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DALHOUSIE BOOK CLUB

It is impossible for the present Library Endowment for Arts and Science, to cope adequately with the teaching need of the various departments. This means that graduates, undergraduates, and faculty are dependent entirely upon their own resources for new books of general, rather than academic interest, and that the library itself is lacking in many interesting and valuable books in both fields as history, biography, travel, memoirs fiction and essays. To remedy this double defect there has been formed a Dalhousie Book Club. For a yearly subscription of \$5.00 the Club allows Dalhousians in Halifax (and those interested in the University and in the better modern books) to nominate one or two books for purchase by the Club and to make use of all books so purchased. The books nominated should be of the value of approximately \$5.00 (two or more members may pool their subscriptions for more expensive books) one at least must be non-fiction, and they should not be too technical to lack a general appeal to educated readers. The books are kept checked and catalogued at the University office, and in return for this service they are given, after twelve months, to the University Library. If there are any defects in this scheme they have yet to be discovered. For some years such a co-operative club has been successfully conducted at McGill and has proved of great benefit, both to the members and to the University Library. For every reader who is willing to spend \$5.00 on books of his own choice and interested in having access to many other books chosen by readers with judgment, the advantages of the Club are as great as they are obvious. The Dalhousie Book Club is already in operation and has met with a gratifying response. But the larger its membership the better for everyone, and this notice is given for the information of readers of the "News" who may be interested. Subscriptions and nominations may be sent to, DR. G.H. HENDERSON, or to PROF. C.L. BENNETT, at Dalhousie.

THE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION BOARD

The question of a uniform examination for entrance to college is not without interest to readers of the "News". At present while the Provincial Examinations furnish a sort of uniformity, there may really be a great diversity of standards in different institutions. In the United States, the desirability of some universally recognized and standard test became so evident that the college Entrance Examination Board was established twenty-five years ago. The Board celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary last year. Its success may be argued from the fact that in 1901 the number of candidates taking the Board Examinations was 972. In 1924 the number had increased to 19,362. The figures for 1925 are something over 20,000. These figures show, of course, that the colleges have found the work of the Board satisfactory; and now the normal recognized way for a student to enter college is by taking these examinations. He can present his results anywhere, and their actual value is known at once.

The system secures a good uniform standard, without preventing the individual college from holding other tests if it so chooses. The Board can lay down no regulation for the colleges. It is merely an examining body. But the readers for the Board maintain this uniform standard, and mark the candidate's paper. The college can require as high or as low a mark for admission as it chooses. Only there is no question of a 70 required for admission at one college being equal to 40 required by some other college. If a college accepts ill-prepared candidates the fact is universally known, and the public can draw its own inferences.

The Board Examinations are held all over the United States and in some other centres. The papers are all sent to New York, and the reading is done in the latter part of June. A large staff of readers is employed for a short time. Readers in some of the major subjects—English and Latin for example—are over a hundred in number. The readers are reasonably re-

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DALHOUSIE ENGINEERING COURSE. AN APPEAL TO THE ALUMNI

When a university, such as Dalhousie, has no organized society, which regards it as peculiarly its own, it must make its appeal to prospective students through the good report of its alumni, who, knowing its worth, are well fitted to advise the young man or woman as to its merits.

It has occurred to the writer that the course in engineering, given at Dalhousie, is not sufficiently emphasized, due no doubt to the fact that the student does not come up for an engineering degree at Dalhousie. It may interest the Alumni to know that the average number in the Engineering Department during the past few years is in the neighborhood of sixty.

When, about eighteen years ago, the Nova Scotia Technical College was founded at Halifax, by the Government of the day, as a Provincial Institution, Dalhousie gave up the four year's engineering course which had been carried on for many years and concentrated upon the work of the first two years.

The aim of the course, as now given, is to provide the student with a thorough and rigorous training in the fundamentals. No slipshod work is encouraged or permitted. Splendidly equipped physical and chemical laboratories are provided, in which the principles, taken up in the lecture courses, are practically demonstrated; Mathematics, the basis of all engineering courses, is strongly emphasized in addition to the various courses in Mechanics. The course in English seeks to train the student so that he may express himself clearly and logically as well as grammatically, both in the written and spoken word; Two full time instructors devote their energies to the purely engineering courses for the demonstration of which, a large, well lighted, drafting room is provided.

