

greater secrecy in voting, to prohibit canvassing in the polling booth, to conduct the election between ten and four o'clock and so give time to count the ballots, to require at least ten electors to ask in writing for a recount when such is desired, to require that the intention of the voter, if clear, decide the validity of the ballot, to require that accurate voters' lists be supplied.

(2) The Constitution should be further amended to make the Alma Mater fee compulsory as well as the Athletic fee. Every student should be a member of the A.M.S. and why should the Society be hampered every year in its business because of the uncertainty of the amount of funds that may be collected on Election Day? As it is, except where the yeas and nays are called, every student votes and speaks, Why should he not pay his fees? The vote at elections would then be larger, for the fee would not act as a bribe to keep him at home.

(3) Owing to the feeling that has resulted over the Professors using their franchise in this election, it might be best, in the interest of good feeling between them and the students, if they were no longer asked to come to the polls. And besides this it might be well to consider the advisability of having the ladies vote at the same poll as the men, so that it would be less possible to determine how they voted, as a whole, just as it is impossible to discover this with regard to the men in the various Faculties.

(4) It may be fairly asked also if the time has not arrived to confine the voting to the registered students? It is argued that the A.M.S. needs the money. If so, it would be better to tax ourselves extra for it than to urge

our friends to pay for something they do not receive beyond the privilege of voting for a number of men they have never seen. Fifty cents from each registered student would mean about four hundred and fifty dollars, which is seventy-five dollars more than has been collected this year at an unusually keen election. We should much prefer to see our friends urged to patronize the "*Conversat*" and thus receive something of the nature of an equivalent for their kindness, and we have little doubt that they would prefer this themselves. It must be remembered that Queen's has many staunch friends who never vote, and many who have no vote at all in our elections, who are nevertheless loyal in their support and liberal in their givings. We have nothing against the outside vote, except that it complicates the elections, while it may be, that it also burdens and annoys our friends unnecessarily.

Things begin to look as if the Party System were fast becoming a necessity in our College politics. How painful it is to hear the various candidates for office telling their own virtues as the main reasons why they should be elected. It would be a great relief, to the candidates in particular, if some sort of *real* issue could be discovered to form a basis for argument at least. We venture to say that if any change of this sort is contemplated there could be found no more opportune time than the present, when there are no rigid amalgamations in existence.

THE INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE.

IN the first place, let us congratulate Varsity and Queen's on winning in the first round of the series of debates arranged for this year. It now rests with these to fight their duel for