

rapid succession of speakers relieves the debate of any element of dulness. In many respects, this form of debate is superior to the present one, and, we think, should be given a fair trial.

Editorial Notes.

Queen's has many excellent clubs and societies, but the Naturalists Club which was organized on Tuesday, Dec. 4th, fills a hitherto vacant niche. The object of this club is to bring those interested in the study of outdoor natural science, in all its various branches, into closer touch with one another, and to encourage a livelier interest in this fascinating recreation, among the students of Queen's. To those who intend to teach Animal Biology, Botany or Geology the club should prove not only interesting but of practical utility, as practice in delivering addresses before the club will stand them in good stead later on. A further object of the Club is to assist by the donation of specimens, and in other ways, in the improvement of Queen's Museum. The Club will, for the present, meet every alternate Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock, beginning Dec. 18th. Due notice of each meeting will be given. The following officers were elected:—Hon. Pres., Dr. W. L. Goodwin; Pres., Mr. A. B. Klugh; Secretary, Mr. J. A. Anderson. Programme Committee:—Messrs. Sine, Birkett and Nichols together with the President and Secretary. A committee consisting of Messrs. Sine, Birkett and the President was appointed to draft a constitution.

At last, an inconsistency has been discovered in the attitude of Queen's toward professionalism in sport, and, too, we have learned that the *Varsity* regards debating as a sport. The inconsistency has been exposed in this small paragraph:—"The Queen's University Journal in the last number contains an article peculiarly interesting to University College men, who were informed some time ago of an elaborate system of training debaters by professional *elocutionists in vogue there*. Although the writer, it is true, is not discussing that question in particular, but the perhaps more defensible proposal for a professional football coach, his words are applicable to the whole subject of professionalism vs. amateur sport, and give some indication of the views of Queen's University upon the question." Doubtless our article was "peculiarly" interesting to Provincial University men, in view of the fact that they had been misinformed. There are no professional elocutionists in vogue here, nor is there in vogue here an elaborate system of training debaters by professional elocutionists. However, we are gratified to learn that others share our jealousy for the ethics of true sport.

The first debate of the I. U. D. L. series was held on Nov. 29th in Convocation Hall. The colleges immediately interested were McGill and Queen's. The subject under discussion was, Resolved, that the popular magazine literature of the present day is detrimental to the general culture of the people.