

body of students who are sufficiently responsible and earnest to be entrusted with their own government and the preservation of a high ideal of gentlemanly conduct.

While we are speaking of the courts, it seems a good opportunity to mention another thing which applies to them all, that is, that if they are to hold their place as a real force in college life, they must preserve their dignity and seriousness. The *Concursus Iniquitatis et Virtutis* is never, if it is true to its traditions, a mock trial where the prisoner is a compulsory actor, but a serious indictment of a fellow student. It is a serious thing to tell one of one's own fellow students that his conduct is unbecoming that of a gentleman and to put him through the humiliation that must necessarily result. No student should ever have cause to feel that what is so serious to him is either merely fun for the other students or an opportunity to vent any personal feeling. If the *Concursus* is to preserve its influence and be a force in our college life which makes for true self-respect and gentlemanliness it must preserve its ideal of seriousness and dignity. This is one of our most distinctive institutions, one that is looked upon with pride by every true Queen's man, and one which true loyalty will keep at a high standard.

THE several year at-homes have been most enjoyable features of the college life this year, and in the new Arts building have had an academic flavour which college colours without end could never give to anything in the Whig hall. The 'home feeling' which is so necessary to an enjoyable evening comes far more quickly amid such familiar surround-

ings, and the pride every student feels in the new building makes it all the easier to play the host.

The year at-homes are fast coming to be the most prominent social features in our college year. One hears it openly expressed at times, that a conversat. is no longer necessary when students have four at-homes where they may entertain their friends, besides the Freshmen's Reception, and, some one adds, the Levana tea. There is something in this too, but yet the year at-homes and the conversat. are entirely different affairs. At the conversat. the University as a whole acts the part of hostess and throws open her doors to her friends. The at-homes are necessarily more exclusive, and merely for the purpose of allowing members of some one year to become acquainted with one another. Both are good, but the at-homes, no matter how many were held in a season, could never take the place of the conversat., and if anything is to be sacrificed it should be the at-homes.

And there is a danger of going to extremes in these affairs. It is reported that the Senate will hereafter recognize them as regular social functions of the college year, but will themselves appoint the hour for breaking up, and will insist on from three to six weeks' interval. This would likely mean that only the two senior years could hold at-homes, as the students do not care to interrupt their work with such things after Christmas. But in another year we shall perhaps see the plan in operation, and will be able to judge whether or not it is a good one. Meanwhile, with the holidays already here, it behooves us to devote ourselves more exclusively to the more serious aspects of college life.