

Nor is the need observed solely in matters of larger portent. Like the poor, it is something that we have always with us. During the last election the shocking truth was impressed upon us all that even in our colleges, *supposedly* the intellectual centres of the country, we had practically as much pig-headed bigotry, and inherited party politics as any backwoods settlement. We are quite aware that in modern terms, "people who reside in a vitrified domicile should not hurl missiles of a calcareous nature" but I am here cringing under the shelter of that editorial "WE."

Another pest that is affecting the human race at the present time, due solely to a lack of this quality of Toleration, is the man who is "out to buck authority". He doesn't stop to consider the reasons for the action of the man higher up. He doesn't try to look at the matter in the light of the group good. If it cuts across his path in any way or restricts what HE considers to be HIS personal liberty he is out to fight it. This is a free country, we are told, and criticism of our superiors is always in order, if they are overstepping their functions, but let such criticism, both in college and out, be thoughtful and constructive, in a spirit of tolerance, rather than the mere blind censure of constituted authority that we are so apt to hear.

Now Toleration is after all largely a habit of thought, and we believe that debating more than any course that we take in college, with the possible exception of economics, tends to develop this habit of studying both sides of the question, for the other side of the debate is *forced* on our attention whether we wish to see it or not.

Moreover, debating, if it is done thoroughly, is wonderful training in selecting from a mass of material, of facts, figures, and opinions, with which we are often going to be faced in life, the real basic factors, in gleaning the gold from the dross, of grasping fundamentals and passing by the trivialities. For these two reasons alone, aside from the training in public speaking and the other advantages that are often claimed for debating, we believe that it is well worth the time that it takes. It has been therefore with great interest that we have watched the forming of the Girls Intercollegiate