Having successfully completed the course, the student is granted a Diploma in Engineering, which admits him to the Nova Scotia Technical College or any other first grade Engineering Institution, from which he receives his engineering degree upon the completion of two years further work. It might be pointed out that the student, by making a suitable

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Are You Coming To The 1926 Convocation and Reunion

- Sunday May 9th.** 7.00 p. m. Baccalaureate Sermon.
- Monday May 10th.** 10.00 a. m. Buildings Open for Inspection.
3.00 p. m. Class Day Exercises
6.00 p. m. Alumni Annual Meeting and Dinner at the Green Lantern.
8.15 p. m. Students' Play, "The Private Secretary" at the Majestic.
- Tuesday May 11th.** 10.00 a. m. Class Reunions.
3.00 p. m. Convocation.
5.00 p. m. Tea & Reception at Shirreff Hall.
8.30 p. m. Convocation Dance.

Out-of-Town Alumni who intend coming please advise the Secretary, P. O. Box 1017

A good chance to motor in for the Week End

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CONVOCATION WEEK

In another column will be found a tentative programme of the activities of the University during Convocation Week.

We note with pleasure that the baccalaureate sermon is included in the weeks activities instead of being delivered some weeks in advance. Another matter of interest will be the College play.

Everything possible should be done to make this week a gala week among the friends of the University. In the past too often the graduation exercises have been of a purely formal nature.

Convocation week should be made more attractive and an effort put forth to make it in the nature of an annual assembly and reunion of Dalhousians, instead of being largely confined to the graduating classes and their relatives and friends.

HERE'S SUCCESS TO YOU, KING'S!

On April 12th King's University will launch its campaign to secure the sum of \$400,000.00. It should be the hope of all interested in higher education in the Maritime Provinces that the campaign may be an unqualified success.

A great deal of thorough organization work is being done and the personnel of the Committees together with the well known loyalty of King's graduates and friends assures the success of the campaign.

The attainment of its objective by the university means that a further sum of \$600,000.00 will be given to the University by the Carnegie Foundation. By those interested in college federation the campaign will be followed with the closest interest. The possibilities to be opened up by its success are almost unlimited. We look forward with confidence to the issue of the campaign.

Here's success to you, King's!

THE LAW SCHOOL ITS PLACE IN THE UNIVERSITY

To the Editor of the Alumni News:

Dear Sir:—

As a graduate of Dalhousie in Arts and Law, I would like to have the opportunity of expressing my views as to the place the Law School should occupy with relation to the University as a whole.

I have always been of the opinion, with all due deference that the ruling powers of the University—Board of Governors, Senate, etc.—either quite misconceive the situation or for some reason or other are unwilling to face the facts.

The policy in the past has been to over-centralize and to endeavour to merge the Law School in the University. In accordance with this policy we have seen during the last few years too much interference from without in matters pertaining solely to the Law School. The result has been unfortunate and has in the case of numerous students aroused hostility to the University in general. Of course,

"A student is only a student", but a good graduate is a potential contributor and friend of the University.

So in the past we have seen no Law School policy laid down or encouraged by the University authorities.

In connection with this one must not forget that the Law School occupies a position in the University quite distinct from any other faculty. Its students are largely, in some classes almost wholly, graduates of other Universities. They come to Dalhousie with other ties formed in their most impressionable years and it is quite unreasonable to hope that in the short space of two or three years they should abandon their old allegiance and become 100% Dalhousians. Why not make an effort to do indirectly what cannot be done directly—Make them 100% Law School Men—or women—and thus make them good Dalhousians?

There is a splendid Dalhousie Law School spirit now which only needs encouraging and developing. Deans Weldon, MacRae and Read have always made every effort to develop it, with, alas, too little encouragement from the University authorities.

I have taken up enough of your space for this issue, Mr. Editor, and so that my criticism may be constructive rather than destructive. I propose with your kind permission in my next letter to offer some suggestions as to what should be done in order that the Law School may be allowed to develop along its own lines.

Yours with all humility
JUNIOUS II.

