect it. We do not know who made the award, but to award the medal to the second man of the class, under such circumstances, was unfair to Mr. McCrimmon and the other students of Philosophy. It would have been more politic under existing circumstances to have given the medal to the rightful winner. It would have in some degree reconciled students with whom Philosophy, as taught by the late Professor Young, was the true philosophy to that advocated by Professor Baldwin.

Then, when the medal was assigned to Mr. Kerswell it would have been a graceful act on his part to have refused to accept it. Had he done so the opinion of his fellows for such an action would have been far more valuable than any medal, and we doubt not that their feeling would have found expression in some way that would have been a pleasant memory to him all his life long. The whole affair is one which we regret exceedingly, and trust that a similar case will never again occur in the history of the University of Toronto.

In the case of the Governor-General's gold medal, we are of the opinion that in counting Orientals the equivalent of Classics, Moderns, Natural Science, Mathematics, Philosophy and Political Science, a manifest injustice is done students in these departments, for in all of these the work to be done is vastly greater than in Orientals. Without in any way trying to disparage the excellent work done by the medalist in the departments of Classics and Orientals, we think there are better men in the year to some one of whom the medal should have gone. It would be well to institute some ratio between the subjects in awarding such a medal, for there are some of the departments which should count for more than the department of Orientals. Again, in deciding the winner of the Julius Rossin scholarship, we understand that the authorities themselves were in doubt as to the real conditions to be fulfilled before awarding it. When such is the case among those who decide such matters, how much more mysterious it is to the students themselves.

The point which we desire to make is simply this: that the conditions to be fulfilled before any medal, scholarship or prize is awarded, should be clearly and definitely stated in the Calendar and Curriculum, so that students would not be in the dark as to what they must do. It would be a decided advantage to all if some member of the Senate thoroughly in sympathy with the students would frame a motion to be submitted to that body, and, if it should carry, have it incorporated in the By-laws of the University, so that justice might be done in any case which would arise. Anyone who would undertake to do so would confer a lasting favour on the student body, and we trust that some one may attempt what we have tried to make plain. Gentlemen of the Senate we appeal to your sense of what is right. We hope our appeal will not be in vain.

We are pleased to note the large number of Freshmen in College this year. Gentlemen of the first year, we welcome you to our shrine of learning.

THE TRAINING INSTITUTES.

Many of our readers are doubtless not yet aware of the radical changes that have been made in the curriculum of what is known as the Training Institute of Ontario, and have often speculated as to the reason for the presence of so many University men in the city during the unlikely months of August and September when, it is a well known fact, the heart of the student longs for the wilds of Muskoka and idle hours along lake side and stream rather than the precincts of the class-room and laborious days in the company of learned volumes on which the dust of summer has been allowed to accumulate at its own sweet will.

The reason may be found in the wise and energetic action of the Minister of Education. In the past, University men who have wished to qualify themselves for positions in High Schools and Collegiate Institutes, have been forced to spend a term of a couple of months' duration at Hamilton, Guelph, Owen Sound, Kingston, etc., and there to be trained in the practical part of teaching. This course has long been felt to be inadequate, as it left no time for theoretical instruction in the science of education. By the recent changes in the curriculum this deficiency in the course has been remedied, and now the term is divided into two periods; one devoted to the study of psychology and methods in education principally, the other to the practical training of the would-be teachers. Lectures during the first period are delivered in Toronto, and continue from the 19th of August till the 6th of October. The second term, during which the teachers in training are scattered over the Province at the different collegiate institutes qualified to receive them, lasts until the first week in December, when two examinations, one an oral and the other a written, are held. The successful candidates at these examinations are thereafter qualified to hold positions in high schools and collegiate institutes of Ontario.

The first term of the course (and it is about this that we wish to speak principally) was brought to a close, in a fitting manner, last Wednesday morning, at the Department Buildings. During the six weeks that this term lasted, lectures were daily delivered on Applied Psychology, Methods in Education, Elocution and Orthoëpy, Phonography, Penmanship and Hygiene, besides instruction in Drill and Gymnastics at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

No one can doubt the judiciousness of this course, nor will anyone dispute the wisdom of the measure which, besides giving men fresh from College practical training in the profession they are going to pursue, grants them an insight into the science and methods of true education and a knowledge of the psychological principles which govern the moulding both of the juvenile and the adult mind. And yet now, when we look back upon the six weeks that have been spent in this manner, we venture to doubt whether the results of the course quite come up to the hopeful anticipations so ardently expressed upon its inception. No doubt a great deal of good has been done, and the way paved for great advances in the future. It would be a sorry institution indeed if a certain amount of profitable instruction had not been imparted to willing students in six weeks time. And yet we question very much if the knowledge gained during the term is in any degree a pro-

portionate return for the time and money expended in its acquirement.

