

prayer of a petition is alike unknown.

But notwithstanding the natural repugnance felt in a college to the breaking up of old customs, it is certain the omission was little felt. We are riddled from October to May with lectures, lecturesses and sermons, and one less is perhaps more of a relief than otherwise.

IT is to be regretted that politics should mix to such extent as they do with educational questions in this Province. Because the Minister considered it his duty to withdraw "Marmion" from the high school curriculum, he has been abused like a pick pocket. If the Roman Catholic Archbishop is to be consulted as to what works shall be used in the schools, it was certainly a mistake not to have obtained his sanction of Marmion before it was placed on the list. But when he, as the head of such a large class of the population, did object to its use, we don't see how the minister could do otherwise than withdraw it.

WE have before us a circular bearing the stamp of the Toronto Students Union, which details a students co-operation scheme, whereby books and apparatus can be obtained at a price much less than that at which the ordinary dealers can afford to sell. The manager guarantees to furnish all goods at 10 p.c. advance on invoice price. Whether the thing will work to advantage as regards students outside of Toronto, we are not sure; but students compose a large class in Ontario, and there is no reason why, with proper management, co-operation should not be beneficially adopted, as it has been so successfully in Britain among many classes—notably the army and navy, and the civil service. At any rate we commend the scheme to the attention of the college. To become members and procure price lists would do no harm, and might prove advantageous.

WE extend our welcome to the incoming first year class, the largest yet on the rolls, and which on the whole presents a most respectable appearance. Among the odd fifty there will of course be men who have come to work and those who come with the intention of devoting a large portion of their time to "loafing." We might give a little bit of advice to both classes. To the former we would say, don't immerse yourselves altogether in your books. The man who does so is naturally selfish. The Alma Mater Society, the Glee Club, and other Societies demand your assistance in making them a success and their proceedings vigorous and interesting. The football clubs, and rifle company also want all the men they can get for two months at least. To the latter, and probably younger class, we would ask to consider what the end of an idle session will be. You may think you are able to catch up, but the Final cometh at an hour ye know not, and the chances are that it will be "pluck" right through. Venus, Bacchus, and Momus, may be excused in vacation, but a little of them should go a long way during the session. Kingston girls know a freshman thoroughly, and they would think much more of you if they knew you paid some attention to your books, than if they saw you spent your time gadding about town, no matter how much of a masher you may be. Wait till you are upper classmen before you commence to play your parts in making love and winning hearts. There is no use telling you to be respectful to your seniors, the seniors themselves will take care of that. And remember that it is generally the steady and unassuming man who is popular in the end; not he who begins with a flourish of trumpets, who speaks most, and who is elected to represent his class in societies. Such men are too often like the stick of the rocket. We close these few remarks by wishing the gentlemen of the first year, a successful and agreeable course.