

The exchange editor of the *Dickinson Liberal* in the last issue of that paper gives a criticism on an article in favor of Free Trade which recently appeared in the *University Mirror*. While no doubt the criticism is fair, yet the editor seems to take a most decided stand for a Protective Tariff. Surely he should confine himself to criticism and not make a paper, representing no doubt students whose sympathies are with one or the other of our great political parties, the means for so decided an expression of his political opinions.

The *Varsity*, a weekly from the University of Toronto, is a regular visitor to our table. This is the only paper which comes at us from out of the United States but being published so near our country it differs but little from the rest of our exchanges. It is devoted for the most part to news and gives the reader a very good idea of the life and interests of the students in one of the greatest colleges in Canada.

The *University Mirror*, like many other of our exchanges, is vigorously attacking the prevalent system of commencement honors. We clip an extract from an editorial on the subject which appeared in the January number of that paper.

"Personal popularity with the instructors, dishonest work, and other factors not mentioned in the catalogue have sometimes played a part. May we not say that these always play a part more or less subordinate ?

So much for the present system when it is at its best. But it is not always at its best. A catalogue of the evil influences of the present system would occupy considerable space. It is hardly necessary to mention the personal rivalries, petty jealousies, and other similar attendants of our honor system. But we do not hesitate to say that their general tendency is to develop in the student a narrow and selfish spirit. That is, their influence is directly antagonistic to the purpose of liberal education. It is true that this result is not always very noticeable. There often exists, even in first honor men, a generous and manly spirit

which will not stoop to be sullied by unworthy ambition. But though some have strength of character sufficient to overcome this evil influence, the evil influence none the less exists."

LANCELETS.

PERSIFEAGE.

"I am no coward," said the Earth,
 "And yet you have two constant fears,"
 Remark'd the Sun facetiously.
 "And what are they?" "The hemispheres."
 "And yet one other," quoth the Moon,
 Who high in Heaven shone clear and pale,
 "And that!" "It is the atmosphere."
 And then the Comet wagged its tail.

—*University News*

OPPORTUNITY.

A king and a peasant, as legends say,
 Reaped the grain in a broad wheat field,
 Through the morning and noon till the close of day,
 And the King's was the greater yield ;
 But the peasant found in the even tide
 A rare and precious stone,
 And the king toiled on 'mid the golden grain,
 But the peasant went up to a throne.

For the jewel called opportunity
 And find it perhaps you may,
 And perhaps, like the king you may toll and sigh,
 Though you seek it forever and aye ;
 You may be a peasant and gain a crown,
 Or perchance you may die unknown,
 But there's many a king who gathers grain,
 While a peasant is filling the throne.

—*The Southern Collegian*

IN THREE ACTS.

ACT I.

Little dreaming they soon would meet,
 She smiled upon him in the street,
 From her cosy window seat.
 Maid one.

ACT II.

At the hop to music's beat
 Moved in time their hearts and feet,
 Later they found a cool retreat,
 Maid won.

ACT III.

Pealed the organ loud and sweet—
 Bride and groom and their elite—
 All their happiness complete,
 Made one.

—*Argonaut.*