

systems, that which is superior will have nothing to fear, and the ends of the country will be effectively served only when the scholastic world becomes republican by overleaping the barriers of provincialism. To this subject more space must be given in a future editorial, as it would be really a pity not to make use of some striking facts that have been brought to our notice.

There remain some important matters connected with the University about which something must be said. One is the effort now being made by the students to collect their quota of a sum necessary to build and equip a gymnasium adequate to meet all requirements for many a year to come. Their action shows a fine spirit, which has been turned to active endeavour owing partly to a long period of deferred hope, and partly to the consciousness of the healthy influence of a gymnasium on youth. What they are doing is an object-lesson that appeals to all who are interested in physical culture, and their spirit may prove to be catching.

In conclusion, there is the deeply important question of the lengthening of the session. It is premature just now to dilate on it, not that any justification for referring to it here is needed, since statements have appeared in print concerning the outcome of discussions that have already taken place. One thing must be stated, and stated emphatically. Divergent as the views expressed in the consideration of the problem have been, they have, we are convinced, arisen from the simple desire to see the University as effective as possible, and not from any less worthy motive. Professors are not given to exacting the pound of flesh. They have chosen their walk in life because they like it, and not because they are over-paid in it. To many of them the words of the poet are inapplicable:—

O fortunati mercatores! gravis annis
Miles ait multo jam fractus membra labore.
Contra mercator navem jactantibus Austris:
Militia est potior.

The temper that inevitably makes an earnest professor—in other words, a professor who is worth anything—exceed what might be termed the commercial obligations of his contract, may be relied on to exist when he passes judgment on any academic matters. It is well to bear that fact in mind.