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THE TOWER OF LOVE.

As the shadows were deepening at twilight's hour,
A maiden crept slowly and sadly alone
Up the cold dark steps of Varsity's tower;
And reached, at last, the gray platform stone.

Her tired head throbbed with grief and pain:
And she sobbed, as she leaned on the parapet-wall,
"O be still my heart, he will ne'er come again,
I have sent him from me, my life, my all!"

With a small sharp stone, which had been there for years,
She wrote the words of an old sweet song:
"Come to me, come to me!" and the blinding tears
Would not be repressed, for she'd loved him long.

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The moonbeams were shedding their light, soft and clear,
O'er a student who gazed, from the tower above,
On the scenes of his college life—then so dear—
Ere he left them forever, an exile from love.

With a thrill of joy, as he turned to depart,
He spied the words on the rough stone wall:
Though rudely carved, they were balm to his heart;
And he hastened to answer his true love's call.

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O tower of learning and greatness and fame!
Looking down from your airy heights above;
To those two glad hearts, your new sweet name
Will ever be, simply, Tower of Love.

"DETTA."

THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE RESIDENCE.

The Residence question, as it has been called ever since most of us remember anything of life at Varsity, has received more than the usual amount of attention from the college public this year. This has largely been due to the announcement made by the Hon. Edward Blake in his Convocation address that it was probable that the Residence as we have known it so long, was soon to become a thing of the past.

It is proposed to convert the building to more purely academic purposes than the boarding and lodging of undergraduates. This is not to be done, however, because the University authorities believe that the sphere of their activities should be restricted to the training of the mind, but solely because the present more comprehensive venture has not been uniformly a financial success. It is claimed that the Residence building represents a certain portion of the endowment of University College, that the straitened means of that institution demand that the most be made of all available resources, that further accommodation is required by some departments, and that this building can be more profitably employed as lecture rooms, laboratories, etc., than as a Residence.

Let us at once admit that the present building did absorb a certain amount of our endowment, and, as a matter of fact, it cost about as much as the main entrance, of which we are all so justly proud, that the hard times demand that great care must be exercised in husbanding our resources, that new class rooms, etc., must be provided, but there is no evidence whatever to show that the building can be profitably turned to any other use than that which it now serves.

On the contrary, there is somewhere in existence, if I was not misinformed at the time it was made, a report of the University Architect, which states that the cost of remodelling the building would be greater than that of erecting a new one affording the same accommodation. The reasons given are, roughly, that the building throughout, not only the exterior, but also the partition walls, is most strongly built of brick, which is expensive to tear down when in perfect condition as this is, that the roof is entirely carried on these partition walls, and it would have to be removed in the reconstruction; that the ceilings are low, the building being in three floors instead of two as would be necessary, thus entailing the partial destruction of the exterior walls in order to get the windows right.

We find then that to remodel the building we would be obliged first to remove the roof; second, take out the partition walls, and these are not only between the five houses, but also between most of the forty two rooms; and third, rebuild the exterior walls. We can easily see how this would cost more than a new building. It must also be taken into consideration that as far as destroying the old building goes the work could not be done under contract, and everyone knows what day labor means in adding expense to a work. There would be a further absolute loss, which has not yet been taken into account, and that arises from the fact that the building is almost perfectly adapted to its present use, and that a structure of similar utility could not be secured save at great expense. The present dining hall, which might be made to accommodate a couple of hundred students, and the kitchen and pantries where the food for a thousand could be stored and prepared, would cost a large sum to replace. Does any one venture to hope that once destroyed they will ever be rebuilt?

It may then be assumed as proved that the building can not profitably be turned into class rooms. I propose to show that by enlarging the Residence so as to make room for 162 men, the institution can be made not only self-sustaining, but afford a handsome revenue, which might be applied to further extensions or to the relief of less fortunate investments of University funds.

The scheme for enlargement was outlined in an editorial in VARSITY by the writer in '92, but did not attract any attention at the time. The reason being, I have since been assured, that it was believed the plan would entail too great expense in carrying it out. Recent discussion has brought up the matter again however, and the following facts and figures, which seem to show the matter in a favorable light, have been prepared.

The profits are estimated upon a basis of an average rent of \$1 per week from each student and a charge for board of \$3 per week. The estimate of the cost of the

building was made by Messrs. Bond & Smith, architects, Temple Building, Toronto, to whom I am also indebted for drawing the accompanying sketch plan. The estimate of the cost of provisions, etc., was submitted and approved by the Harry Webb Co. Ltd., whose manager, Mr. Barker, is recognized as the leading authority in Toronto in matters of this kind.

It is proposed to utilize the present building as far as possible, the chief change in it being the removal of the present corridor, and the substitution of a passage on the level of the basement, the top of which would form a terrace and would be used in fine weather as at present, the basement passage being for use in wet weather, and after the locking of the gates. The new building will run north, beginning about 100 feet from the present building, along the edge of the campus as near St. George Street as possible, and have a basement corridor which would be a continuation of the one in the main building.

The new building being entirely separate from the main building and at a little distance from it, with a few trees and shrubs to break the lines, would not be brought directly into contrast with the latter, and so would not require any of the elaborate detail which makes any addition to the present buildings so expensive as to be beyond our reach. A simple structure in white brick, whose chief lines are in harmony with those of the main building is all that even the most exacting taste could demand under these circumstances. And it is upon such a building that the estimate has been made.

The staircase, or house system, has been followed in the proposed building as it was in the old one because it is generally recognized to be the best, though not the least expensive way of building a college residence. The units are larger, however, each containing 24 rooms. As will be noticed, the rooms are cut off into groups of four in such a way as to minimize noise, and afford the greatest accommodation. Bath rooms are provided on each flat. The building is in three flats, the first two being on the Yale plan, of a sitting room with each two bedrooms, and the third (which is not shown) is similar to the present Residence, *i.e.*, has the bed and sitting rooms combined, an alcove being provided for the bed. The basement of each house will contain a lounging or common room for the use of the students, in addition to trunk and store rooms, bicycle stalls and lockers, servants' room and lavatory. Each sitting room would contain a fire place, the halls would be finished in hardwood, and the room floors in birch. The heating would be steam throughout, and the hot water for the bath tubs be supplied from a steam heating tank in the basement of each house.

