

and is supposed to express in its deliberations the feelings of *all* the students of the University. If the A.M.S. is to represent *all*, and to express the feelings of *all*, it is quite evident that it can only do so if *all* take advantage of its existence and honour its sessions with their presence.

The A.M.S. is called upon quite often to deal with questions which affect far more than the small body of students who gather at its meetings, and the results of its actions not infrequently come before the public eye. Now it is all right for an *outsider* to object to an act of the A.M.S., which notwithstanding has appealed to the good judgment of the students who were present at its meeting and who heard the matter discussed, but, Mr. Editor, does it not seem very bad form for regular members of the society, whose duty it is to attend its meetings, to find fault with its action and to call in question the wisdom of its decisions, when they should have exercised their rights as members and been present to hear the discussion of the question to which they find it necessary to take exception? No one can form a proper estimate of the action of a number of students or judge correctly of the spirit of a motion who was not present when the motion was brought forward and discussed.

If the older students of the University would be so kind as to help the A.M.S. on to perfection by their presence, wisdom, and experience; if they would be so good to come to its meetings and take active part in its discussions and debates; if they would do this, we say, instead of remaining forever away and finding fault with its action or writing letters to the Secretary in none too complimentary terms, we, as a society, would not only be much better pleased, but could hope to come far nearer the mark of an ideal College Society which it should ever be our endeavour to attain.

REGULAR ATTENDANT.

EXCHANGES.

St. John's College Magazine comes from Winnipeg, and seems to be fairly good.

The Roanoke Collegian is distinctly above the average of our exchanges, having what so many of them lack, culture, and the good taste which marks a paper run by gentlemen. The Feb-

ruary number contains among other articles one entitled "Some thoughts on Criticism," which gives sound advice in an interesting form. It is an essay which every student should read.

Western Maryland College Monthly is more mighty than the thirty, but attains not unto the three. That is to say, it does not equal the *Edinburgh Student*, *Lehigh Burr*, and two or three others, but is perhaps the best of the class that follow after these. It is "published by the Browning, Philomathean, Irving, and Webster Societies." While it is somewhat rash for us to give an opinion, inasmuch as we know nothing of these various societies, we would certainly say from what we know of the generality of such, that it would be better for some of them to unite. The subscription price is at present only 75c. a year, which seems ridiculously low, and we are glad to see that it is to be raised. Of the essays, "Ichabod's Besetting Sin," is a little wordy, but good notwithstanding, while "A Flying Trip to Europe," and "Literary Bees and Butterflies" are excellent. We are sorry to see in one of the religious notes such a vulgarity as: "Our services have been interrupted some."

COLLEGE NEWS.

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THE meeting last Saturday evening was one of the most profitable meetings held for a long time. The attendance was small, and the business transacted not very important, but Mr. W. L. Grant's able paper was "The Heart knoweth its own Bitterness." This does not give much idea of the contents, however. Mr. Grant narrated certain facts in order to describe a certain character, with whom he professed to be acquainted. He then placed this character in imaginary circumstances and showed the effect which they had upon him. He asked the Society to discuss the correctness of the last part of the paper. The discussion was quite animated, nearly all the members present taking part. The majority thought Mr. Grant correct, though some took the opposite view and some held a middle opinion, while some thought the last position of the person described inconsistent with itself, and others took the same view of