

THE good old custom of having class suppers is something that we wish was more general at Queen's. At present, and we do not know if it has ever been otherwise, it is observed only by the senior class of each year. The happy results which accrue from such social gatherings of class-mates must be so apparent to all that we wonder the junior years do not follow the example of the seniors in this respect. Some, in acknowledging their usefulness, urge as an argument against them the heavy expense incident on carrying out such a project successfully. To this we have only to say that we do not think it ought to be an objection. Great expenditure is not necessary to a successful re-union. To have a grand banquet, to act as if we were mere eating machines, gluttons and wine-bibbers, is not the object of these annual gatherings. It is to bring all the members of a class together, at least once in the year, so as to promote a social, friendly feeling among them. To bring them together somewhere outside of a class-room, where they may spend an enjoyable evening and cultivate the friendship of their fellows, by which the bond of union existing between them may be strengthened. The genial, social qualities of men, and of women too, are always supposed to be at their best, while they are surrounding the social board, and from time immemorial among all nations, supping together manifests the greatest friendship. Where such good-fellowship exists, it is not necessary that the table should groan under all the varieties which the season affords, as much enjoyment would attend a simpler repast. Another reason why we ask attention to this subject, a reason why these re-unions are more necessary, if we may be allowed to use the word, than in the former days of Queen's, is that in former days the members of a class not only entered, and, if all went well, left together the college walls, but they attended

together each year the same classes. This is no longer the case, a student may now take his classes in any order he pleases, and as many of the classes are optional, it so happens, that men of the same year, may go through their entire course without ever being in the same classes together. Of course this rarely happens, but it is just as rare a thing for two men to take the same subjects at the same time all through their course. The former state of things cherished a spirit of *esprit de corps* we do not now have, and it is to strengthen this spirit that we advocate class suppers.

LAST week the Royal College proved a perfect Godsend to the quidnuncs. Its students magnified their office and met with the most gratifying responses all round. The ladies among them constituted themselves judges of what a Professor might, and what he might not, teach. The gentlemen sent their ultimatums to the Faculty. Colleges in other parts of the Dominion competed for the honor of their presence, fees or no fees. The Mayor of the City, with Ex-Mayors in profusion, spent the midnight hours and the short hours too in beseeching them not to put out the light of Kingston. The press all over the Dominion chronicled the changing phases of the conflict, while the local newspapers apparently instructed their reporters to take note of nothing else. The transit of Venus was a trifle to it, in the public interest excited. Ordinary mortals would be spoiled by so spontaneous an outburst of emotion; but the students of the Royal will heed it with all the nonchalance that pre-eminently distinguishes them.

Now that the hurly-burly is done, there are not many points on which it would be profitable to descant. On one, the question of co-education in medicine, opinions are not unanimous. On another, the attitude of Trinity Medical College, there can be no