

wet or dry dinners in general, but only as far as they affect students. At most of the public functions of this nature throughout the country, toasts are, of course, drunk with wine, and no comment is heard thereon. The custom is so well-established that it is considered quite proper.

At the meeting referred to above, many of the members signified their approval of the suggestion to give the guests, and the guests only, wine for their toasts. This proposal was voted down. If the dinner is to be dry, let it be completely so. The presence of hard drinks on the table of honor would only occasion trouble at the rest of the tables and probably end in defeating the whole purpose of the new scheme. Probably no one, except the strictest teetotalers, would object to the use of wine at a dinner, if it was used properly and not abused. But here is just where the danger lies, and the committee is to be congratulated on the step they have taken. We are, consequently, going to be on the safe side.

The educative value of such a dinner as that given by the Engineering Society ought to be high, and the expense that will be saved this year owing to the non-use of intoxicants will no doubt be put to a better purpose, and we are sure to have a better dinner "than has been." It behooves every member of the Society to support the function, and so tend to make it as great a success as possible.

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#### HONOR IN INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORT.

Intercollegiate athletics ought to represent sport in its highest degree of wholesomeness in our country. This has been the boast of the C.I.R.F.U. and the C.I.H.U. for years past, and in general it has been justified. In the colleges, athletics is coming more and more to occupy its well-merited position of importance in the development of personality, and decent struggles for supremacy in the different branches of it between the colleges, tends to develop in the players as well as the spectators, a respect for excellence and dexterity in physical manhood. Canadian college students ought to be thankful, however, that this aspect of the development of personality is not carried to the extreme that it is in the neighboring republic. In Canada, the battles are fiercely fought, but we tend to respect persons more than our friends to the south of us. College football, to specify this branch of athletics, is usually considered to be a more gentlemanly game than any other kind in Canada. This reputation, the Intercollegiate Union should endeavor in the highest degree to preserve free from stain.

Some incidents that have happened this year in the football arena are not very elevating in their effect. Every team is accustomed to hear, during its matches, shouts from the bleachers of "Eat him up," "Kill him," and so on, but nothing is thought of these, since they proceed from the mouths of boys and irresponsible men, who do not understand where honor comes in a trial of skill. But when a large crowd of students, who are expected, if anyone is, to know better, forget themselves to the extent of concocting schemes which will prevent the playing of the game as it ought to be played, and redound to the advantage of the home team, things have come to a sad pass. A couple of incidents, however, are worthy of note, which have a favorable effect on the reputation of the C.I.R.F.U. Everyone