

not of more frequent occurrence, and that a "Ladies at Home" can only be expected once in four years.

We are glad to notice that the *Week* has found its way to our reading-room. The idea of this paper should commend itself to every intelligent Canadian.

At a time when partyism in the public journals is carried on into the extremes of misrepresentation and falsehood, when the critical judgments of newspaper men are largely directed by prejudice or marked by weakness and ignorance, there is indeed need of some sure oracle of fact, some intelligent, unbiased censor of Canadian life. We take it to be the aim of the *Week* to meet in some degree this desideratum in Canadian journalism. But the extent to which a paper can realize its ideal does not depend altogether upon the publishers. It is dependent upon the public for patronage and sympathy—a fact which in the present case should not be forgotten by any who have the welfare of our people at heart. If the *Week* receives the support it should, we may expect to see it growing each year in strength and power—more comprehensive in its knowledge of Canadian affairs, clearer in its apprehension of logical consequences, more accurate in its analysis and acuter in its criticism.

On another page will be found a conspectus of our work for the present term. We hope it may prove of interest to the governors, senate, and other friends of the college. A close examination of the table will, we think, show that it represents an amount of work greater than that done during any corresponding term previously. Compared with last year the seniors have five hours, the juniors two hours, and the sophomores and freshmen each one hour more class work per week. It is also to be borne in mind that last year the term was shortened for the three junior classes without any subtraction from the work.

Hence, compared with former classes, these will be required to do an increased amount of work in one fifth less time. Bearing in mind too, that the lecture system is but sparingly used and that long assignments have to be reproduced with a somewhat strict adherence to the text-book order, we are inclined to believe that, as to amount, the work has at least reached its proper maximum. Any further addition to the curriculum under the present system would make it burdensome and uneducative. To attempt to cover too much ground is a serious mistake—a mistake which not only defeats its own purpose but becomes fertile in evil results. Clearly our college has reached a point where it cannot advance farther without resort to electives. Will the authorities yield to the logic of events and circumstance or will they let the curriculum pile up into one incongruous mass of subjects?

#### CLASS SUPPERS.

CLASS SUPPERS are becoming quite popular among our students. The seniors, a short time ago, indulged in an entertainment of this nature, at which the various dietetic and intellectual characteristics of the class of '84 were displayed over a well spread table. More recently the juniors were treated by their class-mate, S. W. Cummings, to a sumptuous repast in his room in Chipman Hall. The generous Selden neglected nothing that would contribute to the enjoyment of his guests. The supper was one that might delight the soul of an epicure. Every kingdom in nature was laid under tribute to please the eye and tempt the appetite of the class of '85. There the luscious bivalve—always indispensable on such occasions—peacefully awaited the hour of destruction; there the plump turkey comfortably reposed—the inviting centre of many a longing eye—both forming interesting subjects for facetious remarks with regard to their family relationship and respective places in nature; there the products