

intoxicants, there would be some good ground for identifying prohibition with temperance. But to assume that prohibition is the only remedy is simply begging the question. It is to assume the very point that is required to be proved. Surely men may differ as to the method of treating a social evil without the advocates of one system calling in question the sincerity of the motives of all who differ from them, just as two physicians may diagnose the same case and each adopt a different line of treatment, each convinced that his treatment is in accordance with a right diagnosis of the case. It would manifestly be unfair for one to charge that the other was seeking to aid the disease instead of preventing it, simply because his method of treatment was different. Yet this is precisely the attitude taken by many clergymen from whom better things might be expected. Prohibition has too strong a case to require any illiberal treatment of opponents. Its true strength will be shown by fair comparison with other methods of dealing with the liquor problem.

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A letter from Dr. H. A. Parkyn, now of Chicago, addressed to the late President of the Alma Mater, comes to our hand from which we make some clippings. Dr. Parkyn says: "Glad Inter-collegiate Union is formed. Queen's advocated the right step, *i.e.*, no graduates—that is the best thing for pure athletics. Am as much interested in Queen's and her success as the men still there. . . . My recollection of football at Queen's was that we never had enough footballs, and that there were always too many to kick them. On Oct. 1st, 1898, I intend to send a regulation football and will do so each year. I think it would be a nice custom to start and would tend to develop 'kickers.'" The above illustrates a well known fact that the loyalty of Queen's men to their Alma Mater is not lost once they leave the college halls. From Dr. Parkyn's interest in sports while at Queen's we do not wonder at the interest he still has in her athletics. Those who remember his playing on the old heavy-weight team of Queen's that comprised such men as Marquis, Cameron, Grant and Echlin, will remember also that he had the reputation of being *the kicker* of the day in Ontario football. It is to be hoped that his kindly gift will help to develop others in the same line.

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The action of the senate in closing classes at noon on Friday was appreciated by the students generally. Many of the students were engaged on various committees in preparation for the conversazione, which would have made it very difficult for them to attend classes in the afternoon. It would have

been in the nature of an injustice to these if lectures were given which they could not attend. This year by the good arrangements arrived at as to the length of the holidays, very little "sloping" of classes has been indulged in compared with previous years.

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We have just received a communication from a member of The Canadian Society lately organized in New York, with the object of fostering cordial, social relations between Canadians of New York and vicinity, and the keeping alive of memories of Canada. To this society a number of Queen's men already belong. They have been endeavoring to form also a "Society of Graduates of Queen's University." We wish both societies unbounded prosperity.

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We learn from the Registrar that the index-catalogue of library books has been completed. About two thousand cards have been added to the list.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Journal:

SIR,—I notice in the last issue of the JOURNAL a short communication from an anonymous writer (whose identity, however, is sufficiently revealed by the style of his letter), complaining of certain arrangements recently introduced into the reading room. I wonder if the writer has ever heard the old saying—"Never look a gift horse in the mouth." Evidently not, for he has ignored the principle of social etiquette implied in that rustic proverb. In plain English he has taken advantage of privileges extended by the courtesy of the students in general, and of the curators of the reading room in particular, and has in return made sarcastic and slighting remarks on the value of those privileges through the columns of the students' paper. From almost every point of view this would seem to be very questionable taste.

Yours, &c.,

CURATOR.

The frequent remarks in the JOURNAL in regard to the revival of college singing has brought forth much fruit. During the last week of college a visitor might have thought a Hornerite meeting was being held in the halls. The quantity is all right and we hope the quality will soon improve.

The *Evening Times*, Kingston's new and bright daily paper, will be placed on file in the reading-room after the holidays.

A pair of nippers and a copy of selections from John Stuart Mill, picked up in the halls, await an owner in the library.