Slaveholders plunged into civil war after our statute books gave them permission to maintain their social order. We see the same thing in Ireland; amelioration in the shape of Land Laws, etc., has been resisted by Mr. Parnell and his followers. Government by County Councils signifies Home Rule, perhaps, of the humdrum style. It does not signify independence; hence it is not satisfactory to Irish agitators.

In this meeting the open debate was, to a great extent, one-sided, and lacked the snap and vigor which generally characterize discussion upon this question. The executive committee may have been somewhat to blame for this, by not having the question posted until within only a few days before the event. The question and speakers should be posted at least two weeks before the meeting.

A just criticism might be made in regard to the amount of time allowed for open discussion; not less than twenty minutes should be given for this, whereas at this meeting open debate lasted not eight minutes, and two or three members were cut short by the premature entrance of the Speaker of the day. Again, this same critic might have good cause to criticise the action of the President in calling for speakers upon the affirmative and negative alternately. Debate should be spontaneous, and the first man recognized by the chair should have the floor.

A Freshman arrived at his family nest,
And acted the howling s-well;
He'd stolen two signs, had sampled some -wines,
And such terrible actions could tell.

As he recounted his feats to admiring friends,
And said, "I'm a bird, they say,"
Some Sophs who heard, said, "Yes, you're a bird,
But the bird you're like is a jay!"

—Yale Record.