

the first opportunity changes were proposed and carried through with but little discussion. This year has seen other changes made, one of which completely reverses an amendment of last year. It is in this way that respect for the constitution is weakened. Changes in the constitution should be very carefully considered and not proposed unless there is urgent need, and public opinion among the students demands them. It is a good principle to "let well enough alone."

It was a good move to have the fee at fifty cents. Surely the rights and privileges of the Society are worth that sum, one of the rights of privilege being the disposal of the fee in whatever way the members direct.

The effect of doing away with the publication of hourly returns at the elections remains to be seen, but it seems to us that there was no urgent demand for such a change.

If changes are to be made, however, it is desirable that they should be given a fair trial, and we hope the constitution will now be given a rest for a few years.

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No doubt all of our readers have been enjoying the luxury of Christmas cheer and Christmas gifts. The janitor informs us that he also was made happy through the kind thoughtfulness of the Ladies of the Levana. He wishes to express his thorough appreciation of the turkey, "not for its intrinsic merits, but for &c.

Communications.

To the Editor of the Journal:

I WOULD like to make a few remarks concerning an article which appeared in a recent issue of the JOURNAL under the title "Tammany's Reflections." It seems to me that the writer of that article is of a rather pessimistic turn of mind; he foresees a time when all mirth, jollity and college spirit will be a thing of the past. If he will look up old numbers of the JOURNAL, numbers issued perhaps before he came to Queen's, I think he will find that the same complaint with regard to the want of college life was made ten years ago. I do not mean that there is nothing in what he says, but, in my opinion, it is far too strong. I make one or two quotations from Tammany's contribution: "If there is one feature of this concern . . . it is the entire abandonment of college glees in the class-rooms and around the halls." Now, does not this convey an altogether exaggerated impression? Does Tammany visit the college sometime during the morning, or does he come around about mid-night? The sentence I have quoted would seem to indicate that

the latter is the case. Has he ever stood at the door of the English class-room on Monday morning and heard the multitude there assembled in the familiar strains of "Wake up, old chappie, wake up," beseech a certain portly gentleman to make his appearance? I think, if I were a Divinity, I should quickly resent Tammany's remarks about Divinity Hall. Here is what I heard a student say to an outsider the other day: "If you look into a room at Queen's and see fellows studying quietly with anxious, grave faces, you may conclude that they are poring over philosophy or political economy; if, however, you witness them shouting lustily remarks on some professor, who is quite within hearing, pulling each other's hair out by the roots, or hurling benches at each other's heads, you may rest assured they are Divinities." Does Tammany mean to assert that he has visited the Freshmen in their "seventh heaven" and has not heard them bellowing forth not only the praises of "the city where the girls are so pretty," but also the Queen's yell, "Clementine," "Where are you, old chappie," etc? Surely Tammany had a fit of dyspepsia when he put his despondent feelings on paper.

I do, however, sympathize with Tammany in his longing for the new song-book. Oh, let it come soon! We do want new songs to take the place of the relics of ancient history now in vogue.

Tammany offers a suggestion to the Glee Club which so far has met with no response. K. G. T. also offers a suggestion to the senior year, but with much the same result.

Notwithstanding all this, there is surely no ground for Tammany apprehending such calamities as are suggested in his contribution to the JOURNAL.

"Till kingdom come, till kingdom come,
We'll wear, we'll wear till kingdom come
Our Queen's, Queen's, Queen's,
Our Queen's Chrysanthemum."

X. Y. Z.

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To the Editor of the Journal:

In this morning's paper I see an account of a mass meeting of students held on Dec. 17th, at which a certain resolution was passed for the information of the public. An outsider, of course, does not know the ins and outs of such a question as was before the meeting, but if it is not presuming I should like to offer a suggestion as to how these things strike a graduate. There are a number of us in Toronto who take a very keen interest in Queen's, and her success in sports as well as other things, and we are a little sensitive about being held up to ridicule on the subject in the eyes of our acquaintances here,