

happen to know that some students never experience the slightest sensation of chagrin at the success of their friends, but are ready to extend a sincere congratulatory grasp; and hence the cause of the jealousies and contentions referred to must exist rather in the men who cherish these unworthy sentiments than in the external system. Prizes, I grant, may be the *occasion* of "bickerings," but if distributed on the broad grounds of impartial justice, they are no more the primary cause than the Bible is, of the narrow sectarian prejudices that centre around some of its most sacred teachings. This same objection which O. P. Q. sets forth, may be urged with equal force against any and all arrangements, whether of divine or human origin, which tend to give one man pre-eminence over another; but as a matter of fact many such arrangements are confessedly good, and hence O. P. Q. is not logically justified in inferring anything against prizes from the circumstantial "jealousies and contentions," which "cluster" around them.

O. P. Q. follows with two other statements, purporting to be arguments, in which he endeavors to enforce that prizes are the chief barrier to the development of the social side of the student life, as well as "injurious to all societies in connection with our colleges." In establishing these DOGMAS he objectifies causes which are *almost* entirely subjective in their character; but as I have already taken up sufficient space, I refrain at present from entering into further details.

As one who is open to conviction on this question of prizes, I fail to find in O. P. Q.'s letter one solitary argument which would in any way influence my former prepossession in their favor. He simply lays down a series of unestablished conclusions which he ILLUSTRATES by isolated and exceptional examples rather than PROVES by a proper induction of facts; but the independent, thinking mind demands something more than mere DECORATED ASSERTIONS in order to the conscientious acceptance of them.

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We asked one of our first year men—technically called Freshmen—to write an article for the Journal. A few days later we received the following able apology for his inability:—

Maister Editor,

My pen is an apprentice yet,
 A ramblin', shy apprentice yet;
 It scarce wad be
 The thing for me
 An article to prent as yet.
 Sae I daurna', sin' ye'd jest it yet,
 Comply wi' your request. Bit yet
 When I sall hae
 A braw B.A.
 To grace my name, I'll test it yet.