UNIVERSITY REFORM

DEMOCRACY'S CLAIMS.

Oxford and Cambridge are second only to the universities of the ancient world in the extended body of learning which has been spread like a wide net over society, in the wealth of material and spiritual, and, while giving an education to young men which no other place afford have settled down in certain easy-going luxurious ways. Democracy today has just come of age, and wants its young brothers and sisters to get some scholars into the spirit of the old universities. The sense of a great past, of some community with ages of learning, religion, and history, of being just where great men were when they began life—these things the old universities can give, with all that is in knowledge and discussion to-day. Let us enrich our common life and mind of democracy by bringing them nearer together. Oxford and Cambridge have seen many changes for good since the first Royal Commissions in 1852. They are still mainly for wealthy students. We are not going to be content to see this as a change of the old. Gradually, gradually, occasionally the reformers do attain certain results. Wonderful as it may seem, they have just succeeded at Cambridge on the eve of victory. Oxford is in the same position as the Oxford University, and this is a real triumph. The Reformers have the event of victory. Oxford is in the same position as the Oxford University, and this is a real triumph. Oxford is in the same position as the Oxford University, and this is a real triumph.