

through pages of prosaic poetry. But from another point of view it is not well that criticism should completely crush out the creative instinct, for as M. Arnold teaches criticism is not final but only the necessary preparation for construction and creation. Perhaps the time has come when something should be done in Queen's to encourage those who, having passed through the "fiery trial" of critical studies, still think they have the gift of song. Surely there are facts in the history of Queen's and aspects of our college life which merit poetical treatment. If poets *must* sing of love and war, co-education will supply a theme for the first and the noble battles of our football teams and the far nobler battles of our whole college for an *independent* existence will supply themes for the second. Abundance of poetical material lies round about us, waiting only for some singer to give it utterance.

Our need for songs is very great. The ingenuity of the instructor and officers of the Glee Club has been taxed to the utmost of late to get anything new out of the Toronto University Song Book. Why can we not have a song book of our own? Of course we cannot write good songs to order, but if the A. M. S. would offer a reward, either in money or in honour, for the best song or songs produced by the students during each session, in a few years we might have a collection which would worthily commemorate our past and inspire us for the future. We simply throw this out as a suggestion in the hope that when the matter comes up before the A. M. S. for discussion the members will be ready to take some step in the direction we have indicated.

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The annual meeting of the Canadian Rugby Union was held in the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, last Saturday, and a great deal of important business was transacted. It was a remarkable instance of "great minds thinking alike," for the best men playing Rugby to-day were present, and as a consequence there was remarkable unanimity and good feeling in the meeting. Some important changes were made in the rules of the game, toward greater uniformity with those of Ontario and Quebec. It was also decided to print in the back of the rule-book decisions rendered on questions submitted to the Union, and these are to be helps for the referee when there is doubt about the interpretation of the rules. This is done in England and it is found to work well there and no doubt will materially assist referees in Canada. But perhaps the most important business that was discussed came in the form of a suggestion from President Kerr, which at length assumed the form of a motion to this effect:—"That the Ontario and Quebec Unions be asked to allow the Canadian Union to frame the rules that are to govern the game in these two Unions and in Canada."

This is a very important move and a step in the right direction. It would make the game uniform and this is desirable. At present a foreign team coming to Canada would be presented with three sets of rules, the Ontario, Quebec, and Canadian, and they might play under the three at different times in the same week. It is desirable that there should be uniformity, and this can only be accomplished through the Canadian Union. It is not proposed to take away from the Provincial Unions the right to propose and discuss changes, and all propositions and suggestions of these Unions will be presented to the Canadian Union, and then dealt with and be carried into effect or be thrown out. These suggestions and propositions will come through the delegates from the Provincial Unions. As was remarked before, this is a step in the right direction. Anyone who has been at a meeting of the O. R. F. U. knows that it is largely a voting machine. A few men do the business and speak to the motions and the rest vote. It is a remarkable fact that a large proportion of the delegates at the last meeting were proxies, and proxies of such a kind that they voted every time as their leader dictated. It need not be said that changes in the rules coming from such a source are not always in the best interests of the game. In the Canadian Union, only those men meet who have been connected with Rugby for years. Local interests are lost sight of and the game is everything. Changes coming from such a source will always or should always commend themselves to the Rugby public in general. The greatest boon it will confer will be that the rules for Canada will be made uniform. At present uniformity is only secured by sacrifice, and some wild departure by one of the Unions is acceded to by the other, because of a desire to be in line. But if delegates from the two Provincial Unions were to meet together in the Canadian Union and discuss their changes, uniformity could be secured without sacrifice.

A man lives by believing something; not by debating and arguing about many things. A sad case for him when all that he can manage to believe is something he can button in his pocket, and with one or the other organ eat or digest! Lower than that he will not get.—*Carlyle*.

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At Leland Stanford the Faculty have organized among themselves a baseball nine, which has defeated every team the students have founded.—*Ex*.

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The Vassar girls had a debate on the subject, "Resolved that the higher education unfits a man for matrimony."—*Ex*.