

A MATTER that concerns every one in College, is the continual loss of books from the College Library. We often hear great growls at the strictness of the Librarian, but the fact is that he has much reason for his "regulations." Now and again, his wrath is stirred by the discovery that some volume is missing from the shelves, and no receipt is forthcoming for it; and, in the majority of cases, the books so taken out are never returned, and are thus lost, not only to the Library, but also to the students, who need them and have a right to them. It may be that the volumes are taken out with the intention of returning them as soon as they are done with, but carelessness or neglect, or a worse fault still, leads to their utter loss. The injustice of taking out a book without giving a receipt is plain, as it deprives others of gaining the knowledge it can impart. Often half a dozen men are prevented from reaping the benefits of a book, through the selfishness and dishonesty of a man, who takes out that book without permission, and thus leaves no clue as to its whereabouts. Beside that, the act is itself reprehensible, and a sense of honor should prevent any such practice. Also, some of the finest sets of works in the Library, in many cases the best sets obtainable, are broken into and rendered incomplete.

The result of this is certain to be that, as soon as the catalogue is finished, the students will be shut out of the alcoves, and can reach the books only through assistants. The work of getting out a catalogue, which gives promise of being eminently fine and complete, is, to a certain extent, made of no use by this practice.

The remedy is in the students' own hands. Let the practice be discontinued and discontinued, because of its injustice, its dishonesty, and the results it will surely bring.

Another matter, connected with the above, is the habit some Professors have, of taking out valuable helps, and keeping them out during the whole time that branch is being studied. Once in these Professors' hands the books

are as good as lost, so far as they benefit students. The thing is unfair, and whatever the true reason may be, it looks as though a Professor feared too much knowledge on the part of the students.

We call for fair dealing on all sides.

## Editorials.

WE ARE sorry to learn that the funds for the Maclean Prize are not yet deemed sufficient to justify the faculty in offering it again. The Halls, as is known, have for the last two years paid the money necessary to offer it. We were never in favor of this, although we could appreciate the motive for the first year, when it was supposed that it would be necessary to bridge over only one year. But it is well known now that the college cannot offer the Maclean more than one year in three or four, and we hope the Halls will not allow the establishment of a custom of putting up \$50 apiece, annually, each hoping that it may be able to get it back by also putting up some man to win it. We do not like the principle, and the halls have need of all their funds to add books to their libraries, and in various ways to make their exercises more interesting and profitable. We know that more interest centers around this prize than almost any other, but if we would have it on a firm basis, possibly there could be no better way than to let one commencement pass without it, hoping that some kind-hearted friend of the college, seeing the gap, would fill it from the abundance of his pocket.