The cost of such a building is estimated at \$12,000 per unit of 24 rooms; of these units one is shown in the plan. An allowance of \$1,000 for remodelling the present corridor and building the connecting link between the two systems has been considered ample. The five units to accommodate 120 men would therefore cost \$61,000. The estimate is for fire and sound-proof walls between all the rooms, to be built of hollow tile instead of brick. The absolutely necessary furniture and other contingent expenses would not amount to more than \$4,000.

The income from the rent of 162 rooms at \$1 per week for the 32 weeks of the college year is \$5,184.

As the University could undoubtedly borrow money in the open market at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and with the guarantee of the government, which there is surely no reason or withholding in such a case as this, at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., the income provided by the room rents will pay the interest on the capital required, provide a sinking fund, and leave a handsome profit which may be applied to other uses. The entire running expenses of the institution can be paid out of the profits from the dining room, as the following figures prove.

The accompanying menus were submitted to the Harry

Webb Co., Ltd., and that company is authority for the statement that wholesome food of the best quality can be supplied to provide meals, such as are here outlined, for 162 men, at a cost of not more than \$2 per week each.

BREAKFAST.

Porridge and milk, chop, steak, or eggs, etc., toast and coffee.

LUNCHEON.

Soup, entree, or cold meat, pudding, tea.

DINNER.

Soup or fish, roast or boiled, pudding, pie, coffee.

With board at \$3 per week, and provisions costing \$2, we have a profit of \$1 per week, or \$5,184 per term, to cook and serve the meals, provide for renewal of dishes and table linen, etc., heat and light the building, and pay for attendance on the students.

The following estimates under the heads have been carefully prepared:—

Cook at \$25 per month for 8 months.....	\$ 200	
2 Helps at \$8 per month for 8 months.....	128	
2 Boys at \$4 per month for 8 months.....	64	
Laundress at \$12 per month for 8 months..	96	
15 Waiters at \$4 per month for 8 months..	1,200	
Steward at \$1,200 per annum.....	1,200	
Servants	—	\$2,888
Heating and Lighting.....		1,000
Renewal of dishes, table linen, etc., 20 per cent. per annum on \$1,000.....		200
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		\$5,088

These figures are submitted to the University public in the hope that a large University Residence when proved to be a practicable and profitable investment for University funds may be undertaken at an early date. If the situation or the plan is not approved of, let us at least have a discussion of the subject.

If we have 162 students in the University who are willing to pay \$4 a week for their food, and to live in a College Residence, why should we not have such a Residence?

S. J. ROBERTSON, B.A., '93.

Toronto, March 5th.

To the Editor of VARSITY:

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to say a word in your valuable paper about the so called "scrap." Twice the measure to do away with the "scrap" has been voted on; twice carried. The will of the Society cannot be doubted. On Friday last, a motion was proposed to the effect, that the carrying out of this decision is impracticable. Gentlemen, what are we coming to? Shall we allow the taunt to be justly thrown in our face, that we have a Society which is unable to govern itself? Will not everyone admit that this is the way the matter stands?

Are we a rabble of small school boys? Shall we sacrifice all moral principle to witness or take part in a fight? Shall we render the constitution and ruling of the Society null and void? the Society, a society only in name. Let those who would further the "scrap" not be selfish. Let them remember it is not their own character alone they are injuring. They are reflecting discredit upon the Executive, and in fact upon all the members of the Society; not alone upon those, but upon everyone who is in any way connected with the University. These are not idle fancies, gentlemen, these are facts. We are students of Toronto University, let us conduct ourselves as such.

I remain, Sir,

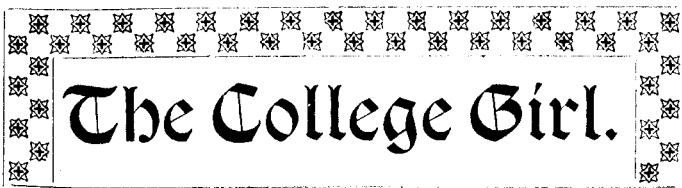
Yours very truly,
ROBERT M. MILLMAN.

VACILLATION.

He stood alone upon a hill's high verge,
 Below, the city,—and behind, the plain,—
 Watching the wan lights of his brothers' pain
 In mystic sequence thro' the mists emerge.
 And as he looked he felt the sudden surge
 Of mighty purpose towards a growing hour
 Throb thro' his veins the conscious pulse of power,
 And stir the dreams that noble efforts urge.

One moment thus, and then adown the slope
 He hastened, with the flush still on his brow,
 And while re-entering the city gate
 The futile music of his each dear hope
 Merged in the tumult of a mighty state,
 He heard, he shuddered—and forgot his vow.

H. H. NARRAWAY.



The College Girl.

In truth all things now point to our annual sorrow; a certain blue paper application hangs on the bulletin board, and nominations and elections are the order of the day. The women of '98 have, however, taken pity on us and relieved the monotony. The following most interesting account of their luncheon on Friday has been given to us:

A new red-letter day was inserted in the College girls' calendar on Friday, March 4, when '98 instituted the "Piece-Meal" in the ladies' lunch room. All who took part in that original and wholly delightful festivity feel confident that it will take its place among the annual celebrations of 'Varsity women. The name, it may be well to explain for the sterner reader, typifies the contributions in kind of the Toronto girls, out-of-town members subscribing in the national currency.

The long table, placed diagonally across the room in order to accommodate the thirty-eight chairs, was at once dainty and gay with its bright Japanese napkins, glass bowls of salad and charlotte russe, variegated cakes, and vases of roses and daffodils. Miss Grace Hunter was quickly voted into the chair at the head of the table. The difficulty of this position was materially enhanced owing to the fact that the table just touched the walls at diagonally opposite corners of the room. Miss Hunter, however, not only filled but attained her post with her accustomed grace. On her right sat Miss Salter, on her left Miss Cowan, formerly of 'Varsity '98, but now of the Western University. The only other guest was Miss D. F. Wright, '99.

In the folds of each napkin, whose tasteful arrangement was only one among a score of testimonies to the artistic skill of the luncheon committee, was partially concealed a white shield bearing the menu, which read as follows: '98 Piece-Meal—Farmyard and Friends—Charlie Ross—The Stick of Life—Islands in the Pacific—Sudden Death—Toast, dry and buttered. The reader is left to dispose of the riddle for himself. If he does so as satisfactorily as the girls of '98 did the salads and creams, his enjoyment will be enviable. The slight pause which followed on the first act of the drama was filled in by a general collection of autographs of the four years class—that is, inscribed on their menu cards or doilies. Suddenly this engrossing occupation was interrupted by the Chairman's call to order, when it was discovered that

slender strips of toast were being passed round the table. The toasts, it appeared, were to be eaten, not drunk.