BENEFACTIONS TO DALHOUSIE

President Mackenzie remarked the other day how much Dalhousie was embedded in the regard of its Alumni and friends. He stated that within a very few months he had been notified that three different individuals, all living in distant parts of the continent, had made Dalhousie a beneficiary under their wills for substantial amounts. Exact information about one of these has already been published, on the death of the testator, Miss Belle Crowe, of Madison, Wisconsin, and formerly of Truro. One of the other two only knows of Dalhousie by its reputation.

Such benefactions to Dalhousie are becoming more frequent as the years go by, and the "Alumni News" hopes the time is not far distant when no Dalhousian will think of making a will without due remembrance in it of his Alma Mater.

WEDDINGS

The marriage of Dara M. Cochrane, M.D., C.M., '23 to Miss Vera May Wilson of Parrsboro, took place on December 28th. Dr. and Mrs. Cochrane will reside at River Hebert.

The marriage of Miss Catherine Dickson Thompson of Pictou, N. S. to Daniel Campbell, Pharmacy, '19-21 took place on February 1st. They will reside in Halifax.

Dr. Willis Barnes Moore, a practising physician of Kentville, N. S., for nearly half a century, Dalhousie '74-78, was married to Miss Eva Belle Borden at Roxbury, Mass., on January 27th at the home of the bride's sister.

The following letter did good work and we wish to thank those who responded so promptly. However, there are several hundreds to hear from yet and the executive hope this may prove a gentle reminder.

Do you ever think of your classmates and others who attended college at the same time you did? Haven't you often wondered where so and so is and what he or she is doing? You may find an answer to these questions in the Alumni Directory which was published last fall. Sometimes Alumni have the opinion that not one in a thousand cares who they are or where they are. This idea has proved itself wrong because of the keen interest manifested in the Directory since it was published a few months ago.

The members of your Executive would like to do all they can for the University. However this doesn't bind us to see eye to eye with all her policies. Students and graduates sometimes leave with a grudge or dissatisfaction; the University proper is not to blame, for Dalhousie belongs to neither the State nor the Church, but to each and every one of us in proportion to the amount of interest we want to take in it. Our efforts wisely directed will add something to university life which will make it more valuable to the undergraduate. We want to see students leave completely satisfied with their Alma Mater.

You can help to produce loyal graduates by supporting the Alumni Association. Give it your complete moral support and such financial assistance as you can conveniently afford. By your support, become one of the owners and incidentally one of the directors in the affairs of Dalhousie. What your Executive can do depends entirely on the support you give us. We welcome suggestions as to the best way of carrying on the work.

On behalf of the executive,

F. H. ZWICKER,
President

PERSONALS

On December 31st, the induction of Rev. B. D. Earle, B.A. '13, M.A. '14, took place as Pastor of Trinity Church, Oxford, N.S. Mr Earle was recently called from Florence, C.B.

Carleton F. Bowes, B.A. '21, M.A. '22, of Halifax, who is a member of the faculty of the Institute of Technology, Pittsburg, is reporting the National Hockey League games at Pittsburg for one of the newspapers of that city.

Dean Read, B.A. '09, Stuart Jenks, LL.B., '96, K.C., and R. H. Murray, B.A. '94, LL.B. '96, attended the conference of the Canadian Bar Association at Montreal.

Dr. Hector A. Grant, M.D., C.M., '09, who formerly practised at Whycomagh, but who was recently practising in Vancouver, B.C., recently went from there to North Sydney to practice.

In a letter recently received from Rev. J. G. Meek, B.A., '02, he says his work is teaching an Indian Day School nine miles Northwest from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. He also acts as Missionary, renders first aid to the injured, and in various ways serves the Sioux tribe among whom he lives. In closing he wishes the Alumni Association every success.

Miss Lowe, Warden at Shirreff Hall, is planning a trip to England this summer. While there she will inspect the women's residences in the Old Country.

Evelyn Killam, Arts '23 spent a couple of weeks in the City recently visiting her parents but has now returned to Providence to complete her training course in the Rhode Island General Hospital.

Georgie McLean, B.A. '23, is at present teaching History at Branksome Hall, Toronto. Clara Murry, B.A. '24 was a recent visitor in the City.

Two graduates of class '24 in Arts are teaching this year at Edgehill. They are Mary Marshall and Margaret King.

MEDICAL NOTES

Dr. J. A. Doull, (Dal. Med. '14,) formerly of New Glasgow, and a brother of John Doull, M.P.P., who has been for some time on the staff of John Hopkins University, has been sent to Rio Janeiro for special research work.

