

of aristocratic power, or as the principal objects of enthusiasm have been gained, there has been a sensible decay in enthusiasm. The highest kind of enthusiasm depends much on the kind of men a country produces. Aristocracy seems to have produced the best men, that is, a few strong personalities full of highest enthusiasm. Democracy wishes to make many such men, the great danger of which is that they will be superficially educated and eccentric. There is no longer any enthusiasm for liberty, once it has been gained. Also, religious and patriotic enthusiasm, has decayed; secularism is making great strides especially among the working classes of England.

We as a nation must produce men, (which production depends on education) who will set up other noble objects of enthusiasm. There seems to be no lack of enthusiasm for wealth and for money. But if the industrial classes are to cope with the problems of our time, they must preach another gospel. We must have men who are nobly enthusiastic for the highest pursuits of life; men who not only will have these ideals, but will absorb themselves in people and affairs around them and thus make these ideals live.

The Alma Mater elections are over, and although they were very interesting and exciting at the time, yet no one is sorry they are past. Like everything else, the elections this year had lessons to teach. Much there is to be done to make them perfect, but there are two improvements which may well be made in subsequent years.

The first improvement to which we refer is in regard to 'plumping.' This is indeed a thing to be frowned down. Those who counted the ballots at this last election will tell you how numerous were "plumped ballots." Now like Kant, let us universalize this act. Suppose, plumping became the custom; if each faculty, and each year voted each for its own candidate, the result would be that the candidate elect, would not be representative of the students of the Alma Mater, but of those cliques which happened to be most numerous. To avoid this another year, we would suggest that it be made law, that any ballot plumped for any particular committee men, should be ignored, and counted void, in so far as the vote for committee men is concerned.

The other point worthy of notice as it concerns a very important section of the student body, viz. Miss Levana. The ladies have been the object of what seemed to us to be rather rude remarks, since the election results came out. Even our local paper contained an elaborate account of the "antagonistic feeling shown by 'Miss Levana'" toward certain candidates in the election. Such sentiments even if they are true, (but indeed we think they were very unfair) should not be expressed so loudly and publicly. It would be well indeed if the ladies' poll were no longer separate, so that there would be no opportunity given for such reflections. The necessity for a separate ladies' poll no longer exists. The roughness, and smoky unwholesomeness, of the election booths when in the City Hall, have wholly disappeared. For this reason, we see no great objection, to allow ladies to vote at men's polls, so that there could be no assurance for such after strife, as took place this year.