First, as in loyalty due, came the Queen's health. Then Miss Burbank was called upon to propose "The Faculty's Wife and It." Miss Burbank confessed herself fully awake to the responsibility of doing justice to her subject for the last three days and nights. She recalled the voluminous treatment received already by She and He at the hands of such writers as Rider Haggard and George Sand, but felt that their tasks were as nothing to the intellectual feat demanded of her in attempting to give worthy expression to the feelings of '98 women in regard to It. She then, in a few appreciative words, referred to the many kindnesses extended to the women undergraduates in the course of their University career by members of the Faculty, and to the hospitality shown them by many of the professors' wives, ending with a warmly applauded eulogy on the inspiring example set us by these ladies in being the wife of Faculty. The Wife of Faculty and It having been enthusiastically eaten, Miss Jackson took the opportunity of her selection to respond to this toast to emphasize, in a few well-chosen words, the great debt of gratitude due from all 'Varsity students, but especially the women, to the Faculty for their zeal and consideration for the welfare of the students. The next toast on the list was "Miss Salter." In proposing this, Miss Healy voiced admirably the general sentiment of the east wing in its respect and regard for Miss Salter as the most disinterested counsellor and best friend of the girls as a whole, and more particularly those who, coming from out of town, would often feel themselves forlorn indeed were it not that they can refer their difficulties at any time, with perfect confidence, to her sympathetic judgment. Miss Salter returned her own thanks for the goodwill and confidence extended her by '98.

Then followed the various clubs and other organizations. Miss Kirkwood, with the aid of Thucydides, Euripides and Tennyson, proposed the Women's Literary Society. Her assistants, it seemed, had all recommended silence as the best mode of expression for women; but, as Miss Hurlburt remarked later, we have all been so frequently reminded this year that "We are the ancients." that we may claim as much right to an opinion on this subject as the above mentioned authorities. Miss Kirkwood, therefore, considered that a society specially organized for our mutual intercourse by verbal processes was worthy of the warmest toasting. Miss Grace Hunter, President W.L.S., responded with her usual felicity. She quite agreed that the Society she represented was worthy the most enthusiastic support of the girls. Originally designed for purely literary purposes, it had widened its sphere of interest with the increasing number and dispositions of the women undergraduates, till now no field of their activity was unrepresented in it. She considered it a most useful organization. Miss Northway gracefully proposed the Y.W.C.A. Miss Pearce, in reply, pictured the ideal Y.W.C.A., where all College girls should meet and find encouragement and a broadened horizon through the Christian friendships they would form there. The Glee Club was proposed by Miss Lynde, who dwelt sympathetically on the difficulties it had had to contend with in the course of the past year, and the great success of its work in spite of these. The Glee Club having been nibbled, a note was read from Miss Stovel, its President, expressing her regret that an attack of grippe prevented her being present at the luncheon. The company, immediately rising, consumed more toast to Miss Stovel's speedy recovery. In the absence of both the President and also the Vice-President, Miss Webb, Miss Flavelle responded for the Glee Club. From Miss Flavelle the uninitiated learned something of the difficulty and labor of producing the gleeful results which are all the audience know of the

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work of this organization. Miss Mullins, in proposing the Tennis Club, defended 'Varsity girls from the charge of blue-stockings, and told with dramatic effect how she had put to rout the sarcasms of a young critic of the sterner sex on this subject by the rapid recital of the mere names of the girls' clubs. Miss Johnston, as President, thanked the company for its spirited devouring of the Tennis Club, but made her remarks brief for fear of producing a "racket" in the lunch room, where she felt it would be out of place. Miss Montgomery described wittily the various modes of self-defence adopted by different classes of society, and concluded that, in an emergency, a parasol might be found a most valuable weapon in the hands of our fencers. She proposed the Fencing Club. Miss Gibbs, President, replying, felt it necessary to warn the girls that there were other ways of killing a man than by a thrust with a foil, for instance there was cooking; and the moral was pointed with receipts to be avoided by the humane housewife. The lot of proposing the welfare of *Sesame* fell to Miss Menhennick, who was liberal in praise of the little two year-old. Miss Grant Macdonald, replying as editor, apologized for the number of times she had been heard on the same subject, but urged that if *Sesame* should again be published, '98 should give it loyal support. She then delivered a short editorial on the subject of loyalty, whether to our *alma mater* and its institutions, our domestic duties or our country and empire, citing a proposal recently mooted amongst certain patriotic housekeepers that they should bind themselves to purchase Canadian goods for their houses as far as possible; and, failing these, they should prefer goods imported from other portions of the British Empire to those introduced from foreign countries. Miss Hurlburt dwelt upon the culinary skill of undergraduates, to which the coffee and toast of this festive occasion bore witness, in proposing the Lunch Room Committee. These ladies, it is generally conceded, have done much to promote the geniality of our College life by bringing the girls together at mid-day with aromatic fumes of coffee or a sustaining bowl of chocolate. The merry moments enjoyed in the lunch room by the many students who, living too far from College to go home for their mid-day meal, have enjoyed its social pleasure and material comfort during the past four years, were graphically suggested both by this speaker and by Miss Nicholson, who responded on behalf of the Committee. Miss Beatty, in her invariably happy way, proposed "The Dear Departed," on whose behalf Miss Cowan, of the Western University, returned thanks. Miss M. E. Hunter proposed, and Miss Rosenstadt replied for "The Opposite Side of the Library." The verbal sketches presented by these two ladies of the several classes of students who frequent the library proved their aptness by the rounds of applause with which they were greeted. But they shall not be repeated here, lest any of our brothers complain of our feminine habit of holding the mirror up to nature. The mirth of this meeting was a continuous climax, whose summit was attained when Miss Day proposed and Miss Macdougall replied for "Our Future Husbands." Miss Day's statistics were inimitable, and her quotations from poetical theorists brought down the house. We ate our future husbands to the last crumb. Miss Macdougall, treating them as phantoms of the brain, sketched the ideal with a free hand. Most of his qualities can be guessed, but it may be remarked in passing that great conversational powers were not amongst his endowments.

