

property and disgraceful attacks upon obnoxious fellow-students are not creditable to a class of men who are generally thought to possess at least most of the finer qualities of manhood, and moreover, as students themselves reap by far the major benefit from the existence of a College, we think they should be the first to uphold its interests and authority under all circumstances.

IT is difficult to understand why College students should be proverbially rude, and wanting in ordinary politeness. One would imagine from the reports which constantly reach us through the press, of the annoyances caused by students attending public gatherings in large bodies, that the ordinary "gallery god" was a model of courtesy and forbearance in comparison. At several of the lectures recently delivered by Oscar Wilde in college towns the performances of the students were highly disgraceful and brought discredit on the institutions with which they were connected, as well as a deserved rebuke upon themselves. Although handling a subject perhaps not in accordance with the views of the majority of his hearers, there was certainly nothing in the words or the manner of the lecturer to render excusable the wantonness already alluded to. Were these the first instances in which the irrepressible would-be student has succeeded in prejudicing those of his fellows who are more law-abiding in their tastes, the subject might not be worth noticing, but time and again have public gatherings been disturbed and peaceable citizens annoyed not only in the United States but also in Canada by the "exuberance" of a college detachment.

The assertion of *Grip*, in a recent issue, that the majority of college students hail from the country, is not true in fact, and even if such were the case would not account for the deficiency of manners complained of.

The advocates of co-education again offer their theory, viz., that the exclusive education of young men in large academies tends to wear off the edge of native refinement and to gradually destroy their good breeding. Whatever may be the producing cause the facts are only too patent and deserve the attention of those immediately concerned.

The reputation of Queen's Undergraduates has not, we are happy to say, materially suffered in this respect, and the students who attend our conduct themselves as a rule in a manner which will bear favorable comparison. Yet even among ourselves it is rumoured that quite recently one of the College professors was obliged to threaten with a fine the members of his class for boisterous conduct.

SONG OF THE SPIRITS OVER THE WATERS.

THE soul of man is
 Like the water;
 From heaven it cometh,
 To heaven it mounteth,
 And thence at once
 'T muts back to earth,
 For ever changing,
 Swift, from the lofty
 Rock, down darteth
 The flashing rill;
 Then softly sprinkleth
 With dewy kisses
 The smooth cold stone,
 And, fast collected,
 Veiled in a mist, rolls,
 Low murmuring,
 Adown the channel,
 If jutting cliffs
 His course obstruct, down
 Foams he angrily,
 Leap after leap,
 To the bottom,
 In smooth bed he
 Glideth along through the meadow,
 And on the glassy lake
 Bask the bright stars all
 Sweetly reflected,
 Wind is the water's
 Amorous wooer;
 Wind from its depths up
 Heaves the wild waves
 Soul of a mortal
 How like thou to water!
 Fate of a mortal,
 How like to the wind!—*Goethe.*