

bers of the Freshman year. These are the Rifle Company and the Glee Club. Football practice cannot last very much longer, and when it is done nothing better can be obtained in the way of exercise than rifle drill. An effort is being made to attach the company to the 14th Battalion, and if this be arranged it will no doubt have the effect of adding much more interest to the drill. The Glee Club is a standard college institution, and though, if we are to judge from its success last year, it is not yet in need of support, yet the larger the membership the better, and we are sure Mr. Heath and his associates will cordially welcome any who wish to become members. Students need an occasional evening of diversion from their studies, and they can combine amusement with instruction by attending the practices of the Glee Club.

IN one of our exchanges we notice an innovation at one of the American Colleges. Those students who obtain a certain percentage in daily recitations are excused from final examinations. It is stated that the plan works well, and other Colleges are advised to try it. In connection with the introduction of such a system at any University, we think the objections are almost innumerable and the difficulties insurmountable. Few students would be willing to accept a standing on their daily recitations, and we imagine the professors would be quite as unwilling to undertake such a task as this would impose on them. There would also be, too, ample room for the favoritism so often found among tutors. While we cannot support such a plan we are still willing, even anxious to advocate any system which would reduce cramming to a minimum. In the stead of daily recitations there might be substituted the regular monthly examinations at our own University. It would not be difficult to adopt such a method

at Queen's and thus do away with cramming to a great extent. The average percentage on the monthlies should be made high, say 60 at least, and the Final optional for those attaining that standpoint. Of course it would be understood, all who wished to compete for rank or honors would require to take the Final. Perhaps some would even find, in such a system, an inducement to take an honour course. If this were introduced there would certainly be more application to class-work from day to day. Many students do not at present attend monthly exams, and with no prospect of anything important to do for five or six months, naturally allow work to accumulate on their hands, and at last endeavor by very great pressure to reduce six months to one. Any regulation which would have a tendency to diminish such disproportionate study would receive the hearty support of many attending Queen's. The idea is well worth serious consideration. We trust the matter will not be allowed to drop and invite discussion upon it through our columns.

WE are more than pleased, in the interest of College pastime, to note the vigorous stride that has been taken since the close of last session in the direction of fostering the only game, perhaps, which is peculiarly suited to our Canadian Colleges, where the only time for outdoor sport is the few weeks of open weather after the opening of the College session early in October.

The want of organized effort to excite an interest in football and to place it upon such a footing as it rightly deserves, has been long felt, and to supply this want the JOURNAL was earnest in its efforts both last session and in previous years in advocating the formation of a football association—such as that formed in July last at Whitby, which includes all clubs playing Association rules in the district, bounded by Toronto on the west