

if they judge her by the only criterion they have at hand, her Journal.

We will continue this subject in our next issue and endeavour to point out the remedy.

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No doubt the members of the Senate greatly appreciate all the suggestions which they receive through the columns of the JOURNAL, and we are sure that if they would only act upon them, our University would soon be as nearly perfect as an institution of its kind could be. Of course we do not expect the Senate to accept all the propositions towards improvements which we make from time to time, but if the JOURNAL is a *students'* paper in the correct sense of the term, it is the only medium through which we can make our own peculiar wants and wishes known to that august and awful body which holds our destinies in its power.

The Senate has made many splendid changes and improvements in the calendar; it has varied the courses in the curriculum so that a student can revel in options and specialties to his heart's content, but we are not sure but that the tendency in all this is to increase the amount of work, especially in some of the honour courses, to such an extent that the term is not long enough for its accomplishment. Now this brings us to our text, viz: the length of session and its suitability to the amount of work that has to be gone through. We might say that we have not even the faintest hope that the Senate will ever *lengthen* the session, but we can, and hope that it will not, increase the amount of reading required in any of the courses to such an extent that students will be bothered to get over it all in the time prescribed. We have a great weakness for a *long* term, and our ideal college session would be one in which there was time enough and to spare, not only for the ordinary routine work but for outside reading and study in other subjects than those in which we may be specially engaged. In our present short session, crammed so full of necessary reading as it is, the honour student in Science, Classics, Mathematics or Philosophy has hardly time enough at his disposal to read even the daily newspaper, not to mention any standard works of literary and general value. And it is a fact that many an honour student goes out of col-

lege in complete ignorance of many of the ablest efforts of the world's great men, simply because in his course he was so slavishly tied down to his particular line that in the few weeks he was at college he could get no time for this private reading, which goes to make a well balanced and well informed man.

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Under the present conditions we see no way out of the difficulty except for the student who is so cramped for time during the college session to make use of the summer holidays for his outside and general reading. Verily, we do long for a lengthened term, in which a student can get over his work nicely, and yet feel that that he has time for outside work not specially bearing on his course, but which nevertheless has a certain place in the really well educated mind. In our own case we have tried to get over a certain amount of such reading in connection with an honour course of a very special kind, but we must confess that our efforts have been in vain, and aside from what general reading we have been able to do in vacations, our education has been confined to the one groove in which we began. This ought not so to be! And until something is done to remedy the case, let us impress upon every honour student especially the necessity of making use of vacations as a means for widening and broadening the mental scope so that the inevitable tendency to an unsymmetrical development which an honour course too often implies may be as much as possible overcome.

COLLEGE NEWS.

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THE Mock Parliament, which so far seems to create much interest, is one of the several reasons for the good attendance at the meetings. The principal business of the Society was the receiving of bills, consisting of the following: A bill from Mr. Pense, which was dated back for several years, and contained items which belonged to nearly every other society in the college. A bill from Mr. Leader for picture frames. Both were left over for examination. The bills of Mr. Reid and Richardson, amounting to \$4.50, were ordered to be paid. The bill for the new