

evidence that he is an advanced student. I ask him to consider whether or not many of his views have changed since entering college, and if so is it not a fact that what he now regards as a "common place" was once thought to be the very truth? Whether or not there should be any applause is perhaps a question. We as an Executive try to make our Y. M. C. A. a student's meeting and having reason to have confidence in the good judgment of the students I think it would be unwise to try and force any petty legislation in any manner restraining enthusiasm. We are not all similarly constituted and what each of us should do is to act naturally. Personally if I go to a meeting and hear a man give a good shout I think he is differently constituted than I am, but I admire his good lungs. In regard to "the choice of leaders" I quite disagree with a "student." I don't think our Y. M. C. A. is a place where we go to hear lectures, or that the success of the meeting is entirely dependent on the efforts of the chairman. We really must remember that as a result of a college training we should expect a development, and as a consequence that one's views on "how to live" would consequently widen. In our Y. M. C. A. meetings we have men at very different stages of development; to my mind then the best method is the one allowing all, without distinction, a chance to speak. Overlooking the important question of training, were an advanced student to always direct the discussion, might he not often take it quite out of the region of his junior brother? Under the present method he hears the inadequacy or the difficulty of his friend and has a chance in all kindness to state a more adequate view. In regard to "the very best religious thought of the university" beyond doubt it is to be found in the lectures of Divinity Hall. Personally I much regret that we hear so little of it in our meetings, that the glory of other years has passed away and that in our Y. M. C. A. we so seldom benefit from those who should be our strongest support. That this lack, however, should justify an "older student's" remaining away seems to me to be strange, to be a total misconception of his duty and of his relation to the association. I trust, Mr. Editor, I have not been polemical. I am glad that outside of the

officers there are those vitally interested in the success of our Y. M. C. A. and I hope we shall have a fuller and a more adequate discussion of points raised. That our association is not satisfactory is only natural, but the fact may be a sign of growth instead of decay, and I, sir, am inclined to be optimistic.

Sincerely yours,

W. W. PECK.

*To the Editor of the Journal.*

Dear Sir,—Those who attended the auction sale on Monday last must have remarked the readiness with which the picture frames were sold. When we compare the prices realized with the nominal figures at which a great many were sold last summer, we must regret the hasty action of the gentlemen who had the matter in hand. One frame, which sold at 15c. last summer, was returned by a conscience-stricken youth, and brought at auction the modest sum of one dollar. We trust the Curators may take some steps to secure as many of the frames as possible, and rely on the verdict of the students for obtaining their proper money value.

Yours truly,

AUK SHUN.

*To the Editor of the Journal :*

DEAR SIR,—Maybe you think I don't keep a doomsday book of my own. Well I'm not going to tell you all I know, but when the senate wants to fill up any blanks in the history of her sons just send them to me, and I can tell them all about the boys, from the young freshie swells who smoke umbrella-cane, so they won't require medical certificates, up to the big divinity that rings the hall-bell with a broomstick. There's some things about Queen's I've got my eye on, Mr. Editor. Now there's co-education for instance; nobody will deny but it's a very interestin' study, especially from the back window, where you can see it coming into the College in pairs every hour of the day. But I said I wasn't going to tell you everything. There's just another little bit I want to put in. I've been wondering who writes all them obituaries you have in the JOURNAL every year about the graduates and divinities; and if you'll excuse my Scotch