

in two years, and in their haste are almost wholly unable to appreciate the authors read, or take three and idle away a large portion of their time. *Haud inexpertus loquor*. For Queen's to go back is impossible, and I therefore make what I fear will be the ungrateful proposition that more work be added.

What that work should be the Senate alone is qualified to judge, yet I would suggest that the "Antigone" be reinstated. Why it was ever dropped in favour of the "Oedipus Tyrannus," it is difficult to see, for alike in ethical profundity, in portraiture of character, and in beauty of language, it is far superior. I am not at all sure that read apart from the "Coloneus" the moral of the "Tyrannus" is a wholesome one, and the superiority of the portraiture of the "Antigone" is too obvious to require proof. The technical skill with which the plot of the "Oedipus" is worked out is marvellous, but this is a very subordinate and mechanical excellence, possessed, for instance, in a far higher degree by Wilkie Collins or Emile Gabonnan than by Scott or Dickens. Even if no increase in work can be made, let us at least have back the "Antigone."

To prevent idleness in the early part of the course, and excessive cram during the last months, the "first year Honours" exam. should be made compulsory. A high standard need not be required; perhaps a minimum of forty per cent. would be enough; but some such preliminary exam. should be made compulsory for all who intend to read for final Honours.

Sincerely yours,

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To the Editor of the Journal:

DEAR SIR,—Your recent editorial on the need of a Literary Society must have been timely for immediately a meeting was held to consider its organization. That there is here a want seems to be generally admitted, but whether the proposed remedy is feasible is an open question. At that meeting the plan proposed was substantially as follows:—

The new society will not attempt to take from the A. M. S. its Mock Parliaments, Debates, etc., but will work in a quieter though more laborious way. Its object will be *culture* in a broad sense, and it will admit only those who are willing and able to do literary work. No effort will be made to have either large or frequent meetings. Subjects for essays and discussions will be chosen a year in advance and in accordance with the taste of the one who writes on them. These subjects may be literary, philosophic or scientific, but not technical.

It will be at once seen that this is a heavy undertaking, but that is no objection, if it be possible. We have an annually increasing number of good

students freed from the heavy yoke of an honour curriculum. At most honour lectures you can readily detect them, for they rarely take notes. They are post-graduate men and ones who supplement their ordinary course by dabbling into other subjects. Having received their training in the regular course they are now free to study in any, and their work, if not so cumulative, may be more educating, for it is the satisfaction of individual tastes. This is now so common that we must ask, cannot these sporadic efforts be given a place in our university life? Can not a club be organized where congenial spirits may meet and literary hobby-riders (I am vain enough to believe we have such equestrians) enjoy the exhibition of a friendly tournament?

Class essays are rudely technical and being intended only for professional reading (or weighing) little attention is given to literary form; here, however, the imagination would have full scope and the free criticism of fellow-students would ensure an effort at art. This would give students a steady hand and eye in dealing with general problems and show the world the native power of ideas.

It seems to me, sir, that Queen's is now ready for such a society, and all who are of this mind should meet and compare notes. At the meeting referred to, a committee was appointed to draft definite plans and present them to a general meeting in the near future. Let every student who has any ideas on this subject get them in order and give them to his fellows, so that there may be a full discussion. If this is done I believe that we shall soon have a society whose meetings will be as profitable as any class in the university.

GRAD.

SPORTS.

ONTARIO RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION.

THE eleventh annual meeting of the Ontario Rugby Football Union took place at Toronto last Saturday. The meeting was representative and enthusiastic, showing how popular the "King of Autumn Sports" is in our Province. Several notices of motion in regard to changes in the rules were brought forward, but only three of these changes were adopted.

It was resolved to fine clubs who appeared on the grounds over ten minutes late, and also give the choice of goals to the opponents.

Holding opponents with the hands or arms in the line out or scrimmage was made an offence. It was thought that the rule regarding rough play was explicit enough at present, and no change was made. The penalty kick from which a goal is scored was reduced from 4 points to 2. This amendment has