The toast list being ended, a few spontaneous speeches were made born of the hilarity of the occasion, Miss Slater, to the unbounded delight of her fellow-students, being at last heard in College oratory. At 3.30 p.m. the revellers dispersed, declaring cordially that they had never spent a more delightfully memorable two and a half hours.

The Ladies' Glee Club held their last meeting for this

term on Tuesday, Mar. 1st, at 4 o'clock, in the Ladies' Reading-room. The following officers were elected for the next academic year: President, Miss N. Cleary; vice-president, Miss B. Tennant; secretary, Miss H. Hughes; treasurer, Miss L. Darling; curator, Miss E. Crane; pianist, Miss M. E. Mason. The annual report of the club for 1897-98 was read by the secretary and the financial report by the treasurer. Both showed the club to be in a most flourishing condition and proved that it had been both a musical and financial success during the past year. The net proceeds of the concert were given by the club to the Women's Residence Fund.

The nominations for the various offices in the Women's Literary Society and for representation on the Editorial and Business Boards of VARSITY, and also for representation on the Women's Residence Association for the ensuing year, were held in Room 4 on Friday afternoon. The following is a list of those who were nominated: Honorary president, Miss Ryckman, by acclamation; president, Miss L. K. White, Miss D. F. Wright; vice-president, Miss Benson, Miss Tennant; fourth year councillor, Miss Woolverton, Miss Jamieson; recording secretary, Miss Cole, Miss Wegg, Miss Cockburn; third year councillor, Miss M. E. Mason, Miss E. M. Fleming; treasurer, Miss C. C. Grant, Miss Thornton, Miss Long, Miss G. MacDonald; corresponding secretary, Miss Darling, Miss Robertson; second year councillor, Miss A. C. McDonald, Miss Crane, Miss White; representatives on VARSITY Editorial Board—fourth year, Miss Downey, Miss Preston, Miss Miller, withdrawn; third year, Miss L. Mason, Miss Hughes; second year, Miss Barr, Miss Forrest, Miss Conlin; Business Board—fourth year, Miss Turner, Miss Burgess, Miss Cleary, Miss Johnston; third year, Miss Hall, Miss L. Wright; representatives on Women's Residence Association—assistant secretary, Miss Cleary, Miss Dennis, Miss Benson; fourth year, Miss Miller, Miss Woolverton, Miss Anderson; third year, Miss Hughes, Miss Cockburn; second year, Miss Gundry, Miss Darling. The election will be held on Saturday evening, March 12th, in Students' Union Hall.

Y.W.C.A.—The weekly meeting of the society was held last Thursday afternoon, it having been postponed till that day. A goodly number assembled to hear the reports of the delegates to the Cleveland Convention. Our expectations were great and we were not disappointed. It is impossible to give in this short account any idea of the excellent reports given by Miss Little, Miss Dixon and Miss Ross. The subjects of their addresses were respectively: "The Spirit filled Life," "The Morning Watch," and "The Qualifications of a Volunteer." Owing to lack of time Miss Pearce was obliged to postpone her addresses on "The Financial Problem" until the meeting of next week.

At the Missionary Study Class on Friday afternoon, a talk on the Convention took the place of the regular lesson. Those of us who were not privileged to go to Cleveland are only too glad to hear about what was done there from our delegates.

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A NEW SCHEME OF REFORM.

Sometime ago THE VARSITY received for review a copy of a book entitled, "In the New Capital, or, the City of Ottawa in 1999," written by Mr. John Galbraith, barrister-at-law, Osgoode Hall. This little work of 150 pages deals with the present economic and social evils, and suggests a remedy. The author states frankly that he is not "a member of any labor union or organization, nor of any political club, but that he writes merely to present his idea of the best social reforms in such a way that the poorer and uneducated classes may the more easily understand and study them." In this he has succeeded admirably presenting his case very plainly, even sometimes sacrificing his English to secure the desired end. But as he disclaims any intention of using "masterly English," this fault may be all the more readily pardoned.

In the opening chapters the author discusses the present economic situation showing the evils of over-production consequent to the increased use and efficiency of machinery. This results in crowding out workmen and overstocking the market with cheap labor. He then dwells on the present tendency of the economically strong capitalist to absorb or crush the economically weak, and thus to monopolize the varied branches of industry. This results in the exploitation of the laborer by his employer, who is constantly growing richer at the expense of the former. The present system of taxation is also harshly criticised, as is the present state of society.

Although this brief resume does not cover all the matters touched upon, it gives a fair idea of the character of the first part of the book. The second part contains a remedy which is, we think, itself in some respects open to criticism.

The liquor traffic is dealt with in a decidedly novel and original way. Instead of legislating prohibition, the author suggests a scheme of individual taxation, each drinker being required to purchase a ten-dollar tag which he must produce before being allowed to purchase liquor. Many other restrictions are imposed, making the lot of the hapless tippler more hapless still. Although very arbitrary the scheme would no doubt be effectual if it could be enforced.

The author, however, falls into one great error in holding up the single tax system as advocated by Henry George as a panacea for all our economic ills. Single tax theories are no modern invention. They are as old almost as economic discussion itself, and have never yet been seriously put into practice. Labor problems cannot be solved off hand by the introduction of any doctrinaire system of any kind. Such has never been the fate of mankind. The chief reason adduced for the imposition of a single tax on land is that it will prevent land speculation. But land speculation forms the basis of few great fortunes, and land values do not always nor necessarily increase, as is evidenced by the reduction of rents in many localities.

Abolition of monopolies is also advised. Sectarian schools are condemned, and restrictions imposed on pauper immigration. The author also suggests that the volume of money in circulation is inadequate, to the especial detriment of the laboring classes. He recommends that the volume be increased every ten years in proportion to the increase of wealth and population of the country according to the census. To do this the Government is to purchase silver and coin it in the ratio of 16 to 1. Public and private debts are to be paid wholly or in part with this money, the gold being reserved for the payment of foreign debts. A second suggestion is the issue of legal tender paper based on authority, good faith and credit of the Dominion Government. This species of fiat money rests on no specie basis, and is analogous to postage stamps. Space forbids further description of it.

Lastly, the author advocates the independence of Canada, based on a rather too confiding faith in the future rectitude of our neighbors across the lines. His reasons for this view do not appear highly satisfactory. An order of nobility is also advocated, based on public service. To be king, or member of the Senate (marquis), it is necessary to begin one's career as a township councillor and then run the gamut upwards. All these functionaries from marquis down to knight are paid so much per hour for their public services.

