

SOME time during the coming August, the members of the American Canoe Association will hold their annual meeting on Grindstone Island. With the exception of last year, when the canoeists met on Stony Lake, the place of meeting has been at Lake George. This year, however, both the time and place are very convenient to Kingstonians, many of whom will no doubt avail themselves of the opportunity of spending a couple of weeks in such an enjoyable way. It is more than probable that quite a number of the boys of Queen's will be on hand. Would it not be a good idea, then, for all such to rally under one flag and form a Queen's College Camp? To arrange matters properly a meeting should be held at once, when details as to uniform, place of meeting, etc., could be attended to.

FOR some time we have been deliberating whether we should descend to notice the *Globe* and *Mail* and their respective hosts of political parasites, as they wrangle over this "bribery scandal." An editorial, however, in the last issue of *'Varsity* has determined us that we too should denounce this dust-throwing by which the organs are endeavoring to cloud the political atmosphere and hide whatever is questionable in the doings of their "party." To discuss the question itself is yet premature. On the surface a moral victory seemed to have been gained by the Government, but they are putting it to a bad use indeed. We do not believe that the majority of either party will sanction all that has been done by either side. Surely the Conservative party of Ontario is too great and respectable to need descend to bribery to carry on its opposition; surely its stock of good men and true is not so low as that it needs bolster and defend such shams as some of its agents have proved themselves to be; surely too the prospects of the Reform party have not waned so much that

they need glory in this national disgrace and hasten to use it as political capital. If ever there was a time when an honest expression of opinion, an honest endeavor to punish wrong simply because it is wrong, would be hailed with satisfaction by all whose opinion is worth the having it is now, and yet we find this question being argued altogether upon side lines and with a much wordiness which bids fair to swamp completely the real point at issue.

*'Varsity* believes that the remedy for all such evils is to be found in the better education of our legislators. To this we subscribe; but if the political press continues to give such pictures of public life in Canada as we have of late been treated to we would like to ask, what encouragement is there for our young men to enter politics when they feel that to be successful they must adopt means which outrage their sense of honor and of patriotism; what a prospect too if the laws and interests of our young dominion must continue to be so prostituted till the leaven of better education shall have given public opinion back bone enough to sweep forever from recognition the lobby politicians who now reign, and to assert to the world that if such policy was ours, 'tis not ours now.

SOME of our readers may be desirous of getting behind the scenes to know something of the working of the JOURNAL from a business point of view—a very worthy desire and one which to a small extent we can satisfy in a short notice. Statutory declaration has just been made to our circulation as 625. The actual number may be somewhat larger as we pay for an average issue of 640. In many cases one JOURNAL falls into the hands of a score of readers so that we are not over the mark in placing the number of our readers at at least 3000, and these are scattered from Ocean to Ocean