

and have expressed the hope that some discussion leading to a change for the better would result from it. The graduate with whom I spoke, stated that the intentions of the founders of the Association was that it should ere long become the paramount controlling-power in Athletics. I have already received several valuable suggestions verbally; I wish that some of the members would write short letters for publication. One suggestion was that in order to add honor to the winners at the games, the Athletic Association should arrange that a group of winners should be photographed, and hung in the Gymnasium, each year.

THE REFEREE.

W. H. McNairn, Secretary of Class of '99, has on hand a number of class pins, selling at seventy-five cents.

Osgoode Hall Rugby Club intend giving a dance on January 27th, at the Hall.

Dr. Bensley's monograph on the "Gastric Glands," has appeared. It is said to be the best work yet done on this subject.

THIS WEEK'S VARSITY.

We publish in this issue an article on "Travel," from the versatile pen of Mr. W. A. R. Kerr, which will doubtless prove very interesting. The pressure of other matter forced us to hold over an article by Alumna.

We also publish a letter from Wm. Houston, M.A., on the important subject we introduced to our readers in our last issue—"Specialization." We are sure his letter will be read with great interest; as also will the undergraduate letter, by a Mathematical and Physical student of the final year, on the same subject.

OPEN MOCK PARLIAMENT.

Editor of THE VARSITY,—

SIR,—In the last number of VARSITY a suggestion was thrown out as to the suitability of substituting a session of the Mock Parliament for the annual Public Debate. The suggestion was both opportune and good, and it is to be hoped will be put into practice.

The Public Debate has been an excellent and instructive feature since its advent, but now, with the Inter-Collegiate Debating Union, in which we expect Varsity, with her plenteous store of rhetorical, yet pointed debaters, will be always in the Semi-Finals, if not in the Finals, have we not a wide field for our brilliant speakers? Moreover, there is the annual debate with McGill, Osgoode, and Queen's. The Mock Parliament would enable the Literary Society to show better its hidden lights and would afford a means for more than four of our debaters to pour out their streams of gushing rhetoric. By having a Third Party and the P. P. A.'s, at the last Mock Parliament, there were more opportunities given for those appropriate sallies of wit and humor which characterize all the meetings of the Lit. Something of this plan could be adopted, and we might feel quite confident of success, for there is both quality and quantity of material. Of course, being a public occasion, like the Public Debate, it would be a more elaborate affair, more time being given to the principal speakers for their speeches proper. It is to be sincerely hoped that the timely suggestion will force itself on the minds of the Lit. officers, and lead to practical results.

I am, yours truly,

R. A. CASSIDY, '01.

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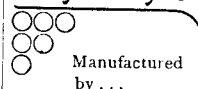
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