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THE question as to scholarships in universities, acquired by competition, is being fully discussed. The sum of opinion seems to go against the system as at present in vogue. These scholarships originally were intended to assist deserving students; they now, in many instances, go towards augmenting the pocket-money of well-to-do students, who, having been blessed with lifelong study, find it a second nature to do well in examinations, and thus secure the prize. "To him that hath shall be given, and he shall have more abundantly." Such men have been known to carry off scholarships year after year, while other students, not inferior mentally, but who have not been trained to do successfully examination work, are left in the rear to vegetate as best they can. A change is required. Let deserving

men be helped, judged both by their intellectual and individual merits, and not solely by competition; or let aid be given, with the expectation that the money shall be returned to the university should parties in after years find themselves in a position to do so.

7E agree with "Senior," in another. column, in his reference to B.A. and LL.B. hoods. It is well known that the present B.A. hood is not at all popular or in keeping with the dignity of the "first university in the land." Many students would not be willing to pay an exorbitant price for a hood; at the same time they would gladly welcome almost any change for the better. If fur were substituted for the material now in use, we are sure it would meet the wishes of the students in general, and we think the little extra expense would not be an obstacle in the way. We see no mention in the "Calendar" of LL.B. hoods, notwithstanding that students have taken that degree in Queen's. If all who receive that degree are allowed the privilege of choosing their own hood, we shall have at least variety; but this is not desirable. If there is to be a particular hood for that degree, why are students not made aware of the fact, as in the case of other hoods? If there is yet no distinctive hood, it is surely time there was. We think, therefore, that the Senate might meet a committee of students and have a consultation on the matter. For the purpose of considering this subject, let a mass meeting of all undergraduates be called. All Artsmen should have the privilege of giving their opinion as to the desired change in the B.A.