In saying this, we are aware that judgment should not be passed upon an institution that has been in existence only six weeks. Time, no doubt, and experience will remedy deficiencies that are now so apparent, and we venture to predict that, in the course of time this preliminary term will evolve into something very profitable to the teaching body. At present, however, we must confess that the course is not what it should be. The time must be extended, and the series of lectures made more thorough and elaborate. Good results cannot be expected from a course of instruction in such subjects as Elocution, Orthoëpy, Phonography and Writing, when the term only lasts six weeks, with an hour's lecture sometimes only once a day; but give the present efficient staff adequate time for their different departments and we are sure the result will justify the most sanguine hopes of the originators of the course. We cannot close without referring briefly to the Principal of the Institute, Dr. McLellan, the lecturer on Psychology and Methods in Education. In his case also, the time allotted for his department was altogether too short. But, notwithstanding this, the benefit derived from his lectures has been incalculable in more ways than one. Not only did he furnish the minds of his listeners with the rudiments of psychology as applied to education in a lucid and interesting way, but, more than this by far: he instilled in them a love and enthusiasm for their future profession which, when brought to bear upon educational problems of the Province, will be felt throughout its length and breadth.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We will publish, for the convenience of our subscribers among the undergrads, advertisements of boarding houses providing accommodation for them, and also notices by students advertising second-hand books. A nominal fee will be charged in such cases, the amount of which can be learned on application to the Business Manager.

The management of THE VARSITY begs to impress upon its readers the fact that the basis upon which the paper has been established necessitates the immediate payment of subscriptions. With each sample copy of the paper a blank form of order for the paper will be found, and after the last issue in October, THE VARSITY will be sent only to those who have returned the order with name and address to G. H. Ferguson, Room 5, Bank of Commerce Block, Spadina Avenue.

In filling the columns of our advertising pages the managers of THE VARSITY have endeavoured as far as possible to exercise a judicious selection. No firms will be found advertised in our columns except such as are in every sense first-class and reliable. We have everywhere met with the most flattering readiness to advertise in our journal, and we hope that our advertisers may find that the support they have thus given us is entirely reciprocated. We trust that the students will favour with their patronage those firms and, so far as may be, those only whose co-operation has enabled us to enter the literary arena afresh.

LEAVING PORT.

This is the Class poem of '90, and was read by the Class poet, H. A. Dwyer, at the Graduation banquet last spring:

Four years in the haven the ship has been fitting,
Now the voyage-time comes and the anchor is weighed;
Though the harbour's been snug, yet the time's come for fitting,
And we sail out of port, all our colours displayed.
Farewell! old times. Good-bye! old faces,
The time has come to say good-bye.

We sail away gladly, we're searching for treasure,
But the length of our voyage not one of us knows,
And we cannot sail back to the old port of pleasure,
There's no sea in the world where such magic wind blows.
And so we'll mingle a little sadness
Even with the hope of happy days.

They give us our orders now: Go! the world calls you,
Active service you've waited for, now it is here,
And there's no drawing back. On! whatever befalls you,
You've no room on board ship for dishonour or fear.
Ay, ay! we all answer, then shout to the helmsman:
Firm hand or the rudder there, steer us right onward.

CLIPPED FROM EXCHANGE COLUMNS.

WE regret much the decadence of our exchange list during year of silence. We take this earliest opportunity of thanking those who still continued to send us copies of their college journals and of apologizing for the absence of THE VARSITY from their exchange list. We shall be most happy to exchange again with all our old confederates, and will cordially welcome to the resuscitated scissors and paste that adorn our sanctum the productions of our fellow collegians. We intend shortly to issue exchange circulars, and hope that meanwhile the editors of college papers will forward them to us for exchange without further notice.

