

line of literary activity. Be it understood that we do not here advocate the neglect of essay-writing in connection with the Literary Society, but urge the claims of our paper as affording the best stimulus for making a writer not only produce his best thoughts, but also clothe them in the best language.

The poet-laureate has sung, 'In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love,' but the fancy of the ordinary undergrad., alas! can only turn to Democritic atoms and to sweet dalliance with Mæso-Gothic declensions. We used to rejoice in younger days 'to see the fresshe flowres howe they springe,' but now buds and blossoms have an inseparable association with cram and exam., and the beauty of the world is extinguished—not for ever, in the words of Mr. Burke, but for the few coming weeks. We are glad to see that sensible students are beginning to be conscious of the farce of College examinations. When the leading men of the year wish to obtain exemption, it is evident that the examinations have survived a great deal of their usefulness. The only argument that keeps them in existence is that the tag-rag and bob-tail of the classes needs something to make it put in motion what in courtesy may be called brains, and examinations are a pretty respectable whip for anything of that kind. We hope none of the professors will force students of recognized standing in their year to take their examinations.

This issue contains a letter signed 'Galt,' which sets forth carefully and at length the writer's views on the question of certain agitated changes in the Modern Language Department. 'Galt' takes exception to a letter published some time ago on this subject, and also claims to criticize our editorial of March 8th. On revising the latter he will find that the opinions therein expressed differ materially from those of our former correspondent. A few sentences quoted from the article will make this clear. 'The study of languages should have a two-fold object: *First*, the acquirement of the faculty of scientific procedure, and *second*, the assimilation of the finest thoughts of different nations. Philology affords opportunity for the one, and literature for the other.' 'For the final year in English and French, it would not be too much to abolish specified literary works and demand a literary knowledge of the chief productions of the two nations.' 'Galt' hints at changes which he thinks would be advisable in the Department, but makes no effort to indicate what these should be. It is our opinion that the alterations are radical and ought to take to a great degree the shape we have suggested.

"Senex" proposes the establishment of a Political Economy Society in University College. We believe such a society would justify its existence by marked popularity and usefulness. The introduction here of clubs in connection with various courses of study has hitherto been successful. The Natural Science Association, Mathematical and Physical Society, and the Modern Language Club are now looked upon as permanent institutions, and have a direct influence for good; and smaller clubs have proved at once enjoyable and beneficial. In no line of study does there seem to us to be so great reason for the existence of a club, as in that of Political Economy, with its allied subjects. In these we have examinations, without lectures. Each man's opinions must be based solely on his own reading and his own thought. Under such circumstances, the opportunities for exchange of opinion and freedom of discussion afforded by a club, would be productive of the best results in increased liberality of view and more practical knowledge in a most important branch of enquiry. With regard to the objection urged against special societies and clubs, on behalf of the Literary Society, we have said before, that if that society ever shows signs of decay it will be from inherent weakness, not from external opposition. Clubs in connection with special courses

will not be hurtful till they become unduly multiplied, which is not likely soon to be the case here.

Mr. Houston cannot see wherein the position assumed in his last letter on co-education rests on a 'quibble' to which we have before referred. That quibble lies, we believe, at the basis of any argument in favor of co-education founded on the statement so often heard of late, that University College was meant for, and is the property of, all 'classes' of the community. This was the position taken by a correspondent 'Omphale' in our issue of the 15th of December last. If Mr. Houston infers that the intention of the Legislature, that women should be admitted of right to University College, is embodied in their enactment in favor of the broad basis of our College system, we must disagree with him, and think his inference can be borne out by no rule of legal interpretation. We cannot think that those who formed the statutes by which our University affairs are regulated, ever contemplated the admission of women to University College as recognized or favored by their enactments. And, if this be so, it is incorrect to say, that 'the disability imposed on women is the act of the College Council.' The Council is now doubtless bound to co-education. But the recent 'clear and emphatic expression of opinion by the Legislative Assembly,' though final in itself, has not been declared to be a retrospective recognition, as many seem to consider it, of a right, already provided for but hitherto misunderstood, or never granted solely because it has never been claimed.

University News.

CRICKET.

The University Cricket Club has every prospect of a good season this year. In the past the team has generally been made up of the graduates and undergraduates who stay in the city during the summer; very often the team was got together at the last moment without having proper practice together. This has made those who lived at a distance feel that they were left out in the cold, and that the team playing matches did not represent the real strength of the University. This year the best players intend to stay over till Convocation, and the Committee have arranged all their matches to be played before that date. The first match is for the 31st of May; this will give the Club a full week's practice together, besides the odd times they will be able to put in before. The match with Trinity is to be a two days' one, and it is proposed to make it a strictly undergraduate affair, on the same principle as the Football matches with McGill, which were found to be such a complete success, and stirred up the greatest possible interest in the game among the undergraduates of both Universities. It is hoped that the same will be the effect in Cricket. The Committee have made out a lively programme, including a short tour, and all the matches are to be against strong Clubs, four of the Clubs being among the best in Canada. The season will be short, interesting, and, let us hope, successful. The following is the programme:—

- May 31st, with East Torontos, on the University lawn.
- June 2nd and 3rd, with Trinity University, on Trinity grounds.
- " 4th, with Galt C. C., on the Galt grounds.
- " 5th, with Guelph, on the Guelph grounds.
- " 7th, with Torontos, on the Toronto grounds.
- " 9th, with Upper Canada College, on the University grounds.

SENATE ELECTIONS.

The names attached to the nomination papers of Messrs. Crombie and McMurrich are as follows:—

MR. CROMBIE,—The Hon. J. D. Armour, B.A., George Acheson, M.A., T. McKenzie, B.A., W. C. Widdifield, B.A., Edmund Bristol, B.A., Douglas Armour, B.A., Wm. Theophilus Stuart, B.A., M.B., John E. Kennedy, M.A., M.B., A. B. Aylesworth, M.A., J. F. Smith, LL.B.

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