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## Editorial Topics.

### THE REVIEW.

A change has been suggested in the method of electing the editors of THE REVIEW. In the past every man in College has had the franchise in electing the editors, but now the suggestion comes that only the men who have paid their subscriptions to THE REVIEW shall have the power to vote, as is the case in all other college institutions. Of late years there has been a growing tendency among the men to neglect paying their subscriptions, and consequently some means have to be taken to stop it. It is the duty of every man who receives THE REVIEW, to pay for it.

### UNIVERSITY EXAMINERS.

The publication of the University Calendar for the ensuing college year has brought us the unwelcome information that we are not to have outside examiners this year for the June examinations. The additional expense which this has entailed in previous years has no doubt prompted the change. We feel, however, that this is the last place where economy should be sought, or even thought of. The standing which our University degree will bring us depends upon our University examinations, and the fact that they are conducted by our own Professors will not add to the estimation in which they are held. We do not mean for a moment to question the ability of our Faculty to conduct those examinations, in fact, in some ways they are in a much better position to conduct them honourably and fairly. Yet it is much more satisfactory to the ordinary man to know that his standing has been determined by the judgment of an outside examiner. Further, it will add to the credit of a Trinity degree in the eyes of the world if it is known that its recipients qualify for it on the examination of men who have no other official connection with the University. The advantages of the present method are too obvious to be dwelt upon. It is hardly necessary to say that the new system has failed to find favour in the eyes of the student body. Let us hope that the Faculty will yet reconsider the matter, and not inaugurate still another change dis-

tasteful to the undergraduate body, and one likely to bring doubtful benefit to the College.

### THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN.

The differences which have for some time past existed between the United States and Spain have reached a culminating point, owing to the recent terrible disaster in Havana Harbour. Whatever was the cause of the loss of the Maine it would have been more welcome news had the commission at the close of its labours found the loss attributable to accident. Such a verdict would hardly have ended the ill feeling between the two powers, but it would have avoided the bitter element which must now exist in their relations towards each other. The result of the enquiry is all the more unfortunate because it may preclude a peaceful settlement of the real question at issue, the ultimate existence of Spanish rule on this side of the ocean. For months there has been throughout the neighbouring republic a feeling akin to hostility against Spain, and strong sympathy has been openly expressed for the Cubans in their struggle against Spanish oppression. This feeling, owing to the unfortunate occurrence of a few days ago, has given place to indignation, and it is quite possible that satisfaction may be sought by armed force. Whatever were our sentiments regarding the warlike propensities of the American people a year or so ago, our sympathies will be with them in the present instance. We cannot be surprised at the attitude taken by the United States with regard to Cuban independence. English speaking people, as a rule, are in hearty sympathy with the wronged, especially if the latter happens to be the weaker power, and it is much to the credit of the stability of the American people that they, by their non-intervention policy, did not precipitate hostilities. But now the occasion seems to demand some action, whatever that action will be. One good result, however, seems to be assured—the independence of Cuba. Should Spain see fit to accede to Cuba's claims, the deplorable incident which has caused so much excitement may be passed over by our American neighbours in the satisfaction of attaining an end so much desired. With that result gained, the United States may consider the recent loss, deplorable though it was, hardly sufficient reason for undertaking a war in which she has nothing really to gain, except a certain satisfaction in exacting retribution for injury, and upholding what she esteems the right. A peaceable settlement of the difficulty on such conditions would, we think, be a solution most acceptable to the world at large. But should resource be had to arms, the freedom of Cuba will not be lost sight of, and in the furtherance of this object our neighbours to the south of us will have our good wishes and heartiest sympathy.

### LITERARY ELECTIONS.

On Friday, March the 18th, the annual elections for the Lit. Council were held. The night before, an election meeting was held in the Common Room, when the candidates and their supporters spoke on the various "platforms" proposed. There was a great deal of interest taken in the elections, and some of the offices were hotly contested. The new council will have a lot of work next year in connection with the "Conversat." and it is to be hoped that every man on it will do his best to forward the work of the Literary Institute. And here, perhaps, it might not be out of place to advise the