The Harvard *Crimson* writes as follows on the subject of "University Studies," a feature of College work receiving considerable attention at the present time. "Of late a considerable amount of monographic literature has been issued under the title of University Studies, which indicates a new conception of the functions of our educational institutions. These publications prove the Universities to be centres for the publication and distribution of the results of research work, and show that an increasing number of instructors as well as students, have the time and spirit to make valuable investigations. Such monographs supply in a measure, the place filled by the prize essays of the English Universities, although very little has yet been produced which equals the work of most of the York, Arnold, Prince Consort and other English prize essayists." Continuing, it makes this reference to our College and the work done here: "The University of Toronto, the leading institution of learning in Canada, has begun, under the direction of Professor W. J. Ashley, the publication of a similar series, each number of which is to be complete in itself. The first monograph upon the Ontario Township, by J. M. McEvoy, is valuable since it gives an insight into the local political system of Canada. The University also publishes a *Quarterly Review*, not unlike those at Harvard and Columbia, in which is discussed political and economic questions relating to the Dominion."

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CONVOCATION NOTES.

A member of the VARSITY staff, with reportorial intent, went over early Wednesday afternoon to the School of Practical Science to attend the opening ceremonies of the college year. He and his companion, in full academic costume, strode incongruously through the weedy wilderness of Wycliffe, up the dusty, new-made terrace, and along the wooden walk, whose boards still retained the visible impress of the carpenter's hammer, until they reached the steps of the bran-new school. There was assembled a crowd of early-comers, some of whom, evidently recent arrivals at the college, gazed, and gazed, and gazed again, at the men with cap and gown, as if that were something utterly unexpected and surprising at the convocation of a great university. Alas, that any should deem it so!

There was many a merry meeting of old friends around the door, many a cordial shaking of the hand; but the merrier these meetings the more lonely seemed the isolation of those who had no friend to welcome them on their first appearance, but could only silently look on and be *impressed*. Impressed? Impressed with what? With red brick

walls and heaps of clay, with scaffold-poles and mortars, with the clatter of falling boards and the clink of the mason's trowel? With these, verily, or nothing else. But why complain? The fourteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, can never be re-called; but we may console ourselves with an adaption of the noble words of Nikias to his despairing soldiers: "It is men, not empty walls, that make a city."

For many minutes there was considerable doubt in the minds of that crowd as to where they were going to get in. Not a door would yield to their attempts. The senior with his cane endeavoured to look as if he, of course, knew all about it, and entertained no doubt as to the spot where the opening would eventually appear; the junior laughed and joked as though he did not care a cent whether an opening ever appeared at all or not; a certain second-year man, revelling in all the freedom of his sophomorehood, declared his intention of forcing an entrance at a side-window; a freshman is rumoured to have innocently asked if they had to climb up "one of those ladders over there," while a theological professor, with his inevitable son, was observed to make heroic efforts to get into the underground cellar. But at last, to our surprise, the *front* doors swung open, and the throng passed up the double stairs. There was no gauntlet for the freshman to run, no fiendish yell of "Hat! Hat!" as he passed along the hall, no assembling of the different years under appointed leaders, no lordly "censors in the Hall" (though despite the untiring efforts of that genial usher they were sadly needed), and so, with an indiscriminate rush, the undergraduates took possession of the seats in the rear and prepared for war and torment. Operations began with our time-honored slogan, "Old Grimes." The Faculty, in glittering robes, passed in, and three rousing cheers were given for Sir Daniel. Then the prize medal and joke distribution began. One after another the successful men were called to face the terrible ordeal. In the words of somebody or other that grew eloquent in the legendary past,

Nunc animis opus, Aenea, nunc pectore firmo.

Many a witty remark was made: many more were bravely attempted. One could not help laughing, when Park's eagerness to reach the platform brought him up ahead of his fellows, at the shout of "Barkis is willing"; or at the deep appreciation of the Latin oration expressed in an occasional Hear, Hear; or at the comfort and aid so heartily proffered Colling by such remarks as "Oh, cheer up, cheer up," "Begin with 'quum' and you're all right"; or at the sweet strains of "Annie Rooney" and that mock marriage ceremony at the rear while Mr. Keys was presenting the history prizes. No doubt it was great sport for the boys. To be sure they carry on as badly at Oxford, but there may be another side to the question. To critical and disinterested spectators it might seem a trifle impolite, and it might be worth our while to ask ourselves if the fun is worth the cost. But of this more in another place.

After the distribution of the prizes was concluded, occasionally-heard addresses were delivered by Prof. I. H. Cameron, Hon. G. W. Ross, and the President. The Minister of Education welcomed the members of the Senate

to the School of Practical Science, and offered them the use of the hall for convocation purposes until they obtained more suitable quarters.