Dr. Fraser Harris' many friends will be interested to learn that he has been busily engaged for some time in writing for medical, literary and scientific magazines. A recent issue of the Contemporary Review contained an article written by him.

Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Johnston have been receiving congratulations on the birth of a son recently.

The many friends of Dr. R. G. MacLellan of Lunenburg, who was ill recently, will be pleased to know that he has recovered and resumed his practice.

Dr. Joseph W. MacKay, (Dal. Med. '18) was recently married in Montreal to Miss Muriel A. Hennessy of Truro, N.S.

Dr. Clem McLeod, Med. '23, is taking a Post Graduate course in London, England.

OBITUARY

On December 12th, 1925 the death of Hugh P. H. Moore, P. '18-19 took place in Unity Hospital, Brooklyn, Mass. Interment took place at his old home, Port Elgin, N.B.

Dr. J. H. Slayter, Medical Practitioner, well known in Halifax, died at his home, St. Hildas, Gaspereaux, N. S., on January 9th at the age of 61 years. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.

The death of Robert T. Braine occurred at Hantsport on January 5th after a long illness. Mr. Braine was in his 82nd year and had lived most of his life in Halifax. Six children survive him.

Rev. Thomas Corbett, Arts '72-75, died at his home in Edmonton, Alberta in February. He was born at Gay's River, N.S., and was in his 78th year. He leaves a wife and eight children.

Dr. R. O. Shatford, M.D., C.M., '08, of Londonderry passed away on February 4th at the age of 43 years. He is survived by his wife and six children.

Dr. A. C. Hawkins who has practised his profession at Halifax for many years, passed away at Halifax on March the 19th. Much sympathy is felt for his wife and family, four of whom are Dalhousians.

Wallace W. Holmes, promising young barrister of the firm of Notting & Holmes, Chronicle Building, Halifax, N.S., died suddenly at Cheggogin on March 30th at the age of 29 years. Mr. Holmes was a native of Holmesville, C.B.

Before the war he was a student at Acadia, but left his studies to enlist in the Field Artillery. When he returned to Canada he resumed his studies at Acadia and after graduating from that college, came to Halifax to study law at Dalhousie. His wife and two children survive him and also his father and mother living in Cape Breton.

The death occurred suddenly at his home in Fredericton shortly before Christmas of Charles T. Harrison, Law '23. He was ill but a few

days, and his sudden passing was a great shock to his family and friends. "Chas", as he was popularly known at the Law School was a great favourite both with students and faculty and by his diligent application to studies merited a high rank in class standing. He was admitted to the New Brunswick Bar in the Fall of 1923 and was establishing himself in a successful practise as junior partner in the firm of Hawkins & Harrison.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of Dr. Allan Morton, M.D., C.M., '25, to Miss Blackadar, of Halifax, has been recently announced. Many friends will wish them much happiness. Dr. Morton is practising his profession at Wolfville, N.S.

Miss Margaret Wright, Arts '20 is soon to become Mrs. Russell. She will reside in New York.

Copies of the Alumni Directory are still available at \$1.00 post paid. Mail your remittance to P. O. Box 1017. Halifax

BALLOT FORM

Please fill in as directed and return to the Secretary, Dalhousie Alumni Association, P. O. Box 1017, Halifax, N.S., to reach us not later than Monday, May 3rd, 1926.

For Alumni Governor:

Donald A. Cameron, Arts & Law, '04-11.....

Robert D. McCleave, B.A. '17, LL.B. '19.....

One to be elected—Mark an X after your choice.

For President

Wilfred E. Hillis, Eng '07-09. (Retired after Nomination)

Dr. William W. Woodbury, B.Sc., '05. (Retired after Nomination)

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For First Vice President:

G. Raymond Smith, B.A. '15.....

Dr. William W. Woodbury, B. Sc., '05

One to be elected—
Mark an X after your choice

For Second Vice President:

Dr. Edward W. Nichols, B.A. '06, M.A. '10

Dr. Thaddeus M. Sieniewicz, M.D., C.M., '17

One to be elected—
Mark an X after your choice.

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Gerald P. Flavin, LL.B. '23, (Retired after Nomination)

Robert E. Inglis, B. A. '09 LL.B. '20 acclamation.

