

support of the Veto Bill ruined the House of Lords. Majorities, therefore, cannot escape the power of determined minorities. It is because minorities can be more easily organized for some dearly wished for end. They are more alert in the midst of enemies and answer more readily to the hand of a clever leader than does the unyielding mass of inert majorities. In any case the very effort the majorities must put forth to assimilate or overcome the strength of minorities is bound profoundly to modify their action and policy.



A DEFENSE OF THE CLASSICS.

At a recent banquet of the Rutgers Club of the University of Pennsylvania, Provost Smith made a strong plea for old-time college and university training, with more attention to Latin and Greek classics. Dr. Smith, be it remarked, is professor of chemistry and chemical engineering. He says: "In this age of specialization we are prone to lose sight of the vital importance of a broad education. Breadth! that is what a young man should get at college."

He then goes on to say that he cannot help feeling that it is wrong to continue the present system of science courses. Boys learn chemistry, for instance. When they get their degrees they are qualified to practise as professional chemists. But they have missed a great deal. Of history, art, music, they know nothing. They are fitted to earn money, but not to enjoy the best things in life. After reaching middle life, they cannot possibly have the broader interests of the man who took the regular classical course.

He is also strenuously opposed to the elective system, and contends that the man who is working for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, should be made to earn it. No substitution of French for Calculus, for instance, merely because the student is not proficient in Mathematics. He should follow the entire curriculum.

He also declares that before a man specializes, say in Medicine or Law, he should first have a classical education along broad lines.

Dr. Smith seems to us to have hit the nail on the head. To-day, there is too much specialization and not enough all-round education and culture among our professional men who, by reason of their position, are the natural leaders of the community in which they live.