The President referred at length to the generous assistance the University of Toronto has received from all parts of the world. He discussed the present needs of the University and the preparations that are being made to meet them. The ideas that the education of the people is fatal to good government and ordered society, and that a university course is fatal to success in business, were vigorously rejected and condemned as false by reference to the court of history. In eloquent and patriotic language he pointed out the field of work that lay before our University in the future when the great territories of the North will be sending their students to her halls. "Never was there a time," he said, "when the responsibilities were greater or more urgent. Our young Dominion throbs with eager undefined longings and aspirations 'Yearning for the large excitement that the coming years will yield.' It is of vital importance that such aspirations be wisely directed, and the true aim be kept in view." He closed with a glowing reference to the dear old land from which we derive all our civilization, and an earnest appeal to the younger men before him to use well the great advantages the coming era will afford. At the conclusion of Sir Daniel's address the Glee Club sang "God Save the Queen."

Brown, the brilliant freshman from Owen Sound, was highly eulogized by Prof. Hutton, and well received by the men below.

Some of the men are wondering what that Latin oration really did contain, anyway. McKim, Universitatis Torontonensis, and "tirones," were about all the terms familiar to the undergraduate ear. It is hard to tell which was most to blame—the undergraduate ear or the undergraduate tongue.

The Glee Club acquitted themselves splendidly—and they had such short notice, too.

VARSIITY OFFICE.

THE VARSITY editors have not only attained to the dignity of superintending the utterances of one of the most widely-read and influential of Canadian papers, but have reached the exalted position of actual and genuine possessors and inhabitants of offices. Congratulations and subscriptions may now be addressed to Rooms 3 and 5, Bank of Commerce Chambers, corner of College and Spadina. Moreover, and in addition to this, we possess a janitor. We do not own him on a separate title-deed, but merely as an appendage to our rooms. By the care and thoughtfulness of our business manager, these were secured with heating, lighting, insurance, mortgage and janitor attached. We appreciate this attention on his part the more keenly in that we are, owing to some oversight, left for the time being totally destitute of furniture. Our present attitude of inspiration is a lean-back against the wall with our eyes on the ceiling and our heels in the floor. Jokes about sitting on the janitor are ruled out, having been found to

seriously impede the course of business. Our janitor, however, is of too imposing and commanding an appearance to be lightly joked about. We have him in training with skin gloves and intend to employ him for the most part in delivering papers and soliciting subscriptions. It was of him that the late Lord Beaconsfield made that well known speech: "To hear him swear is a liberal education," and indeed, a more minute and various knowledge of the ancient heathen mythologies and of modern theological controversy might be gleaned from his cursory remarks on general subjects than from the study of many text books. We love our janitor and expect to find him of great use in conducting our business.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

One of the live institutions around college is the Young Men's Christian Association which from now on will be in active operation. The popular secretary, Hugh B. Fraser, '89, has been in attendance at the rooms for the past few weeks, and has been of incalculable service to both old and new students. As yet no general meetings have been held, but committees have been busily arranging for the speedy commencement of work. The first meeting of the members will be held next Thursday afternoon in the rooms at 4.30, and will take the form of a re-union. After devotional exercises the delegates to Northfield will give a report and some general business will be brought up. Ever since the organization of these Thursday afternoon meetings they have been well attended, and have proved a most helpful feature of the Association work.

As was the case last year, the buildings will be used as a general meeting place for the students. The parlor will be given up for the use of the lady undergraduates. The Literary and Scientific Society will doubtless avail themselves of the offer of the management and use the front room as the general reading room. In the basement there are lockers for the footballers. Following the example of former years, the Association will issue a hand-book containing some very valuable information to all classes of students. There will also be in that an accurate map of the University property and all the buildings situated thereon. The annual reception will take place in the rooms either next Monday or Tuesday evening and promises to be a success.

THE VARSITY takes pleasure in recommending the Association to the students as well worthy of their support. Every man will find that the advantages to be derived from participation in its work and enjoyment of its hospitality will more than recoup the slight expense. The fee, we might remark, is the nominal one of \$1, and is payable to G. E. McCraney, Treasurer. The other officers are:—President, I. O. Stringer, '91; 1st vice, G. W. Robinson, '91; 2nd vice, C. H. Mitchell, '92; Recording Secretary, C. R. Williamson, '93; Treasurer, G. E. McCraney, '92; Councillor, McDougall, '93. The Freshman Councillor will be elected later on.

