

more powerful in its influence to withdraw him from his habitual groove and start him in a new direction. The most reasonable method of securing this end would seem to be the provision of some of the higher kinds of amusement divorced from the vitiating influences which too often accompany those available by the working man. In the People's Palace the influence of the recreating element will have an opportunity of manifesting itself, and if the managing board be worthy of the trust reposed in it we may expect good results. If these expectations are realized other large cities will not be slow in following London's example, and one can only imagine what the possibilities of the new departure may be.

THE summer session has now become one of the facts of the universe as regards the medical classes. Instruction has, for two sessions past, been provided in Botany and Analytical Chemistry, and now it is to be provided in Medical Jurisprudence, Sanitary Science and Histology. There will also be a course of Clinics at the hospital. Already a considerable number of students have availed themselves of the opportunity to lessen the number of classes which they had to attend, and the number of examinations for which they had to prepare during the winter session, and now that the list of summer classes has been extended we have no doubt that the number taking advantage of them will greatly increase.

Now the question suggests itself, why not provide instruction in some of the Arts subjects also during the summer session? In Britain, where the summer session in Medicine is almost as important as the winter one, several of the colleges have also a summer session in Arts largely attended by stu-

dents who wish to lighten their work and familiarize themselves with the studies which they intend to take up during the following winter. The system has very much to recommend it, for though these classes, unlike the medical ones, do not exempt from further attendance, yet they are of very great advantage to students preparing for future classes or supplementary examinations. During the winter session it is impossible for the professors in some departments, requiring as they do to get over a certain amount of work during the session, to take the time really necessary to thoroughly introduce the students to their subjects, especially if these be new to them, or to proceed slowly enough to permit of rational absorption as distinguished from mere retention on the part of the majority of the class. A professor with such a subject must simply plunge the class at once into deep water and leave them to sink or swim as they may be able. Now some of those who, under this treatment, give up at once, sink rapidly to the bottom and lie there during the remainder of the session might not be capable of salvation under any circumstances. Yet to most of the others—peradventure to some of these—the advantage of a couple of months introduction to some of these classes would be of the greatest benefit. With such an introduction they could comprehend the meaning of the lectures from the first. In all cases it would lighten the work of the winter session, or permit of wider reading and more complete acquaintance with the subjects of study. We are sure that a summer session in Arts would meet the approval and support of a large number of students in that department. It is not yet too late to move in this matter as regards such provision for next summer, provided there is the necessary desire on the part of the students for any such opportunities in this direction.