

asked and in his lifetime. Montreal is ahead of us as well as Halifax. McGill was founded by one citizen and is being steadily enriched by others. Redpath, McDonald, Molson and others have done much for the Faculty of Arts, and D.A. Smith has broken out magnificently in two new spots, the Medical Faculty and Higher Education for Women. It is indeed said that Senator McMaster having built a Divinity Hall for the Baptist Church, intends to go on better by endowing an Arts College with three or four hundred thousand dollars. This would doubtless stir up some of our old friends to make a beginning towards that quarter of a million that the Principal pointed out clearly two years ago to be required to equip Queen's fully. In the meantime, the work actually done in Queen's, in proportion to her means, is simply amazing. We believe that if her friends understood the situation, they would not delay longer, but would at once organize a new Endowment fund.

**THE FOUNDATION OF PARTY GOVERNMENT.**

"Judge Armour—The foundation of party government is bribery, is it not? Men are party men for the spoils. They support the Government for the time for the sake of the spoils. If a man "kicks," and gives an independent vote against the party, he loses their patronage, does he not? Is not bribery the corner stone of party government?"

Mr. Stephen Richards—I think it is."

**W**E have culled the above extract from the report in the *Toronto Globe* of Dec. 5th, of the proceedings in the conspiracy case. A Judge and an ex-Minister should know something of the party system, and so far as we have seen the party organs have not even protested against their description. Unless then bribery is legal, honorable and purifying we are living under an illegal, dishonorable, corrupt and corrupting system, and yet men are told that unless they belong to one party or the other, they are not patriotic. We are asked, what else is possible but party government? That is equivalent to the question asked by the thief, the adulterator, "must I

not live?" "I don't see the necessity," answered stout Samuel Johnson. When party means organization to effect a given Reform it is all right. When it means, as it usually does, organization to keep a certain set of men in power, it is all wrong. The party as a means to a right end. That is common sense. Rest in it as an end, as is usually done. That is idolatry.

**A SUGGESTION.**

**I**T MUST already have become apparent to the members of our Rugby Football Club, that they, in common with other University Clubs, labor under a very great disadvantage under the present system of Association ties. It is not possible for them to get together for practice until the middle of October at the earliest, and by that time all the other teams, except those from the colleges, have already worked into pretty good shape for the season's play, and the first set of ties is a thing of the very near future. The result is, that the club enters into the first match with really no team practice at all, the chances being that about half the men have not been upon the field half-a-dozen times. The opposing team has the advantage of long practice, and the consequence is, that unless the University men are markedly superior to the opponents, they lose all chance for the cup.

We do not for a moment impute this to any fault in the management of the ties by the Association Committee; the University Clubs are in the minority, and cannot expect the matches to be delayed for their benefit, and yet it is an indisputable fact that there is a weakness, and that too one which does a great injustice to an important section of the association. Wherein lies the remedy?

Clearly there is a remedy, and a simple one too. To come to the point at once, it is this: Let the Association be divided into