A mass meeting of students will be held in the Y.M.C.A., to-morrow (Wednesday) afternoon, at 3.30, to make arrangements and elect officers for the Annual Games. H. C. POPE, Secretary.

THE SANCTUM PHILOSOPHER.

ONCE again the demons of the dip gather round the Sanctum hearth. The literary life of the University lives, breathes and has its being afresh; and the symbolic owl, rising from the cenotaph of 1890, gathers her brood around her in a home where she can take up the thread of her existence as of old, lounge, chew tobacco at the expense of the company, and pass the listless hours in maiden meditation fancy free. The very thought of it breathes a tranquil glow of content through the pulses of the inhabitants of the Sanctum. To sit again in the editorial room listening to the hurrying feet of the contributors as they pass and repass in endless variety, to watch the breathless throng of subscribers jostling each other upon the stair, to feel the fond clasp of the ragged Sanctum jacket, to sink into the inspiring depths of the editorial chairs and woo the muses, or leaning from the Sanctum windows to spit coyly on the heads of the passers-by,—truly these old-time pleasures seem doubly sweet for having been lost to us for a space. Yet the joy that prevades the owl's nest is not an unalloyed one. As we look around the group beside the hearth we find but few of the old faces to beam answeringly upon us. The dark river of graduation has borne away so many of the owl's old brood upon its hurrying waters, that few remain save unfledged owlets whose newly-opened eyes blink, dazzled and shy at their new environments. There is a peculiar chill, too, in the atmosphere of new quarters. Not that we would say aught that might seem to reflect upon the accommodation that has been given us by our genial landlord. [N.B.—I do not know that he is genial; I haven't seen him. There may be more than one of him, but all landlords are presumed genial in the higher composition.] When using the word "chill" I refer of course to the æsthetic faculties of the mind. There is a something in the very newness of the piles of stationery, the unused brittle pens and the unsullied brilliancy of the glass ink bottle—all innocent of its future triumphs—an unfamiliar shoppiness that seems to nip the nascent idea in embryo, and awake an answering chord of barrenness in our hearts as we essay to use them. It is with a saddened longing for the past that we gaze at the lacquered mahogany and japanned oilcloths that surround us, their bright new colouring standing out in vivid contrast to the well-worn penates that erstwhile breathed their inspiration upon us. [Apropos, in speaking of our Sanctum furniture we are using the terms of upholstery a little at random and idealizing freely.] The very waste paper basket that stands beside us in the virginity of its emptiness, rises up, gaunt and void, to mock us at our toil.

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THE Supplementals have breathed upon us with their scorching breath and passed us by, leaving many a prostrate victim in their wake. This year, indeed, their breath has been more than usually scorching. Several of our staff, desirous of forming an accurate opinion in regard to them, conscientiously attended the examination in person, and pronounce the ordeal to have been, if not unfairly, at all events unusually hard. The whimsical *mêlée* of subjects which an unsuccessful candidate is often obliged to take in lieu of that wherein he failed, coming from any other quar-

ter than it does, would almost appear a piece of ghastly humour. There is something humorous, too, in the way in which our Alma Mater announced her approaching Supplementals in the public press. There seems a ring of pride in the statement that "no less than 340 students would *compete* at this examination." The announcement was evidently concocted by a reporter unacquainted with the technical trivialities which necessitate a gentleman's so competing, and who thought himself therein puffing the promulgation of learning, or it was the *Nunc Dimittis* that must have welled from the heart of the exuberant bursar.

