

as to the national achievements. And while intent on the accomplishment and expansion of the national aspirations, it is able to look forth with anxious but unprejudiced eye upon the efforts of neighboring nations to rise, each in accordance with its own peculiar conditions, to a higher standard of national life; knowing that civilization is not the interest of this or that nation, but of humanity. In the case of the school youth of the country this full conception is, of course, not yet realized, but, as with their other attainments, it should be in process of development.

But the type of patriotism which at present tends to be fostered on this continent is one of which a chastened aspiration towards a more civilized life is seldom a characteristic. Blind prejudice, bragging defiance, and a general sanctification under the waving of flags, of much of the primitive barbarism of human nature, are the characteristics of our popular loyalty.

The effect of this spirit upon the details of national life is everywhere visible. Loyalty tends to become the cry of cant and hypocrisy. The terms "unpatriotic," "disloyal" and "traitor" are frequently employed in even dispassionate controversy, while in the conflicts of party politics they are freely employed as political brickbats, convenient for hurling, with other terms from the vocabulary of abuse, at the heads of opponents. The same spirit runs through the minor regions of corporate life, and we all know what is meant, in common speech, by loyalty to one's clique or faction, to one's town, or village, or society.

Now, there is no place where a remedy for this unhappy state of affairs can be inaugurated with greater hope than in the schools. It rests with the teachers who are now passing into the profession to aid the important element already there who have not bowed the knee to Baal, in an effort to

impart a more refined and more Christian spirit of individual and national self-respect.

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### *Athletics.*

A general meeting of the members of the Athletic Association was held on Wednesday, Jan. 16th, for the purpose of electing officers for the present term. A few changes were made in the list of officers, the following being elected:

Hon. President—Vice-Prin. Thompson.  
President—G. Dolan.  
Secretary—J. Pirie.  
Treasurer—L. R. Whitely.

#### SUB-COMMITTEES.

Hockey—Messrs. Dobson, Phillips and Montague.

Gymnasium and Basketball—Messrs. Balfour, Morden and Fergusson.

Baseball—Messrs. H. H. Smith, Matheson and C. Morris.

Fencing—Messrs. Keith, Johnson and Hillman.

Tennis—Messrs. Morris, Elmslie and Spratt.

Cycling—Messrs. Steer, Hedley and Wade.

Arrangements have been made by the Hockey Committee whereby students of the O. N. C. receive a special ticket rate and special hours three times a week for practising hockey on the Victoria rink. Already some local challenges have been received, and this game promises to boom. Let everyone that can turn out and practice.

The Basketball Committee have already started a series of matches on the basis of the different courses. A tournament has been arranged between two teams representing the O. N. C. and two the Collegiate. A small admission fee is to be charged, and a suitable trophy provided if finances will permit. The series will be continued during the next two months, the matches taking place in the gymnasium every Monday and Wednesday after 4 o'clock. Every student should consider it his duty to help these games along by practising and sup-