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THE recent annual meeting of the Arts Society has again called up and emphasized a question which was much discussed when the Society was re-organized in the spring of 1894. Previous to 1891 the senior year had been accustomed to manage student affairs, such as the Court, sending of delegates, etc., and also to secure as best they could the necessary funds. This latter was found to be a very arduous task and to obviate the difficulty the Arts Society was formed and up till 1894 it remained a mere money collecting machine. In that year a further change was made, giving to the Arts Society many powers and duties. Among other things it was proposed to give to the Society the right of appointing delegates to other colleges as there was a strong feeling that it was both anomalous and dangerous to have one society collecting the funds and another irresponsible body spending them. However, as up to that time there had been no abuse of the privilege it was considered that "for the present" matters might be permitted to remain as they were, reserving to the Arts Executive the right to restrict the payment of delegates' expenses, as any case might require. The Executive have been very timid of using their power, and as far as we know this restriction has never been exercised, though we think there have been some occasions when it should have used, both as to the number and as to the expenses of individual delegates. At this annual meeting a few restric-

tions were proposed for incorporation in the constitution, which it was hoped would improve matters, but these were voted down *in toto* and the whole question was thrown back into the old unsatisfactory conditions.

For next year, then, we have just two checks on the lavish expenditure of the students' money: first, the good sense and moderation of the senior year, a factor which has satisfactorily regulated the matter in many former years, and second, the hitherto unused power of the Arts Executive to refuse to pay excessive expenses. However, it seems to us that this important function should be permanently placed on a more definite basis. Students, as a rule, are not overburdened with money, yet they contribute cheerfully to funds which they understand to be necessary and reasonable, and on this account we think it imperative that such funds should always be placed beyond suspicion of abuse or mismanagement. Two very good suggestions have been made, first, that a maximum amount to be expended in sending delegates should be fixed; and, second, that our representatives to the various colleges should be elected at the annual election of officers in October. This method of appointment is in successful operation in several other colleges and would, we are sure, add to the interest in the annual elections, as well as result in the selection of men representative of the general body of the students to carry our greetings to sister institutions.

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A liberal education is beyond the reach of the great majority of men, many of whom are hindered by very stern necessities from entering the charmed circle of "those who know." In a sense it is true that "ignorance is bliss," for the uneducated pass through life with a happy unconsciousness of what they miss, yet, from the standpoint of the initiated, their loss is deep indeed and pathetic.

It is doubtful whether college students value as they should the advantages they enjoy and the responsibilities devolving upon them. No matter for what profession a man is fitting himself, he should feel that he is to be an apostle of culture. The function of an educated man in the community