

do debate that the intercollegiate teams must be chosen. Even if only for the sake of the intercollegiate series itself, there ought to be some means of showing up more debating talent. The Debate Committee should be given greater choice and should be able to evolve some system which would give it greater choice. It might be possible to encourage more debating at year meetings, or to enlarge the inter-year series. It would not entail very much more work on the committee to have the inter-year series consist of six debates instead of three as at present. This itself would bring out a dozen more men. Queen's at present stands at the head of the I.U.D.L., but if she is to retain her position there, she must see to it that her debating talent is brought to light and given practice, not allowed to lie dormant.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

At this season of the year when work is of necessity becoming continuous and intense, students are apt to complain of their hard lot. Ten or twelve hours a day they feel is too much. At the same time comes a despatch from over the water stating that King Edward extends his sympathy to the unemployed because they are denied the blessing of work. He, himself, regularly spends twelve hours a day in work, and in intense fatiguing work too. Students, after all, are not so badly used. Work is a blessing, not a curse, for work means service, and service is the end of man.

A committee composed of representatives from nine of the great American Universities in the middle west has made recommendations which seem to

point to a settlement of the football difficulty in the near future. The committee wisely does not attempt to abolish the game, but to amend it, to free it from brutality and unnecessary danger. The principal benefit, however, will not come from the reform of American football itself, but from the removal of the abuses which surround it and which have resulted in making it the obnoxious game it is. The committee recommends that the football season be shortened, and the number of games decreased, that there be no preliminary training, no training table, no professional coaching, that the admission to matches be reduced to fifty cents, that freshmen and graduates be not allowed to play on college teams. These reforms all aim a blow at the commercialism which has been for several years the bane of all sport, and which is responsible for most of the abuses which have crept into it. Whether the results of commercialism can be removed without removing the thing itself is doubtful, and the great republic is not yet ready to have a part of its life-blood drained, even though that part contains poison.

The committee, however, is making a bold attempt to drive out the commercial spirit and to bring sport back to its old high plane. It claims much for its recommendations if these are adopted. The shortening of the season and the abolition of professional training will drive out professionalism and make the game what it really ought to be, sport and recreation, not business. If freshmen and graduates are debarred from playing, there will be none of the present rigorous canvass of preparatory schools for likely players, and none of the present inducements to