From the above, some parts of the book will appear rather visionary. However, it is well worth reading, although we may not agree with many of the views expressed. The author has evidently given the live problems which he has considered much thought and study, and consequently deserves the credit which is due him. Those wishing something to think over should read the book carefully. In it they will find food for reflection; but, as in all other books which profess to reform society by rule of thumb, it is necessary to think twice before taking them as our "guide, philosopher and friend."

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WITH the lengthening of the days and the advent of bright, sunny weather, betokening the approach of spring, come thoughts of the final struggle in May—thoughts that make the stoutest quail a little and strike terror into the hearts of not a few. All faces are beginning to assume a more serious aspect: the library is more diligently used; the file fills up more rapidly; and each private study room is the scene of an awful conflict with an ignorance that is not bliss, but rather threatens soon to overwhelm us in ignominious defeat. The curriculum which looked so innocent last summer and seemed such an easy seven months' work has now taken on gigantic proportions. This is a revelation that comes to us every year when the dark blue application forms of evil omen make their appearance on the bulletin board. Every spring brings round again the same experience. We look at the work; consider what is done and what still undone; think of the time past and time that yet is ours, and we are in despair. But we recall again that previous years have seen us in the same plight, and that we have nevertheless escaped destruction. With a confidence born of these reassuring reflections we set to work with a new vigor, and with the ardent hope that our labors may not be in vain.

The student in any course who is successful in getting safely through his year is obliged to do a considerable amount of work. The courses are arranged not for the genius nor for the dull man, but for the student of average ability and industry; and the object is to provide the latter with a fair year's work. The fact that the undergraduates as a whole do so creditably at the annual examinations shows that there are very few sluggards among us. This is no favorable commentary on the alleged jokes which are based on the supposed indolence of college men, and which appear in such varied forms in the American funny papers. We are not very familiar with student life in

the United States, but we cannot believe that the picture of the college man presented to the public through these humorous journals is anything more than a gross caricature. Such a description of the typical Toronto student would be positively libellous.

And yet the opinion which some people entertain of college men is very similar to this caricature, and there is some reason for it. The public sees us at our football games, where the best player is the greatest hero for the time being, and the enthusiasm of all displays itself in wildest transports. They see us again on Hallowe'en, when we give some vent to our animal spirits; and in the annual Literary Society elections, when, to say the least, our "literary" and intellectual attainments are not greatly in evidence. They do not see us in our class-rooms, in the library, or in our private dens. And they are apt to judge us entirely by what they see, forgetting that the hilarity and enthusiasm of the special occasions we have mentioned is a natural and necessary relief from the sedentary life and close application to study which our academic work entails upon us.

One great object lesson lately, on the other side of student life, showing it in a more serious mood, was the recent great missionary convention at Cleveland. At that convention were 2,000 students from all parts of Canada and the United States, of whom 120 were from Toronto. These represented all phases of religious opinion. They were united in the single object of extending Christian missionary enterprise in all parts of the world. Half of these delegates were themselves volunteers for the foreign missionary field. Referring to this great gathering as an example of student power and influence, the *Toronto Globe* said last Saturday in an editorial: "The significance of such a movement is apt to be overlooked for a time. Here is a great spontaneous voluntary organization of young men from the universities whose aim is to 'evangelize the world in this generation.' There is no fanaticism, no sickly pietism. Rather a robustness of moral tone, a breadth of vision, a calm statesmanship, which would do credit to any body of men whatsoever." We grow so weary at times of being characterized by the comic papers as good-for-nothing, long-haired loafers, that a comment like that of the *Globe's* is very refreshing.

Owing to the extraordinary demands upon our inelastic columns, much valuable matter is held over till next week.

CONSTITUTION NIGHT AT THE "LIT."

Though a graduate of some years standing, I still remember the date of constitution night at the "Lit."—indeed I shall never forget it; and have always made it a point to be there from my freshman year until now. Last Friday night I journeyed to the *Students' Union*, and found there assembled some three or four hundred, as stalwart youths—and men—as one could meet anywhere, and, although they were almost totally unknown to me, I had the good fortune—or bad—to meet the Editor of *Varsity*, who being at a loss for some one to write the report, pressed me to relieve him of it, saying that he would sit

by me and give me the news of the students who should speak, and also all other information.

The secretary lisped out the minutes of the last meeting which were approved.

Mr. Carson now presented the report of the finances of the *Conversazione*, which were shown to be forty-six dollars too much on the debit side; but were nevertheless approved.

"Nick" Hinch now rose to inform the students that Julia Arthur, the great Canadian actress and a graduate of McMaster, '95, would play at the "Grand" on Saturday night, March 19th, and that arrangements had been made for an "old-time rally" to welcome these two Canadians who have established such a wide reputation abroad.

J. R. Bone and G. C. Pringle were then appointed to see that the Treasurer hadn't been attempting to build a railway to the Klondike with contents of Society's exchequer.

"Tommy" Russell then nominated the following committee to look after the graduating pictures, Smithson, W. F. McKay, Murray and Wagar.

After a short search Groves—"Constitution Willie," as I overheard him called—was found, and "seriously" thought that the section *x* of article *y*, referring to controverted points in religion, I believe, should be struck out, which it was not, however.

He then presented another amendment which was to do away with the salary of the assistant curator; this was carried.

He next thought that the President alone should decide a debate, and as the Society thought so too, this amendment was carried.

Now, I was informed the "fun" would begin, and the aforementioned Groves rose, asking that a clause be added to Art. III, Section (*a*), referring to the manner of conducting of elections, to the effect that no interference should be offered to any member of the Society in voting.

Hugh Munroe thought that it would make things too binding to insert such a clause in the constitution, that perhaps the "scrap" was not so bad, and that all he wanted was to try *one* election without it.

Groves then withdrew his motion.

C. Garvey, in the absence of George Hastings, whom other duties (?) prevented being present, moved the reconsideration of the motion, passed the Friday night previous, to do away with the "scrap"

"Charlie" Carson now rose and in a neat and "smoother" speech—reminding me greatly of our own "Sir Wilfrid"—gave his reasons why the motion should be reconsidered, urging that the vote was no fair indication of the opinion of the Society because a great majority of those who had voted for the motion had not paid their fees as the vote following showed. He argued from this point that those who had the interests of the Society at heart would pay their fees, and that consequently the vote did not indicate the opinion of those who were really interested in the Society.

