

in assisting to celebrate University Day, but in our humble opinion this would be accomplished with much more pleasure to the spectators by a good football match. We presume that the Athletic Association will be holding its annual meeting before long, and we hope that some one will see to it that the date of the games be so placed that they may be an exhibition of results achieved by the club as a club, or that they be dropped altogether.

SOME time ago there arose between the Freshmen and the rest of the students what in mild language might be termed an unpleasantness. The cause of the strained relations between the parties was the refusal of the Freshmen to submit to the Concursum, at least as it was then being conducted, and a climax was reached when the Seniors attempted to arrest an offending Freshman. His companions in iniquity (?) flew to his assistance and the fracas became general. The unexpected appearance of the Principal soon allayed the storm, and the contestants separated but with lowering and vengeful looks. The Senate then decreed the death of the Concursum. The Freshmen were jubilant, and the Seniors, chagrined and smarting under their defeat, became desperate. In solemn and secret conclave they resolved to expel the Freshmen from all college societies for the remainder of the session. This threat was carried out so far as the Alma Mater Society could do it. The next event in this interesting history was brought about by the A. M. S. asking the Senate for the use of the college buildings in which to hold the annual *Conversazione*. The Senate would grant the request only on condition that the Freshmen were reinstated in the A. M. S. This the Seniors refused to do and so there will be no *Conversazione* given by the A.M.S. this session. This is much to be regretted. We

believe the citizens as a rule enjoy these entertainments, and we feel sure they are but a very small return for the many kindnesses received by the students from the good people of Kingston.

Now on whom are we to lay the blame for this very-much-to-be-regretted state of affairs? So far we have taken no part whatever in the transactions, and are thus in a position to give an impartial opinion, and this we purpose doing. Those upon whom we lay the blame will probably cry out that we are favoring one class. They may even accuse us of presumption. This we shall regret, but these accusations shall not affect our opinion nor deter us from expressing it. The origin of the whole trouble we lay upon the shoulders of the Seniors, or rather upon those Seniors to whom was deputed the management of the Concursum. We know that on many occasions the charges preferred against the accused were trivial in the extreme, and that in the conduct of the cases judges and counsel seemed to forget that the accused was a fellow student and not merely an object for raillery and ridicule. It was this and this alone that led to the rebellion. When the Seniors knew that there was a widespread feeling of discontent among the Freshmen, they would in all probability have sustained the dignity of the Concursum and at the same time have succeeded in bringing to account those students who really had been guilty of gross offences, if instead of attempting to coerce them they had adopted more conciliatory measures. The action of the Senate has, of course, been harshly criticised by some, but under the circumstances they adopted the only course open to them. If the Concursum could not be carried on without ill-feeling and open war, the Senate, as the governing body of the College, were in duty bound to suppress it. The Seniors then thought that their dignity required some