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AFTER witnessing the behaviour of my fellow-students at our recent Convocation, I, for one, feel called upon to protest against such an exhibition of bæotian boorishness. To the unthinking mind, be it admitted, such boisterous indecorum may seem at first to contain an element of the amusing and facetious. But let us reflect. Let us think calmly and dispassionately of the peculiar position in which the faculty must find themselves on such an occasion, and I feel confident that we shall be constrained to a frank avowal that such conduct is wrong in principle and, at least harsh and unkind, if not positively cruel. Picture to ourselves the faculty as they sit before us. All of them are washed clean and dressed in their Sunday suits; no flannel shirts to-day; I venture to assert that almost every professor and senator has put on clean linen and a white collar, and this, too, for our behoof. Perhaps, too, some of them haven't got their shirts and collars on right-side-before, or they may, many of them, be hitching their necks to hide a bone collar-stud. What could be more embarrassing or trying to their equanimity than this? How many of them, too, are nervous, shy men, dazed at seeing so many people together, at the size of the room, and the acclamations of the gathered multitude! Some of them, too, may have mothers; those mothers may be sitting in the vast throng listening with proudly-throbbing pulses to catch the clamour-drowned accents of their Johnnies. For a senator or professor is still his mother's Johnny, lecture he never so wisely. Fellow students, if there is any among you who has a mother, or knows another man who has, let him pause and think of the feelings of a professor's mother when she hears her boy asked, before the assembled multitude, if he has had his hair cut, or, perchance, rudely bidden to have it at the first opportunity. Placed, as the faculty are, in such trying circumstances, is it not unkind to ask them where they got their hats? Is it not ungenerous to suggest to our instructors to pull down their vests before they speak? True, the vest may be indecorously elevated as the professor begins to soar, but would it not be the more manly course if one of our number should quietly step forward and pull it down for him? Remember they are doing their best to amuse us; in a humble way, yes, but let us not on that account rudely scoff at it. Seek, rather, to set them at their ease and aid them to laugh off their natural embarrassment. Thus, if you see a senator wipe the perspiration from his brow with his coat sleeve, or expectorate upon the floor of the platform, affect not to notice it, and do not call the attention of your friends to the poor fellow's gaucherie. Instead of the boisterous feigned applause that breaks rudely into the midst of the speaker's discourse, let us substitute an occa-

sional quiet ejaculation of encouragement, as, "In sooth," or "Now you're talking." At the close of the speech, too, would it not be better if one of us should advance and shake the speaker warmly by the hand, saying, "That was, indeed, a noble effort; your final sentence, sir, entranced me."

A FOOTBALL FORECAST.

What was probably the most successful season in the football annals of the University came to a conclusion last season with our association team, champions of Canada, and the Rugby team, not quite champions, but with an unblemished record. The success of our representatives, from start to finish, was most gratifying, and should have the effect of increasing the interest taken in the game this year, and also of firing the ambition of many modest aspirants in the paths of glory, blood and bruises.

It is well known by all experienced players that in excellence in combination play as opposed to individual display lies the great secret of success; and it must always be accounted a singular happiness in a team of players, when the motions of each individual combine harmoniously with those of the others; and when the play of both forwards and backs is radically interwoven; each being in a certain sense distinguishable, yet not liable to displays of selfishness and jealousy, but always characterized by mutual adherence and reciprocal support. This condition of things is to be attained only by diligent and regular practice and training. The practices last year were tolerably well attended and success crowned the efforts of the players. However, with a stricter attention to the preparatory work a much greater degree of excellence might be reached, followed by unprecedented results.

In considering the prospects of the ensuing season on the Rugby field, it gives us great satisfaction to note, first, the favourable arrangement of the Ontario ties; and, secondly, the return of a large proportion of the luminaries who made themselves famous last year. Varsity drew a bye in both the first and second rounds of the series, and plays the winner of the Queen's-Ottawa match in the third round on the 25th either at Kingston or Ottawa.

Owing to the small number of college teams in the union this year no college series is to be played. It is still rather early to speculate regarding the probable winners. Queen's is said to be rather weaker than last year and the result of their match with Ottawa is very uncertain. Stratford and London are unknown quantities, while Toronto and Hamilton are quite as strong as formerly. The absence from the series of Trinity and Ottawa Colleges makes the issue very doubtful. The second fifteen is entered for the Junior Series and is drawn to play the Toronto second on the 18th. The Petrolia and Ontario clubs play on the same day, and the finals, both Junior and Senior, will be arranged by the Executive at the conclusion of the series. The annual match with Toronto will be played on the Rosedale Grounds on the 18th, and other fixtures are being arranged. Varsity owes McGill, Queen's and the Royal Military College a match each, but it will be impossible to square up the whole account this year.

The composition of the team will be largely the same as last year. McQuarrie has not turned up yet, but will probably be on hand to play the solitary full back. The three halves, Senkler, Thomson and Bunting, are ready for work, as is also McClean at quarter. Among the wings and forwards, Moss, Symmes, Hutchins, McKay and Boulton, have already been out practicing and are getting into condition. Pope and Lucas are on hand and will don their jerseys at the earliest opportunity. McLaren, Moran and McLaughlin, will be back this week ready for active service. Two of the most brilliant ornaments of last year's fifteen, Cross, B.A., LL.B., and Watt, M.D., have left us and cannot be replaced. A brace of freshmen

from Upper Canada, whose names it would be indecorous in us to mention, will probably be of some consequence. Besides these there are many other more or less shining lights, whose merits we will not detail. Our Second promises to be unusually strong and will probably add its quota of victories to what ought to be a long list in the annals of the Rugby Club.