He next quoted from the daily papers showing that public opinion was not against the time-honored institution, as he believed the doing away with the scrap was described in one paper "*Sic transit gloria mundi*."

Birmingham now loudly proclaimed against those who had voted the Friday night previous and had not paid their fees.

H. H. Narraway, after apologizing for being present, etc., etc., thought that any student who had the interests of the University at heart should be considered a member of the Society whether he paid his fees or not.

The President then divided the house after the time-honored fashion, and after much hooting and yelling—on the part of the students—by the way—declared the motion lost.

"Nick" Hinch then gave notice of motion that "in the opinion of this Society the motion passed to stop the fight for possession of the door was impracticable—and consequently *not practicable*."

F. A. Cleland now reported that G. H. Black had resigned from the Business Board of VARSITY, and that the latter body recommended the appointment of G. M. Murray. Carried.

Cleland again rose with the report of the nominating committee for VARSITY in his hand and begged to submit the following names:—

Business Board: 2nd Year, I. Isbester; 3rd Year, A. N. Mitchell; 4th Year, E. N. Armour, J. B. Hunter.

Editorial Board: 2nd Year, B. F. McFarland; P. A. Carson; 3rd Year, E. H. Cooper, G. F. Kay, J. Little; 4th Year, W. A. R. Kerr, G. W. Ross, V. E. Henderson, A. H. Birmingham.

Cleland moved that this report be accepted.

There was silence for a few minutes, then J. T. Shotwell rose and expressed his opinion that the report was not what it should be, and that partyism had entered into the actions of the nominating board, especially as regarded the 4th year. He now indulged in some personalities in which Mr. Alexander and Mr. Birmingham were concerned, and after a lengthy eulogy of the former, and a due appreciation of the merits of the latter, said that "he didn't see why" Mr. Alexander's name should have been left off the board, and thought that "on the whole" it should be added, and consequently moved to that effect.

Whereupon cheers were given for Alexander and counter cheers for McFarlane and Birmingham to such an extent that pandemonium reigned for some three or four minutes. Finally order was obtained and the President remarked that such conduct was only fit for a kindergarten, which biting remark prompted some "cheerful idiot" in the back of the room to call for three cheers for the President, which proposal was, however, frowned down by the latter.

Narraway then wished to amend Shotwell's motion so that no suggestion should be made of any particular person being left off the board to give place to Alexander.

Munroe supported the amendment, saying that the editorial board of VARSITY should be a body entirely free from partizan feeling, and thought that we had had enough of party spirit around VARSITY this year, consequently he would urge the nominating committee to take a non-partizan view of the question.

Carson now defended the action of the board.

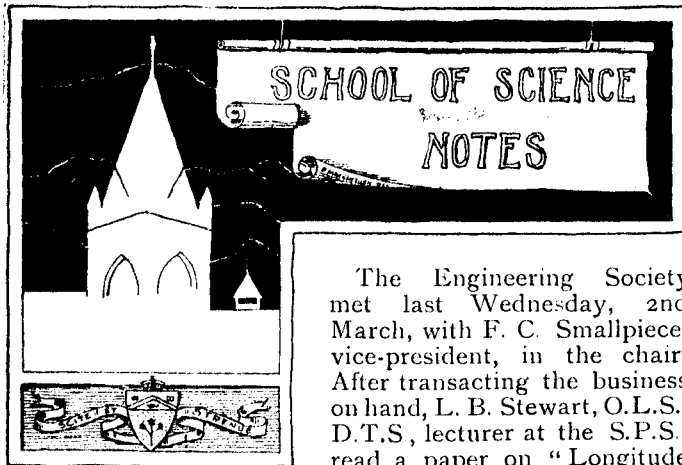
One called Hobbs, now rose and bashfully—for I was informed he was a bashful youth—urged that the board had acted quite properly, and that among so many juniors of literary aspirations it was hard to choose four, but thought that the committee had made a wise selection.

The house was again divided on the amendment, and, after careful consideration, the President declared it carried, and thus the report was referred back.

Carson now wished to have the 2nd Vice-President chosen from the School of Science, and the Corresponding Secretary from the third year, which motion was seconded by H. H. Narraway, who I thought had a certain cunning twinkle in his eye.

Before adjourning President Young suggested that some addition to the constitution should be made describing more clearly who should be entitled to vote, whereupon "Nick" Hinch rose and gave notice that he would move at next meeting that in Art. II, Section 4, the words "at any election" should be struck out, and the words "on any motion or election" added. This means that only those should vote who have paid their fees.

The meeting then adjourned, and I wandered home feeling that the old spirit was reviving around my *Alma Mater*—the spirit of fight.



The Engineering Society met last Wednesday, 2nd March, with F. C. Smallpiece, vice-president, in the chair. After transacting the business on hand, L. B. Stewart, O.L.S., D.T.S., lecturer at the S.P.S., read a paper on "Longitude by Lunar Distances," illustrated with diagrams. The next paper was on "Accuracy in Assaying Pyritic Ores." by J. W. Bain, acting demonstrator in assaying. Instead of reading it he gave only a general synopsis, because, he said, he perceived by the very small attendance that few would be interested in it as they knew perhaps nothing about assaying. Now something might well be said about this bad habit a great many of the students are getting into of looking on every other Wednesday afternoon as a holiday instead of as a certain time set aside out of school hours for the regular meetings of the society which all are supposed to attend. The first year are the most negligent, though they have an excuse which the other years have not, namely, that they could not understand the papers if they did attend. This may be quite true for certain parts of the paper, but they are almost sure to hear something comprehensible to them that will be worth knowing. Then again the members of the junior years have only themselves to blame if so many of the papers are too technical for them, because not only are they supposed to and urged to write some themselves but a special inducement is offered in the shape of an addition of a certain per cent of marks to the final examination results. There is only one more regular meeting and this is on Wednesday, 16th March. It will be specially interesting because the nominations of officers for the society for next year will be received. Also a paper on "Gold Mining in Nova Scotia" has been prepared by F. W. Christie, a mining engineer of Halifax, who has had many years' experience among the gold mines of Nova Scotia. Specimens of the ore will be shown together with photographs of many of the mines. H. V. Haight, B.A.Sc., expects to come up from Nova Scotia for a visit, and if he can be present will read the papers, otherwise A. H. Robinson will do so. Let every man make it a point of being present at this the last regular meeting.

