

tailed in the future. In other words, they will have to stop at 12.30. It is hoped that in this way the year At Homes will be merged into faculty functions, and instead of nine or ten, we shall escape with at most half a dozen "events" in the season.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We cannot but commend the enterprise of the Dramatic Club this year, and the interest it is showing in the welfare of Queen's. Before Christmas it succeeded in presenting to the public a series of scenes from Shakespeare which won the praise of all who saw them played. Already it has been for several weeks hard at work on a play for next year; and only this week it has undertaken the labor and responsibility of fitting Grant Hall for theatricals and has given the students and friends of Queen's the pleasure of seeing the work done by Ben Greet's Company.

At a meeting of the Alma Mater Society a few weeks ago the Critic drew the society's attention to the fact that the last two numbers in the order of business were usually without content. The criticism was just. There is never any arranging for a programme for the next meeting, and there is seldom a programme. The last order of business calls for "Debate. Reading Essays, or other Programme." We have had two debates this year; not even the "oldest inhabitant" can remember the reading of an essay at the Alma Mater; and the "other programme" is usually a minus quantity. It is unfortunate that this should be so. One of the objects of the society is to cultivate a literary and scientific taste among the stu-

dents, but every member recognizes that it is failing to do this. Perhaps it has not the same opportunity to do this as it once had. Its business has grown, and much time must now be taken up with routine work. Yet there are many evenings on which an essay, a short popular lecture, some selections from the Glee Club, or even a few spirited college songs, would be most welcome. Every member who comes even occasionally to the meetings can notice the difference in attendance on the few evenings when there is a programme.

And this reminds us that the Alma Mater has already provided sheets of printed songs for use at the meetings, but these sheets have never been used. Why not produce them some evening, and see whether Queen's students have really forgotten how to sing? It would be an interesting experiment if nothing more.

The recent action of the Alma Mater Society, in authorizing the purchase of one hundred cushions for use at college functions is a step in the right direction. Cushions seem to be an essential part of the decorations at all functions, and the problem of supplying them has caused considerable worry to successive decoration committees. Bunting they had in plenty, furniture they could rent, but cushions they could only borrow. Friends of Queen's had to be appealed to for aid, and this was seldom done in vain. But "At Homes" and dances have increased to such an extent that the tax upon friendship has become too much. It is rather an imposition to ask for cushions once a week for almost two months, especially when the students could easily own a supply themselves.