THE ASSOCIATION TEAM.

With the inspiration of last year's most encouraging triumph, and a desire to sustain that reputation, the representatives of old Varsity in the Toronto League and Western Association ought to make a good showing this season. Nobody can form an accurate opinion of what Varsity will do in football until one day Varsity does it, and then everybody is surprised. This was the case last year especially, our team being an almost entirely unknown quantity, but the men were after the championship, and they captured it. Their aim is the same this year, and the question is, will they attain it?

The season will be a busy one. We will have two teams in the field, one in the Toronto League, and one in the Toronto Association. Will it be possible to take the first place in both organizations? The League season opened last Saturday and will end on the 25th inst. Varsity's first match will be with the Scots, the present champions, next Saturday afternoon on the Scots' grounds. This will be perhaps the most important match in the series, as there will be such a short time to practice, and the Scots will have the advantage of being on their own grounds, which, by the way, are entirely unfit for football.

There will be three other matches, all on the lawn, the last one being with Osgoode Hall, on Saturday, the 25th inst. This means that four matches will be played in a space of two weeks. Should fortune benignantly vouchsafe the championship to the blue and white, there will still be two matches with the champions of the West and a probable one with the Eastern Association. This will necessitate one trip to the West, but the Eastern men will come here. Wouldn't a trip to Montreal be a good one for the team's yearly outing?

The second eleven have, we believe, a good chance for the championship in the Association. The first scheduled match is next Saturday, when our men will face the Scottish Strollers. The latter have the choice of grounds, but it is likely that they will be obliged to play the game on the lawn. Five matches have to be played, the last one on November the 9th, five weeks from the opening of the season. Most assiduous practice will be the only thing that will give either team a good position, and THE VARSITY urges the men to be out every night and get into good trim for the heavy work.

The *personnel* of the teams has not yet been decided, but this must be done almost immediately in anticipation of the two important matches on Saturday. A large number of the old players are already in College, and most of them are enthusiastic on the subject. Hugh Fraser is going to help in training the team, and under his eye the old players will be improved and the new ones developed as they should be. Watty Thomson was elected Captain last Spring, but we understand that he is desirous of giving up the game this year. It will be difficult to fill his position though there are several aspirants for the place. Ivan Senkler will be in his old place between the flags in most of the matches. The Rugby matches may interfere somewhat though. There is a Freshman medical who plays a good game in goal, and he may be used. Then there are Blake, Edgar and Breckinridge, who have played on the team before, besides one or two others, who, if necessary, could fill a gap. The half-back line is in an unsettled state. Forrester, who played last year for the Legals, will help his College this year. Goldie will, we regret to say, not be in College to take his play at centre half. Lockhart has not shown up yet, but will likely be here in time for the first match. On the forward line the wings will be

the same as last year: Duncan and McDonald on the right and Wood and McLay on the left, though there may be a shifting of positions. Buckingham, Hooper, Hammill, Edwards, Merrill and Marr, a medical, are among the likely candidates for positions on the first eleven. Besides these there are a considerable number of others who are sure of positions of the second, others who may get on, and who can say what the class of '94 may bring?

Altogether the prospects in both Rugby and Association are of a most encouraging character. THE VARSITY has no doubt but that the men of to-day will show themselves worthy of the men who, on the football field, have shed lustre on the College in the past.

K COMPANY NEWS.

K Company will probably be out on parade on Wednesday, the 15th, with an entirely new outfit of uniforms and accoutrements. After a period of inaction the company promises to display increased vitality and vigour. The recruit class, which numbers nearly twenty, is being instructed in martial exercises by Second Lieutenant Badgerow, who has concluded his course at the Infantry School very creditably. A sergeants' class will be formed as soon as possible, all full privates being eligible, and three sergeants will be appointed to fill vacancies. A room under the dining hall has been assigned to the company to be used as an armoury, and is now being fitted up for the reception of the new accoutrements, which will arrive in the course of a few days. Captain Harry Brock will resume command, with Lieutenants Coleman and Badgerow as subalterns.

