

from the stress of practical life that we may enter freely into the thoughts of the great of all ages. It is not enough to read books, we must be companions of great men and enter into the spirit of their lives. We must talk in the market place with Socrates, must hear Johnson's thundering "Sir" rouse us from sleep, and be one of that little band of idealists who resisted the materialism and hard traditional theology of New England, and so remain the hope of a great nation. In this aspect of national life is our inspiration and hope.

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There was a general feeling of regret among the students when it was announced that the annual sports would not be held this year. It was not without considerable regret, we believe, that the Athletic Committee came to this decision. It seems clear, however, that under the circumstances the course pursued was the best. As the chairman of the committee pointed out, many things conspired to make it very difficult to hold successful sports this year. The financial stringency was, of course, the principal difficulty, and the policy of retrenchment and economy which the committee has adopted will, we think, be upheld by all classes of the students.

At the same time it would be very regrettable if the omission of the sports this year should cause interest in this annual event to flag, or in any way establish a precedent for dropping them another year except under the most adverse circumstances. We have become accustomed to look upon the sports as an annual event as much as the Freshman's reception or the A.M.S. elections. Their value as forming a definite object of athletic training and the many ways in which they thus contribute to other branches of athletics—football, hockey, &c., must be apparent to all. We hope the athletic committees of the future will never find themselves compelled to forego the annual sports.

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When it was announced that the Senate had decided not to allow athletic teams representing Queen's University to play any others than *bona fide* students, the first sensation of most students was surprise, the next was probably regret that they had not themselves anticipated this action. The Senate of Queen's so steadily adheres to its policy of letting the students manage their own affairs that any such action carries a good deal of the sting of censure. In this case the students almost unanimously admitted the justice of the implied censure and endorse the Senate's action. So far as Queen's is concerned the matter has had plenty of discussion. The next step in the same direction should be the formation of an inter-collegiate union, and there are

many indications that this is not far distant. The present Ontario Rugby Union has always had to struggle with the diversity of interest of the collegiate and the city teams, and the difficulty has frequently been serious. Toronto, McGill, Ottawa, and Queen's would form a very strong league of university teams, and we believe that the sentiment of all four universities would enthusiastically favour its organization. We understand that this proposition is under consideration; it is very desirable that it should take tangible form at once. A meeting of representatives from the different universities could easily be held, and they could at least draw up some definite plan which would admit of discussion. Failing that, one of the universities must take the matter up and lay a definite proposition before the others during the present season.

Convocation.

THE annual Convocation took place as usual on the evening of the 15th, the Chancellor occupying the chair. Proceedings passed off quietly, as the gallery was unusually undemonstrative. On behalf of the University Council the Registrar read the following address, congratulating the Chancellor on the high honor conferred upon him by Her Majesty in granting him the title of Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George:

Honoured Chancellor,—At a time when the long reign of our Sovereign was the object of unique and unparalleled rejoicing, when representatives of forty governments, acknowledging a common allegiance, had gathered around the mother-land to express their sincere loyalty and deep affection, and had been given a welcome which proved to the world that Great and Greater Britain are one people, and when distinctions were to be conferred upon those who had shown deep and prophetic interest in matters of concern to the Empire at large, we rejoice to learn that Her Most Gracious Majesty was pleased to confer on you, our Chancellor and friend, the title of Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

We feel that the whole University has been honoured by the distinction bestowed upon you, its chief officer, and we hasten to extend to you, Sir Sandford, our warmest congratulations and to express the hope that the years which have passed since first you assumed the Chancellor's robes may be exceeded by those during which you may be spared to foster the interests and guide the counsels of the University.

In name and by authority of the University Council.

J. C. CONNELL, Registrar.