

every proposed Reform during the last fifty years, always resisting until forced to modify her position by the action of Queen's or Victoria, shows what might be expected under a regime of monopoly. Her exclusiveness led to the institution of Queen's and Victoria. Their establishment made it impossible for her to retain a sectarianism which would have been stubbornly defended against any logic but the logic of facts. Her next absurdity was to throw her degrees open to all, irrespective of attendance. Only of late have the arguments in favour of the educational importance of class attendance, always understood at the other Universities, been understood by her senate or at any rate told upon their practice. Another "fad" clung to long after it has been abandoned in Europe is the craze in favour of outside examiners, to the entire exclusion of the actual Professorial staff. Her attitude on co-education illustrates the same imperviousness to new ideas. After a fight of years, women have been admitted to the University, but they are still excluded from the College. The Senate is now beginning to see the folly of another practice that its representatives gloried in for a generation, the giving degrees such as LL.D. only on examinations and not *honoris causa*. Queen's has never given an honorary degree without having groans from Toronto men on the sin and shame of thus "lowering the standard," and on the superiority of their method, and on the certainty thereby secured that none but qualified men would ever be graduates of the University. And now, the Senate has decided to abandon its old way, and take the older way in which Queen's has walked! The 'Varsity declares with the utmost solemnity, "We have always considered our plan of bestowing the degree of LL.D. as the *reductio ad absurdum* of the examination system." And, in answer to some of their own wonderful LL.D.'s, who threaten to resign their degrees

in the event of the Senate's proposal being adopted, it cruelly remarks, "That threat is too improbable to cause much alarm; even if carried out, the calamity would not be considered an overwhelming catastrophe." There are other features, old and new, that Toronto could borrow from Queen's. Evidently, it owes its sisters something already. Even its present cry for money is due to the fact that the other Universities were "creeping up." But, the point we wish to push is, that history seems to show that with only one University in Ontario, there would be a probability of a stubborn opposition to improvement that would tell fatally upon the intellectual development of the people, because there would be no check upon it and no possibility of showing how a proposed Reform had practically worked in another part of the Province.

FROM off the College Campus, Queen's Association Team has this year borne the palm. We do not say this with any feeling of vain glory because we know there is a great deal of uncertainty in these close final matches, and besides we have a hearty respect for the "rushers" with whom our club tried issues. We refer to the subject again, though somewhat out of season, to counsel our club that if it would still be a leader it must keep ahead. Its position now involves responsibility upon both officers and members. Much has been said about the loss of time, etc., which the game involves, but as to this we would just refer to the opinion of several eminent College Presidents who affirm that a good, manly footballer is better, physically, mentally, and *morally* than his fellow student who thinks of nothing else but books and work. The first and immediate duty of the club now is to settle the colors for next season. Last year's suit or one more uniform might be adopted, but having the college shield and colors displayed