The company has all the essentials which combine to produce excellence, and there is no reason why it should not be the crack corps of the regiment. Plenty of time is at the disposal of the members in which to become proficient in their drill, and with brand-new outfits and first-rate officers K Company should this year present an appearance which would win for it the eulogiums of all beholders.

MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

W. Ferguson, of '89, has been recently appointed Modern Language Master at St. Mary's Collegiate Institute.

We are pleased to congratulate Mr. George Fairclough, late organist of All Saints Church, of this city, on his appointment to a similar position in Brantford. We learn that Mr. Fairclough intends to supplement his religious orgies by organ-izing a class of fair maidens in his art at the Brantford Ladies' College.

The Dean says that the Residence will probably be completely filled this year. The authorities have decided to admit none but undergraduates, and consequently, the graduates who have heretofore enjoyed its privileges will be obliged to leave. There will be a considerable influx of the gay and festive Freshmen.

McKim's face wore a big, broad smile at Convocation last Wednesday, and the wherefore was not far to seek. On his manly breast reclined the handsome medal which he has just received from the Horse Guards to replace his Crimean medal, which was destroyed in the fire. What would McKim do without his medals?

The Rev. F. B. Hodgins, whose genial face, before it became reverend, shone with editorial lustre in the VARSITY sanctum, has been appointed to a mastership in Bishop Ridley College. The young idea has certainly received in our former editor a very effective guide in its endeavours to acquire the manipulation of the typical arcus.

The house surgeons appointed to the hospital this year from the Toronto Medical School are Mr. L. H. Barker,

Mr. C. McGillivray and Mr. Cullen. The standing taken by Mr. Barker at his recent final was phenomenally brilliant, consisting in a long line of firsts. Mr. McGillivray has unfortunately been taken ill since his appointment, and his place is being taken by his brother.

A meeting will be held at an early date for the election of the officers of the Annual Games. Although many of our prominent athletes are no longer among us, and ruin stares us in the face, the sports promise to be quite as successful as usual. Greater interest might certainly be displayed both by the undergrads and the Faculty in contributing to the success of the undertaking, and immediate action ought to be taken in making preparations in order to avoid the usual imperfect canvassing.

T. C. Doidge, undergraduate of '91, has distinguished himself as a word-permutator by standing first in the recent contest among the subscribers to the *Canadian Queen*. Mr. Doidge was rewarded for his literary efforts by a free trip to Europe. The earnest perusal of the lexicons of foreign tongues of which the list of words furnished by him bears witness, will doubtless render Mr. Doidge material assistance in his fourth year pass examination. The *Queen* publishes a chromo of our distinguished classmate. Should not his biography also be published in Morley's Men of Letters?

HITCHED BY HYMEN.—The tutelary deity of domestic life has claimed his usual quota of victims from among our alumni. F. C. Davidson and A. A. Macdonald, graduates of last year's Modern Language Class, have decided that it is not good for man to be alone, and sought solace in the bonds of wedlock. Without waiting for the congratulations of their former confrères in the paths of learning, they have fled to foreign parts, and are now tasting hymeneal happiness on the shores of the Vaterland. Dr. Harley Smith, also, the President of our Literary Society during the past year, has followed their infectious example, and has just returned from his honeymoon. THE VARSITY wishes our old classmates and our esteemed ex-President every happiness in the ranks of the Benedicts.

The General Committee of the Literary and Scientific Society is at work making preparations for the ensuing term. The first meeting will be held next Friday night in the Y. M. C. A. Hall. The Glee Club is expected to furnish musical entertainment, and an open debate will take place on the subject, "Resolved that efforts should be made towards the realization of Bellamy's scheme of government as laid down in *Looking Backward*." It is hoped that as many as possible will take part in the discussion of the question. Moreover, some venture to prophecy an exciting time that night; for, deep in the recesses of the undergraduate heart lie buried, it is rumored, motions and points of order and "unconstitutionalism's" galore, which are to be snatched forth, and with Titanic arm, flung at the devoted head of the presiding officer. It is also understood that the Society will be asked to declare its wishes with regard to the organization of a mock parliament over which subject the members would do well to meditate 'twixt now and then.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

The semi-annual meeting of the Association Football Club will be held in the Y.M.C.A. rooms, next Friday afternoon, at 4 o'clock. Several officers have to be elected and a representative from the Freshman year appointed. A large attendance is requested.

At convocation the students cheer but not inebriate.

"What do you want?" said an oculist, as a one-eyed man entered his consulting room, "you seem past my help." "I am looking for my alter ego," was the facile rejoinder.