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G. Raymond Smith, B.A. '15.....

Five to be elected. Do not mark more than Five (5) or you will spoil your ballot.

VOTE EARLY—MAIL YOUR BALLOT TODAY.

THE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION BOARD

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maintained and comfortably housed; they are paid by the hour, and advised not to read more than six hours per day except in emergencies. The fact that payment is by the hour and not per paper is an incentive to careful readings. No single reader is allowed to pluck a candidate. Every reader must initial every paper that he reads, and every rejected paper—i.e., for practical purposes, every paper marked below 60% requires at least two signatures.

The readers are divided into groups according to subjects, and subdivided into smaller groups varying in size according to the variety and number of papers given in any one subject. The candidates pay a fee for the privilege of taking the examinations, and the money thus obtained makes the Board self supporting. The necessity of paying a fee helps to insure the reader against the danger of candidates "taking a shot" at the examination without adequate preparation; and thus saves much time that would otherwise be spent in reading worthless papers. About two thirds of the candidates pass the examinations.

The Board then, secures a uniform standard and careful reading; and it is able also to bring together readers from various parts of the country who can compare methods and exchange ideas. Whether something of the kind could be arranged, say, in the Maritime Provinces, is a question worth raising. It could scarcely fail to have a good effect on our educational standards.

GIFTS FOR DALHOUSIE LIBRARIES

To date the following individual gifts to the libraries of Dalhousie University, in addition to those which have come from publishing firms, etc., have been gratefully received.

W. A. Black, M.P.—Current Volumes of "Punch" and binding cases for five years.

Dr. Hugh P. Bell—Volumes of "Nature" from 1924 to date.

Dr. J. D. Logan—Eight volumes for the W.S. Thompson Library of Dramatic Art, and fourteen volumes for the Col. W. E. Thompson Library of Musical Literature.

Dr. H. Ritchie Chipman—Eight Volumes on chemical subjects.

Dr. A. MacMechan, Mrs. E. J. Vickery, R.N. Dutt, Esq., Secretary of the Saraswat Chatus pathi, Calcutta—three volumes each.

Dr. H. B. Atlee—Rev. Joseph Hale, Calcutta University, Shiraji Library Memorial Committee of Bombay, Rev. Edwin Crowell, Dr. James Rutherford, England—One volume each.

An important and much appreciated gift is one from Mr. C. H. Mitchell, who has given the sum of \$150.00 for the purchase of a number of volumes to fill in a gap in one of the sets of chemical journals.

Valuable pharmaceutical specimens have also been received for the laboratories of Pharmacology from the Messrs Parke, Davis and Company, and from the National Drug Company

Another much appreciated gift is that by Mr. A. H. Buckley of a framed enlarged photograph of James Fillis Avery, M.D., who was one of the original Board of Governors of the University when it was reorganized in 1863. Dr. Avery founded the oldest prize offered by the University—the so-called Avery Prize.

DALHOUSIE ENGINEERING COURSE AN APPEAL TO THE ALUMNI

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choice of electives, may obtain the B.A. or B.Sc. degree and the Diploma in Engineering from Dalhousie in four years.

Due to the high standard maintained and the fact that Dalhousie is situated in Halifax, the largest city in the Maritimes, thus providing possibilities for inspection of varied engineering enterprises the alumnus can make no mistake in warmly advocating the Dalhousie course in engineering and advising the high school graduate, looking towards engineering as his future profession, to write the registrar for detail information concerning the course.

DR. ROBERT KENNEY IN LONDON

Dalhousians in general and the Medical Fraternity in particular will be interested to know that Dr. Robert W. Kenny (Med. '24) has passed his primary examinations for a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons, England. Dr. Kenny, who is a son of Mr. W. W. Kenny, Superintendent of the Victoria General Hospital, had a distinguished course at Dalhousie. He has been for some time in England pursuing his studies and is now preparing for his final examinations for the Fellowship. This is sometimes spoken of as "the blue ribbon of the Medical World". His many friends will follow his career with interest.

LAW SCHOOL GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mr. Justice W. A. MacDonald (Law '10), a recent appointee to the Alberta Bench. Judge MacDonald is a brother of the popular Professor Angus. Before going west he practised his profession in Halifax and has many friends in the City.

