

has much the smaller membership, comprising, of course, the majority of the older girls. In a union of the two bodies it is probable that their example would stimulate the younger members to greater activity. In the existing state of affairs, neither society is large enough for efficient operation. To say nothing of the chilling effect of a few people in a large room, it is a difficult matter to provide full programs without trespassing on the time and good nature of the limited number of members. We are confident that the divided interest injures the prosperity of both societies. There is being put forth this year an earnest endeavor to give a more truly literary tone to our meetings, and we feel sure that the securing of this end would be greatly facilitated by the co-operation of the whole body of students. The junior society has always experienced more or less difficulty in arranging a suitable place for their meetings, the only room really convenient for an assembly of the kind being occupied by the senior society, but with ample room for a much larger body. In addition to these considerations there is the social effect of such an arrangement as now exists. If the division were based upon the ground of intellectual development or maturity, it would appear to be more just. Many of the specialists, who are constantly associated with the older girls, and would operate most successfully with them, feel somewhat estranged by being separated from their companions and meeting with those younger students, with whom they feel no common interest. Even if the junior society were composed of the younger students alone, and the senior society of those more advanced, there would still fail to be promoted that general unity which is so greatly to be desired. There have existed amongst us, almost unconsciously, in the past, certain divisions, and the same tendency is again apparent. The *esprit*

de corps in the college would, undoubtedly, be greatly increased if the interest of all were centered in one literary society. The benefit to be derived from such an institution, if properly conducted, has been repeatedly acknowledged. It is for us to determine in what way this benefit may be most successfully obtained. We are entirely convinced that a union of the two divisions is the one thing necessary.

☉NCE more we have entered upon the work of another year, after the enjoyment and rest of the summer vacation. We have been scattered far and wide: some have passed the weeks camping out among the beautiful lakes and wilds of Muskoka; some have tasted the pleasures of a few weeks among the Thousand Isles in the St Lawrence; others have journeyed to the far west; a privileged few have crossed the ocean and explored some of the wonders of the old world. However enjoyable may have been our different modes of spending the holidays, we are all ready to enter into this year's duties with a new zeal, and gather up for future use golden gems of knowledge. The year is open before us, let it be filled to overflowing with precious treasures gathered from study and research into the innumerable works of nature and art. Let the spirit of earnestness that seems to predominate among the girls continue through the year, that at the end there may be no vain regrets, no weary hours of cramming page after page of what should have been prepared months before. Fill up the golden hours as they pass with golden fruit.

Autumn.

Oh! what a glory does this world put on
For him, who, with a fervent heart, goes forth
Under the bright and glorious sky, and looks
On duties well performed and days well spent!
For him the wind, ay, and the yellow leaves,
Shall have a voice, and give him eloquent teachings.