"Reg." McArthur, we learn, is confined to his bed suffering from water-on-the-knee. "Chickie" McRae, who is noted for his ability in injuring his opponents, is responsible for "Reg's" confinement. We are surprised that the Varsity II. hockey team did not make it necessary for our much-loved friend "Chickie" to retire from the game early. At any rate he had better keep his eye skinned when he next comes up against any of the Varsity teams. So far he has escaped without any injuries, but the next time we meet it will be his day of reckoning.

We notice that Guelick, of first year, is about ready for another harvesting of his wool crop. We don't want to have an assault-at-arms every time it is necessary to have his hair cut. So we will warn him that in future he had better keep his crop cut down to normal growth

Mr. B. Weeks was elected, at a mass meeting of the students last Friday afternoon, as the School's representative to the O.L.S. dinner

After the above mass meeting had been held another was held, but of a different nature than the one preceding. For it was a kind of a political rally, where both parties plastered each other with mud and endeavored to white-wash themselves. The first speaker was Jack Hobbs of the University or the old Alma Mater party. The next speaker was our own John Patterson, who spoke in favor of the student party. Then followed Carson, of University party, McKay of students' party, and so on alternately one from each party, Piper, Martin, "Don" Ross, McDougall. The best speech was made by McKay, the imported D.D. from Knox. Some one took great pleasure in punctuating his sentences with expressions such as "Now let us pray," etc. Piper was given his usual hearty welcome. His reception has something of the nature of an explosion of a great number of "pop" bottles. McDougall ought to make a good stump speaker in a Scotch district.

Jack Elliott still holds to the opinion of the Cons. that there is no government, and in fact it is dangerous to get within six feet of his desk when stating that the government is in.

At the meeting of the Literary Society on Friday evening it was proposed to give the office of second vice-president to the School instead of corresponding secretary. This seems to be a very fair change, as so many of the Arts men have no practical work and are much freer to attend to correspondence than a School man whose time is taken up from nine until five every day. It was moved by Mr. Carson and seconded by Mr. Narraway.

As the elections are approaching so fast the School will soon have to decide upon the stand to be taken. In the past we have occupied a unique position, and have thus gained many privileges that we probably would never have had if there had been a division. Almost all of our men stood together and fought for what they considered their rights and the good of the S.P.S. By their loyalty we have been able to remain in close touch with the Arts members of the Literary Society and have been able to withstand attempts to even throw us out. And yet in the face of all the records of the past it was painful to hear a man or two from the first year discussing the advisability of dividing, and not only discussing but in fact arguing for it. But we have no doubt that when the elections come still nearer these will consider their course and loyally unite with the majority for the common good.

THE MASS MEETING.

At three o'clock on Sunday afternoon a large number of students assembled in the Students' Union to hear the report of the convention recently held at Cleveland. The chair was taken by Mr. Barron. The Scripture Lesson was read by Dr. Tracy. Short prayers were offered throughout the meeting by Mr. Docker, Prof. Hume, Rev. Elmore Harris and Dr. Malcolm.

The first speaker was Mr. Dickey, of Knox College, who dealt with "The Movement—Its Organization and Place in College Life." That the movement warranted an organization was shown by its great energy—of over 4,000 student volunteers, 1,173 are already in the field. Since the real object of college life is, or ought to be, not merely the passing of examinations and the obtaining of a degree, but the broadening of our vision and the deepening of our sympathies, this movement, which is world-wide, and represents the highest type of sympathy, certainly has a place in college life. The next speaker, Miss Dickson, of University College, dealt with "The World's Need and Our Responsibility." Miss Dickson, in a brief but comprehensive review of Mexico, South America, India, China,

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Mr. Routledge, of McMaster University, had for his subject, "The Morning Watch," which simply means the spending of the first half hour, and hence the best half hour of each day, in communion with God. We can only prevail with men as we prevail with God. The first requisite is to get right with God. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." Prayer is to have a large share of the morning watch. The object is to give Christ the pre-eminence in each day's work.

The watch-cry of the movement was next dealt with by Mr. Service, of Trinity Medical. The value, utility, and meaning of the watch-cry were clearly shown. It does not mean the "conversion" of the world in this generation, but the "evangelization," the giving to everyone an opportunity of accepting Jesus Christ intelligently and consciously. This aim can be fulfilled. All lands are open to the Gospel, now as never before. Laborers are available. The membership and wealth of the Christian Church, and above all the presence of the Holy Ghost render the fulfilment of this great aim possible.

Miss Oliver then spoke on "The Spirit-filled Life." Taking as her text, "Be ye clean, ye that bear the vessels of the Lord," Miss Oliver asked several searching questions concerning cleanliness in habits, appetites, friendships, aims and pleasures. The fulness of Christ and our own weakness outside of Him were dwelt upon. The anointing of the Holy Spirit is the great essential of the Spirit filled Life. Miss Oliver concluded her eloquent address with prayer. "The Financial Problem" was next discussed by Miss Danard, of Victoria. In a few well-directed sentences, this question was set before us in an entirely new light. Money is not filthy lucre, but the gold and silver of the Lord. Money represents oneself—one's own energies stored up. These energies may be expended in various ways—in bringing life or death to body and soul. Miss Danard dwelt on the real meaning of prayer, which is the "readjustment of ourselves toward God." The importance of the *intelligent study* of the world's need and of Christ's teaching, as a requisite of real prayer, was also emphasized. Money translates prayer into power.

The last speaker, Mr. Perkins, of Wycliffe College, had for his subject "The English Volunteers." A brief review of facts and figures showed the enormous strides the

movement has taken in England since its inauguration in 1892. In concluding his excellent address, Mr. Perkins dwelt on the deeper and wider sense of the claims of mission work. The love of God should be the moving factor. What we need are men, women, money, and, above all, constant, fervent, prevailing prayer.

In closing the meeting, Mr. Barron expressed his surprise at the excellence of the reports. The gist of the whole convention had been "boiled down" to seven short, ten-minute speeches.

STUDENTS TO SEE JULIA ARTHUR.

