

attending the meeting of the Rugby Union, submitted some questions from Prof. Dupuis, regarding a proposed College boarding house. The society heartily encouraged the proposal.

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The motion passed at the annual meeting, requiring the Treasurer to give bonds, suggests a complete revolution in our methods of managing our finances. There is too much public money in the hands of one person and another without the knowledge of anybody else. We do not for a moment mean to insinuate that any of the persons who have money are dishonest. Not at all. But it is extremely unsatisfactory for them to hold money, the amount of which is known only to themselves. Auditors are appointed for the books of all such, but the auditors have no means at all of finding out whether the amounts stated to have been received are correct or not. They, therefore, practically have to depend entirely upon the honesty of the person whose books are being audited. This is not as it should be. We repeat that we do not suspect any of the persons who hold responsible offices of dishonesty. Nor do we expect that any persons will be appointed to office in the future who will abuse their trust. Still the system is bad. It is unfair to the person in office, and it is unfair to the society. A change in this respect can be made without any difficulty, and almost without expense. A uniform system of receipt books could easily be contrived in which the stubb of each receipt would remain to mark the amount. The receiver of a receipt could regard it as his duty to see that the amount is properly marked upon the stubb. This system, once started would work without any inconvenience, and would be satisfactory to all. We would like to see it considered at an early date.

#### CO-EDUCATION.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:—I suppose I ask too many questions, but I cannot help it. There are so many things about the University that I cannot understand. I want to ask now, Do we believe in Co-education? I had always thought we did, but I read a letter signed E. J. M. in the last number of the JOURNAL, which made me a little uncertain. Then I was at the Alma Mater last Saturday night and heard a member who—if I might judge from the at-

tention his remarks received—had considerable influence, quote from this letter and argue that it expressed the opinion of the majority of the lady students. I was dumb-founded. But even that was not the worst. I heard the newly elected President and Vice-President say—apparently in sober earnest—that it was their intention to invite the lady members of the society to the meetings about once a month. That was what knocked me out completely.

I would like to tell you, if you can afford the space, what I think of that letter and of some of those speeches. In the first place, in that letter nine sentences out of twenty-four end with interrogation marks. This shows at once that the writer is very ignorant of many of the matters dealt with. I am not going to try to answer all these questions; if I did this letter would fill the whole number. In the rest of the letter there are thirteen sentences which make statements, and ten of these seem to me to be untrue, while the remaining three are platitudes, such as, that no student can remember back fifty years.

I can quite understand the desire of some male members of the Alma Mater to pay the ladies a graceful compliment by exempting them from fees, but I cannot understand a lady's willingness to be put in such a position. If it is true that they are not members on the same footing as male students, I should think they would wish to become members on the same footing. This they have had and still have an opportunity of doing. It is possible, it is even very probable, that the male members have not in the past given them much encouragement, but I think this has been solely from carelessness. And now, since the ladies have shown their desire, though in a very curious manner, I believe that the others will do their best to make the meetings more interesting and profitable.

And in conclusion I hope we will not hear any more about invitations to open meetings once a month or anything of that sort. The ladies are members and have a right to attend all the meetings if they like, and the sooner the officers recognize this the better for all. I think it is the duty of the officers to at once arrange to hold the meetings in a larger room, and I think it the duty of the secretary to send a notice, not an invitation, to the ladies' room