

basis of the University as far as possible, and thus give room for the encouragement of the different kinds of men who are anxious to attend College. An important move was made in this direction by the establishment of the new Faculty. It is implied that there cannot be good teaching where the students are few in number. Quite the contrary. All honour classes are select, but the teaching therefore is not poor. The Chinese Professor at Harvard has never had more than two students in any one session. Everything must have a beginning, and if there is life in it, of course it will grow. Queen's began as an Arts Faculty with the same number of students that the Law Faculty now has.

The writer thinks that the students will be confined to a few from the local offices. By no means. Already letters have been received from students elsewhere, who intend to come to Queen's that they may get the benefits of the new course.

It would have been well had the writer pointed out that for the degree of LL.B. four-fifths of the regular B.A. subjects are required. And, I am inclined to think that Roman law, constitutional law and history, the law of real property, equity, common law, criminal law, medical jurisprudence, and commercial law, taken together, constitute an option that is quite equivalent even in educational value to the remaining *one-fifth* of the B.A. course.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:

I WISH to make a few remarks relative to an article which appeared in a previous issue of the JOURNAL, over the signature "Hermes." The writer is very ignorant of what a gold medal really is or is influenced through some selfish motive rather than by the interests of the University. A gold medal is always given in honour work not merely on pass work where only fifty per cent. is required for a prize or scholarship. It is ridiculous enough to have prizes and scholarships given on pass work even though medals should be reserved for something higher. "Why should they" (teachers) "having gained as great distinction as gold medallists of other Universities be placed at a disadvantage." He assumes that a meagre acquaintance with two or three branches in the pass course is of the same distinction as a thorough acquaintance with a department where eighty per cent. is required of gold medallists. It is to be hoped that the Senate will not consider seriously the plan which "Hermes" proposes for them to adopt, and not allow the honour of the University to be degraded through spreading gold medals indiscriminately over the country. Even though "Hermes" should suffer by not being able "to convey to some minds the idea of prodigious cleverness."

JUNIOR.

As an evidence of *Mens sana in corpore sano* it may be said that most of the men who took part in the gymnasium entertainment are leaders of their classes.

❦ MEETINGS. ❦

ALMA MATER MEETING.

ON Saturday evening, March 5th, a motion was passed in the Alma Mater Society, deciding to give a *Conversazione* at the close of the session. Those who opposed the motion resorted to the old subterfuge,—one of the malcontents voting with the majority, and then moving a vote of reconsideration. On March 12th the motion was reconsidered and reversed. The Society thinking that as it was so late in the session and that the Society had heavy liabilities already, that the Senate had other plans in view, and that it would require very extraordinary efforts to come up to the Chancellor's entertainment last fall, it would be better that the re-union partake of some other form. It was agreed that the next meeting should be devoted to reading and music. The question debated was: "Resolved, that steam has been of more advantage to the world than electricity." Mr. Max Dupuis led the affirmative side, and before entering on his argument gave a great deal of practical information regarding steam and its application, illustrating his remarks with diagrams of the different parts and workings of machinery. He also answered questions put to him by the members. Some years ago Mr. Dupuis set himself to master this subject, both in theory and practice and he certainly has done so. The Society got great benefit from his interesting and lucid descriptions. He was supported by Messrs. W. G. Brown, H. M. Mowat, J. A. Grant and Gordon. Mr. H. C. Fowler led the negative side, supported by Messrs. Anderson, Shortt and Britton. Mr. J. S. Skinner, the chairman, considered that the affirmative side had the weight of the argument and decided accordingly. Owing to the absence of all the officers the meeting was rather disorderly, and repartee and jibe passed rather too frequently for a well organized debating society. One grandiloquent speaker spoke of the advantage of having the quick intelligence of passing events, flashed with the celerity of lightning from pole to pole, &c. A matter of fact speaker on the other side took the speaker to task for interlarding his remarks with too much hyperbolic language; some one suggested that he might have meant the poles of the electric current, and another understood the remark to refer to telegraph poles. But the speaker did not think it necessary to explain.

GYMNASIUM.

SOME of the members of the Gymnasium Class, acceding to the request of the Instructor, gave an entertainment of an athletic nature in the gymnasium last Friday evening, which was much to the credit of themselves and their instructor. The 'artists' were Messrs. Linton, Ferguson, Keith, McCuaig, McKay, Childerhose, Shaw, Gandier, Halliday and Ross. The feats on the parallel bars were especially worthy of mention. Some of the best performers, are those who went into the gymnasium