

might work injustice, but such a conjuncture as the following might arise: A professor is examining a paper—and here we would interpose that in examinations the papers should be taken exactly as they are; nothing should be either added or taken away by the examiner—a fatal omission occurs in an answer; it might be a *lapsus penne*, or it might be the result of ignorance. It is very evident that an examiner, be he never so impartially inclined, would be apt to look and ascertain whose paper he was examining, and he might, and, in all probability, would form his knowledge of the abilities and status of the student, either supply the omission, or reject the answer altogether. This is natural, but it is not just. However, there is no need of adducing examples. The existence of the evil is self-evident, and we feel convinced that the members of the Arts Faculty can come to no other conclusion than that one system is much fairer and more equitable than the other, and having determined this, the adoption of the better and juster method should follow as a matter of course.

Now that the Christmas examinations have commenced, there is one improvement that appears to us might be made, with reference to the mode of entrance to the Examination Hall. It has been for years a source of great inconvenience to Arts and Science students, after they have put on their trenchers and gowns, to have to go out in very often exceedingly disagreeable weather in going to the Molson Hall, while the most obvious and convenient way is barred. Of course this way is that from the door opposite the reading-room, taking the passage past the museum, and finally out into the entrance of the Molson Hall, whence they have but to climb the stairs and they are safely landed in the "dreadful room." As was before stated, if this boon were granted it would be a matter of great convenience for the students, and would supply a want uni-

versally felt amongst the Arts and Science men.

WE notice that several examination papers have been cut from the calendars in the library. We cannot allow this exceedingly selfish and ungentlemanly piece of conduct to pass unnoticed, and if, by our reference to it, we shall have been able to stop it, the end in view, while penning this, will be attained. The persons who are guilty of this misdemeanor, we are convinced, would not have resorted to it, had they reflected for a moment before doing so. That the library, and these books among others, are for the benefit of the students, a fact which the greater frequenting of the former, and the increasing use of the latter, clearly indicate, even the most careless about the University's progress cannot deny. Every student should, and nearly every one does, take pride and interest in the library. When strangers visit the University it is one of the most prominent features of interest about it we can show them and feel convinced they will admire. It might naturally be thought that even that principle of nature which teaches a man to cherish what is his own would prevent the books from being defaced; but since it has been otherwise in the past, it is hoped we will not be again called upon to notice anything of this sort in future.

THE graduating classes should bear in mind that one of the most important duties which they have to perform is the election of the Valedictorian. This appointment should be made as soon as possible after the Christmas holidays, in order that those who are selected may have their addresses composed before the work of final examinations comes on. That the Valedictorian should be a good speaker and a fluent writer is a self-evident proposition. It is no less apparent that the office should be filled by a student who is a