

thoughts which he really did not believe.

However, it seems hard to get a debatable subject which offers equal chances to each side; and this is especially so under the present system of judging as practiced in our sub-societies. Judges are chosen from the student audience, who, in nine cases out of ten, have not studied the question at issue, and, therefore, cannot judge the relative merits of the arguments advanced. A list of "points" are jotted down and that side which is able to advance the most "points" is given the credit of winning, without any consideration being given to the relative merits of these points. Now, this is wrong to the debaters, to the question at issue, and to the audience. One side may advance several "points" and the opposing side may be able to get only one or two arguments, but these so overwhelmingly important as to decide the question in a popular sense. By adding the points the first side naturally wins. This is enough to anger any debater and discourage many; it makes the decision appear unfair to the audience, and holds the question up to ridicule. Now, we do think that the debate should be decided in some manner, and, if it is to be decided, we think that it should be left in the hands of a capable committee of adjudication, or should be submitted to a popular vote of the audience.

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Since college opened, certain persons have made a systematic practice of taking clippings from the periodicals posted in the Reading Room, and in many other ways disfiguring these

papers so as to render their matter unintelligible to other readers. As the Reading Room is to a great extent left in the hands of the students, no action has been taken by the authorities, and the students have been somewhat lax in hunting out the offenders. However, we believe that action has been taken, and that a certain number of students have formed themselves as a vigilance committee. This a right step, and the best way that such vandalism can be stopped. Let everyone who has an interest in the Reading Room join himself to this committee and keep a close watch for an offender. The person or persons who have been in the habit of cutting the papers will take warning, for anyone who is so selfish as to entirely forget the rights of his fellow-students and to commit such wanton destruction shall be summarily dealt with.

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A very useful reminder of their high-class manufactures has been received from Sawyer & Massey Co., Limited, Hamilton, in the form of a colored map of Ontario. The advertisement of this progressive and reliable firm will be found on the first page of this paper.

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Our readers will notice a new departure, which was begun in our January issue, by the insertion of engravings of ex-students. This move, we are sure, will be highly appreciated by all. For a number of the photographs which will be used we are indebted to J. B. Spencer, B.S.A., Agricultural Editor, Family Herald and Weekly Star, Montreal.