

the entire student body. It is student opinion that has preserved the Q for University purposes, and only an open, unqualified departure from this opinion would warrant a relaxation of the present restrictions on its use.

New Lectureship at Oxford.

Oxford University has recently broadened its course in history by providing for a lectureship on the History and Constitution of the United States. In the past colonial history has been the subject of careful and accurate teaching. From the new departure important and far-reaching results will develop. It will lead indirectly to a better understanding between the two peoples concerned, thus probably give a firmer basis to the friendship that has developed to a marked extent in recent years between two branches of Anglo-Saxon stock. In like manner the interchange of professorships which has been followed for several years between universities in America and Germany, France and other European countries has been prolific in results making for international understanding. The system of interchange is comparatively free from difficulty in operation. At intervals a member of the staff of Harvard or Yale or other American institutions is sent to lecture for a fixed period at a German institution. In return for this a German professor takes up a course of lectures in an American University.

The lecturers on the History of the United States at Oxford are to be chosen by the Hon. Jas. Bryce, the British Ambassador to the United States and the Presidents of Yale, Harvard and Princeton. This provision carries with it the assurance that the lectureship will be placed in competent hands. The scheme of interchange of professorships would appear to be one of broad value to the universities involved and to the peoples who by this means have reciprocal sympathy established to supersede misunderstanding.

Notes and Comments.

The University gymnasium gains daily in importance as a factor in the life of the students. It is the scene of steady activity of the kind that constitutes most valuable diversion. In a space of two hours every afternoon one may see at the gym. the long distance runner at the tread mill of laps forgetful of the fact that Tom Longboat holds the record, dashing basketball games, gladiatorial performances in the ring and on the mat, and almost every other form of bodily activity and dexterity that the athletic instinct can suggest.

Queen's Western Association, like other organizations, keeps itself alive and prosperous through an annual dinner. The function was held during the past week with Hon. Frank Oliver and Dr. Dyde as the principal speakers. The Minister of the Interior knows as much about the early history of development in Western Canada as anyone, for he was a factor in it from the first stages. Dr. Dyde is to take part in Western development in the future. The Q. W. A. evidently knows that dinners are made up of two parts of equal importance.