

though it appeared as if, were the privilege extended to all Universities in Ontario, a similar notice thus changed might carry, provided the Benchers had power in themselves to make such a change. This legal point has not as yet—at least publicly—been decided: if they have not this power however, the Legislature will doubtless grant it, if indeed the question does not come before the Legislature itself. In any case the question is not yet settled, and we hope the friends of those Universities that have the misfortune to be public benefits without drawing perforce from the public purse, will render the non-passing of the motion as originally put a certainty. We believe the motion will again come before the Benchers on the last day of the year, when they will decide as to whether or not they have power to make the change.

WHILE the majority of our students are enjoying themselves in vacation, we would like them to think of a project often broached in the JOURNAL, but which has never been acted upon, and this is the formation of a snow-shoe club. It would be a good time to form it immediately on returning to the city and practice could at once begin. The season for foot ball has closed, and some attractive out-door exercise in which many can join is desirable, and what could be better in that way than snow-shoeing. There are, doubtless, many good snow-shoers among the students, and if they start a club, be it ever so small, we do not doubt that it will soon be very largely augmented and the sport will become exceedingly popular.

NOW that the Alma Mater elections are well over and the students are mostly at home, we can venture to speak about a matter which we hope in future to see corrected. Official positions in the Alma Ma-

ter Society have always been highly prized among the students, and rightly so, and for several weeks before the annual meeting the college halls have been filled with little groups that resemble the gatherings on street corners on the eve of a general election. There is, of course, a great deal of canvassing going on, but this canvassing in previous years was the work of the friends of the candidate. These offices are generally considered the unasked gift of the members of the Society and it has consequently been considered *infradig* for the candidate to canvass for himself. This custom is too good a one to be abolished, but that it was almost completely ignored by several candidates previous to the recent elections, is beyond a doubt. Many of the members of the A.M.S. have noticed it, and it was generally regarded with disfavor, and had not so many "fallen from grace" the feeling against it would have decided the election in some cases. We mention this, thinking that it need be only mentioned to be cured, and that when another election occurs the old custom may be respected.

FOR some reason there has been no attempt made so far this session by our Foot Ball Club to enter into any matches with other clubs. The first opportunity that was offered—that of visiting the Cobourg tournament—was not taken advantage of simply through the want of interest taken in the game by students generally. The same reason has, doubtless, prevented other matches; added to this, however, is something else which has much to do with the decline of the game here, and this is, that we do not here play the Association game. Now there is no doubt all Queen's College foot-ballers like their own game best, but what is the use of a game which is played by no other club? The clubs, with which we would most naturally play, all, or nearly