Rumor says that an Ex-Professor of one of the professional faculties now resident in the Queen City was recently seen hovering over the diamond counter at Birks. We wonder who is the lucky girl.

We are glad to hear favourable reports of our genial friend and brother alumnus, Judge Patterson, who is getting along splendidly after his accident.

Five members of the Law Class of 1915 were candidates for the House of Commons at the recent federal elections, Leslie G. Bell in Montreal, Maynard B. Archibald in Colchester, John Angus MacMillan in Mackenzie (Sask.), L.P.R. Robichaud in Kent, N.B. and C. Robert Hawkins in York, N.B.

Doc. Matheson (Law '25) is practising his profession in Huntsville, Ontario. Good luck to you, Doc.

At the recent session of the Nova Scotia Legislature the motion in support of the Speech from the Throne was moved by Mr. J. F. Mahoney and seconded by Mr. Geo. Nowlan. It is interesting to know that these gentlemen performed the same role in the Mock Parliament when at the Law School.

Henry Borden (Law '25), Dalhousie. Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, returned from England a few days ago, having completed his second year.

Hon. W. B. Ross, (Dal. '70-71, '73-74), Senator for Middleton, N.S., was on January 8th, elected leader of the Conservative party in the Senate, succeeding the late Sir. James Lougheed, who died several months ago.

Ex-Mayor F. P. Bligh, '75-76 has been appointed to the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia.

I. C. Doty, LL.B '21, Assistant Crown Prosecutor for the past several months, handed in his resignation to the Local Government on

January 23rd, and was subsequently appointed Law Clerk of the House of Assembly.

DALHOUSIE HAS RECEIVED MEDAL

President Mackenzie of Dalhousie University has just received from the Central Authorities of the British Empire Exhibition a certificate of honor and medal to commemorate what they denominate "the splendid exhibit" made by the University in the Industrial Section of the Canadian Building. The medal is of bronze, of artistic design, bearing on one side the portrait of the King, and on the other a group of classical figures symbolic of the arts and industries of Canada.

"COLLEGE SPIRIT"

The Editor,
ALUMNI NEWS,
Halifax, N. S.

A new alumnus would like to present an undergraduate's view of the University, and the policies by which it is governed. The undergraduate, by the direct result (I believe) of these policies, has lost the consciousness of his identity with the University; and instead, very commonly (and earnestly) hates the University. As the result of this is the lack of "College Spirit", so deplored in the Gazette; here is the secret of the Gazette's trouble, and the cause of the slackness every where to be found in University activities.

A great part of the evil is, beyond doubt, in the lack of a residence; but another great part is the attitude of the governing bodies aforesaid. The lack of a residence is no such insuperable barrier to this goal of a University consciousness as may be supposed, would the Senate (with whom my quarrel chiefly lies) only encourage student activities. On the contrary, such activities are perilously near to being stifled; and the damage is almost incalculable. Whether with good cause or not, the Gazette editors in the past have been afraid to be outspoken in their criticisms and attacks on the staff: it is such fear as that ails the University. Should the Gazette be answerable to any save the civil authorities? How are student grievances to be aired, if the student cannot be frank?

The most alarming, the most significant symptom, to my mind, is the meekness with which indignities are suffered at Dalhousie. Were they not suffered meekly, there would be no sign of unhealthiness, however galling the restrictions. The most promising of possible occurrences would be a good fight for student rights, real or fancied; and in such a thing as that the students do show some signs of a real University spirit. Three (I think it three) years ago, in the dispute over the proposed 100% rule, the students showed more promise of coming to life, and of acting as a student body, than in all the three years following. If the Senate seeks a panacea for Dalhousie's ills, let them first stop assuming the student's private responsibilities in the matters of work and studies; then, if they can, encourage and not discourage the student activities, even in profane verse for the Gazette; and lastly, if they can manage it tactfully, let them hold each year two or three hearty rows with the Council, and the students.

I am not joking; the matter is too serious; and I firmly believe that in such a course for a few years intelligently practised, the trouble would disappear. The hardest for the Senate would be the first: the staff is too firmly wedded to that policy of interference—for the student's good—lightly to give it up, or lightly to be convinced of its folly. I should like to go into that matter of the student's responsibility, but there is not the time or space now.

Sincerely yours,

Bachelor of Arts.