

and the different departments brought into closer relationship. These divergent views are held by members of governing bodies who are in no way differentiated by degrees of loyalty to Queen's. All obviously desire to promote her welfare and build her strong for the future. On the means of accomplishing this they are widely separated in opinion.

Up to the present nothing more definite than surmise has been available in regard to the views of graduates. It has not been clear to which view those who hold degrees from the University would lean. It is with the purpose of removing this beyond doubt that the Trustees have asked for an expression of opinion. It would appear that this step constitutes a preliminary to final settlement. On the support and active sympathy of graduates the welfare of Queen's must depend to a large extent. If, therefore, this body express an opinion it will turn the balance in one direction and probably open a way to permanent settlement of the whole question. The Board of Trustees has made no mistake in submitting to graduates the alternative plans for a change in the University constitution.

The Position of the Q.

By resolutions of the Alma Mater Society and the sanction of time the use of the Q has been restricted to designs and purposes recognized as of general University significance. The old gold Q is the award made by the Alma Mater to students who bring it honor through a high standard of achievement in athletics. The Q in different colors is bestowed from the same source on those who are members of any team participating in Intercollegiate contests. In recent years the use of the Q as a distinctive mark of recognition from the Alma Mater has been extended to designs for use in souvenirs given to members of debating teams that have won Intercollegiate honors. The significance of the Q has thus become clearly appreciated by graduates and students of the University and the fact established that it is to be used only as the Alma Mater may designate.

From time to time proposals have been made by organizations representing a limited number of students that the Q be used in some form of class pin design. These have in nearly every instance been withdrawn after action by the Alma Mater. And the Society has on several occasions re-affirmed its desire to retain the Q for general University purposes. It has thus developed that the use of the Q is a matter to be determined by the students of every department of the University through their common society. This condition while generally accepted as desirable is sometimes assailed on the ground that it is a restriction of personal rights and a selfish piece of arrogance on the part of the A.M.S. It is claimed that to devise a design of any significance or value without the use of the Q in some form is difficult. The truth of the latter contention may be recognized as a ground for depriving the Q of its present significance.

To describe the attitude of the A.M.S. towards the position of the Q as selfish is to overlook the fact that that organization represents the wishes of