On March 19th the students of all the colleges in Toronto are invited to visit the Grand Opera House to see Julia Arthur, the famous actress, in her great play "A Lady of Quality." One of the leading men in the company is Mr. W. J. Thorold, who is a Canadian and graduated at McMaster University in 1895. After graduation he taught English literature, rhetoric, etc., at the Toronto Conservatory of Music, and was on the *News* for a short time. Then he went to England and France for *Massey's Magazine*, and wrote a series of interviews with Hall Caine, Gilbert Parker, George Du Maurier, Anthony Hope and other distinguished novelists. He was for some time on the editorial staff of *Town Topics*, the society paper of New York. He made his debut on the stage with James O'Neil, playing Morel in "Monte Cristo"; Guerneau in "The Courier of Lyons"; Rosencrantz and also the Priest in "Hamlet"; Marcus in "Virginius." He obtained an engagement in London to play leading roles in a Repertoire Company touring Ireland, but cancelled it to accept a role in Wilson Barret's religious drama, "The Sign of the Cross." Last season he was with Beerbohm Tree, playing Malboir the Wooden-legged Blacksmith, and also Major Carrière, a young French officer in "The Seats of the Mighty"; Gladhill, in "Henry IV.,"; small parts in "The Dancing Girl," and "A Bunch of Violets." This season he plays the Earl of Dunstanwolde in Miss Julia Arthur's play "A Lady of Quality." All students should turn out on March 19th, and give Mr. Thorold and Miss Arthur, who is the foremost Canadian actress on the American stage, a student welcome to Toronto. The play is one of the great successes of the year, and the roles are filled by actors of ability in every case. Don't forget the date, March 19th, at 7.30 p.m., and at the Grand Opera House.



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APRIL

1. Applications for examination for Specialist certificates other than Commercial, to Department, due.
12. Annual Meeting of the Ontario Educational Association at Toronto.
25. Last day for receiving applications for examination of candidates not in attendance at the Ontario Normal College.
28. Art School examinations begin.

MAY

2. Examinations for Specialists' certificates (except Commercial) at the University of Toronto, begin.
- Notice by candidates for the High School Entrance and Public School Leaving Examinations, to Inspectors, due.
6. Arbor Day.
23. Notice by candidates for the High School, forms I, II, III, and IV., University Matriculation and Commercial Specialist Examinations, to Inspectors, due.
- Application for Kindergarten Examinations to Inspectors, due.

25. Examination at Ontario Normal College, Hamilton, begins.

26. Inspectors to report number of candidates for the High School forms, University Matriculation and Commercial Specialist Examinations to Department.
31. Close of session of Ontario Normal College.

JUNE

23. Kindergarten Examinations at Hamilton, London, Ottawa and Toronto, begin.
28. High School Entrance Examinations begin. Public School Leaving Examinations begin.

JULY

4. High School Examinations, Form I., begin.
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Nominations to-morrow night.

With the next number, Mar. 17th, the publication of the Varsity will cease for this year.

The annual Senior Year dinner was held at Victoria last Friday night and was a great success.

W. S. Dakin, '99 Nat. Sci., took advantage of the "railway war" last Friday to go home to Galt for a few days to see some *friends*.

The class of '98 is again reminded that to get their photographs for the group they must be down at Park Bros. not later than Saturday this week.

C. C. Bell, grad. '96, 2nd year medical, has been compelled to give up his work for this year, and left last Thursday for his home, Chatham, preparatory to a trip to Jamaica, where he expects to recruit his ill-health and be ready for exams in the fall. We wish him a pleasant trip.

The following are the officers of the Modern Language Club for the ensuing year: Hon. Pres., Prof. Fraser; Pres., W. A. R. Kerr; 1st Vice Pres., B. A. Simpson; 2nd Vice-Pres., Miss Alexander; Cor. Sec., J. B. Hunter; Rec. Sec., Mr. Millman; Treas., Mr. Irwin; Asst. Treas., Miss Cole; 2nd Year Rep., Miss Hutchison

At the annual meeting of the University of Toronto Cricket Club last Friday the following officers were elected: Hon. Pres., President Loudon; Hon. Vice-Pres., Prof. Fletcher; Pres., R. W. K. White; Vice-Pres., J. R.

Howitt, '98; Sec.-Treas., S. F. Shenstone, '00; Curator, A. J. Isbester, '01; Committee, D. B. White, '98, R. S. Waldie, '99, R. Telford, '00, E. P. Brown, '01; Captain, M. C. Cameron, '99.

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The prospects for cricket were never brighter in the University than now. The new material includes A. F. Mackenzie, last year's Ridley crack; E. P. Brown, who held the batting average at U.C.C., and A. J. Isbester, of Ottawa.

The season at Varsity will last from about May 15th to June 15th. Every student that has ever played the game is requested to turn out to the practice which will be held as soon as practicable. Address all communications to S. F. Shenstone, 16 Walmer Road.

The Classical Association and the Philosophical Society have this session held two unusually successful union meetings. The second was held last Friday afternoon, at which Mr. Milner presided. Mr. W. H. Alexander, '99, read a cleverly written and suggestive essay on "Stoicism and Christianity." Mr. Shaw followed with a strong paper on "Certain Christian Doctrines Philosophically Considered." The papers evoked a critical discussion of excep-

tional interest, in which Prof. Badgley, Prof. Hume, Mr. Milner and Mr. Shaw took part. Many "good things" were said and much light was thrown upon the position of Christianity in history and in the realm of thought.

Mr. Gahan has requested us to publish the full paragraph of his report, of which we published last week the portion that the class of '98 requested us to do:

There are other faults, both of omission and commission, which would be wanting if your Board had had more time *and had received more generous assistance*. It is a matter of much regret with your Board that the sensitiveness of any one has been wounded by anything which appeared in the pages of *Torontonensis*, and that any of the remarks in the book have been interpreted in any spirit other than the one intended.

Extract from B. K. Sandwell's letter, written from Leytonstone, London, England, Feb. 11, '98:

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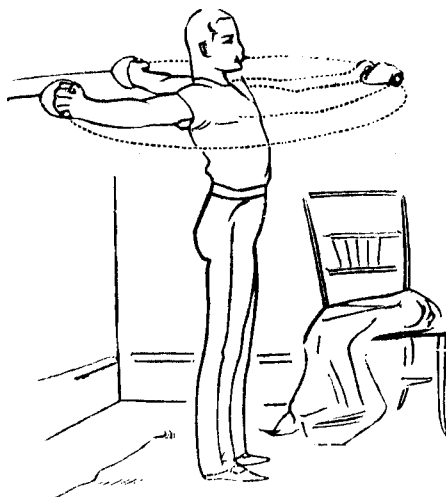


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