

'isms is really wanted, since people in general have a hazy idea of what they really are or wherein they differ.

**N**O doubt the Senate has some object in view when they brace in examinations Political Economy, Logic and Metaphysics. But we fail to see the propriety of departing from ordinary rule in judging the merits of students in these three subjects by requiring a certain percentage on all three to secure a pass on any one of them. In English and History, for instance, though a man fail in the one and pass in the other he is credited for what he does; but not so with Political Economy, Logic and Metaphysics. If a student fails in one he fails in all. This is not exactly as it should be. There is an apparent incongruity which might be rectified.

**A**TENDER and skilled hand is required to deal with the erring. The students feel themselves scarcely equal to the task of correcting a brother who unfortunately falls into any of the grosser social offences. They may interfere successfully with the lighter inconsistencies and departures from college urbanity; but we think it would be a kindness extended towards the more thoughtless amongst us were their failings checked by authoritative influence. Whoever undertakes the responsibility must look upon it in the light of an unpleasant duty. Many university senates feel called upon to sit in judgment upon the actions of those committed to their care. Several students were lately expelled from Lafayette for drunkenness and abusive conduct towards a freshman.

**T**HE medical year just closed has proved a very successful one. There was an attendance at College of 149 students, being fully 30 more than last year. 36 graduated, 31 passed the primary examination, and 28

the intermediate. In former years the examiners were the professors of the various classes; this year the University appointed the examiners. Quite a number of the students intend settling in Ontario, and have taken the Council examination. We formerly adverted to the filthy condition of the College buildings. We are glad to learn, however, that the Faculty intend laying out a considerable amount of money during the vacation in order to make the College more attractive and comfortable to students. This step will in the long run prove a financial gain, and the building will be saved from that utter dilapidation towards which it is rapidly tending.

**T**HE number of students at the University and Royal College of Surgeons is yearly on the increase. The citizens of Kingston acknowledge the benefit the presence of students in their midst confers upon the city. It will, therefore, be for the general good that every inducement should be held out to students. We anew acknowledge the past kindness of the people of Kingston. We would, however, now solicit their influence upon the Government in securing a branch post-office in the immediate vicinity of the university. Many students find existing postal arrangements exceedingly inconvenient. When a book, parcel or registered letter is sent to college, parties are required to call at the general post-office before they can procure the same. This necessitates a considerable loss of time. Let a branch post-office be established near to the college, where stamps could be had, registered letters attended to, and books and parcels despatched and received. We trust that next session an application will be sent by the students to the Postmaster-General for a district post-office, and that they will be sustained in their endeavours by the influential citizens of Kingston.