

fessional students more especially, but when we think of the disadvantages under which the Law students labour, we cannot refrain from congratulating them on the very evident *entente cordiale* which exists. Nor must we forget to notice that in Law a larger proportion of the students are French Canadian Roman Catholics, yet we learn that the most perfect harmony has ever characterized the relations between the students of different nationalities. To the students of the other faculties, and to the public at large, the *esprit de corps* of the Law students should serve as an example of good-will and brotherly feeling.

It is certainly a pity that after the exertions the committee have made this year to increase the number of periodicals in the reading-room, so little care should be exercised by the students in handling them. Many of them have been badly torn, and complaints have been made to the committee by the persons who bought them at the auction, that they are not getting what they bargained for. We have frequently noticed Freshmen, and occasionally others, who should certainly have known better, scuffling with each other in the room, and, of course, often in the course of their "fun" damaging the papers, the matting, and the furniture generally. Now, apart from the fact that the committee has to pay for any damage done, these individuals should learn to conduct themselves in a manner more becoming to gentlemen and undergraduates of McGill, than they have been doing of late. Of course, accidents will occur, even in the best regulated reading-rooms, and to these we do not wish to refer; but when you see two or more students fighting over such a paper as the *Scientific American*, or the *Graphic*, it can hardly be called an accident, if in the course of their struggles, they manage to tear it. The *Scientific American*, the *London Illustrated*, the *Art Journal*, and others, have all suffered more or less severely, some being torn straight across the page. Now,

with ordinary care, nothing like this should occur, and we hope to see nothing more of it, during this session, at least.

WE understand that a petition, influentially signed, has been presented to the governing body, praying that honour classes similar to those in vogue in Arts, be established in the faculty of Law. The suggestion will certainly commend itself to all those who have had any experience of the very unsatisfactory method at present pursued, for anything more incomprehensible it would be difficult to imagine. Not that we would insinuate that the examinations for honours are conducted in anything like a slipshod way; the contrary, indeed, is the case. The reports of the annual examinations show that the average number of marks taken is considerably higher than in the other faculties, and the standard is certainly well maintained; but it cannot be denied that those who have gone in for honours have during the past year laboured under disadvantages as compared with the ordinary men. For instance, twelve questions were set down on a paper, eight only for ordinary; the time for ordinary was one hour and a half, and for honours only two hours. This was, however, only one instance. Then hardly two professors adopted the same method of examining their papers. But it is needless to expatiate more fully. The existence of the anomalies of which the petition referred to complains must be admitted, and we trust that the document will be carefully considered by the faculty. Not the least commendable feature of it is that it shows a desire on the part of the students to raise the standard of the faculty and consequently the value of the degree.

THE last meeting of the University Literary Society was held on March 21st. We need not anticipate the annual report by reviewing at any length the doings of the Society during the winter, but we feel that we should call