

More than once items intended for the JOURNAL were appropriated by one of the dailies before it was even in type for our own use. The injustice is rather slight and moreover has, we believe, been the result of a slight carelessness on the part of those in charge of the mailing department rather than anything intentional. However there is no occasion for even that. The only fault we find in such a proceeding as this is that it is characterized by a little too much promptness and if this were suppressed slightly we would have not one word to say.

IT is rather surprising that more of the students of Queen's, or at least of those whose homes are in Kingston, do not attend the annual meetings of the American Canoe Association, which have been held for the last two summers at such a convenient distance from this city. Last August the site of the camp was on Grindstone Island, about twenty miles from Kingston and four from the Thousand Island Park, and such was the satisfaction with that spot that the association was unanimously in favor of a return to it this summer. These gatherings are simply delightful. The two weeks during which the meet lasts are spent in cruising among the islands, fishing, romantic concerts by moonlight around huge crackling bonfires, canoe serenades, and many other very pleasant occupations quite to numerous to recall. Among the two hundred and fifty or three hundred canoeists who are present from all parts of the Dominion and the United States there are students from Toronto University, McGill, Yale, Columbia, Harvard, in fact from nearly all the leading American colleges. At the last two meets Queen's had a few representatives, but not enough, considering the favourable circumstances. We heartily wish that at the coming meeting, which will begin about the last of July, there will be a change

for the better in this respect. It is customary for those who are present from the same city or town to pitch their tents close to one another, often in the form of a semi-circle, if the number of tents is such as would justify such an arrangement, and then a name is given to distinguish that encampment from the others. If those from Queen's who were present last year will put in an appearance again next August, only a few more would be required to form a first-class Queen's College Camp.

MUCH dissatisfaction has been expressed, during the last few sessions, concerning the annual sports held by our Athletic Association. Men are not in a position to train for the different events during the vacation, and few are in condition to make any fair showing on University Day, so that the result is that the prizes are all taken by a few whom nature has more particularly blessed, and even these are not able to exhibit their capabilities to any advantage. In short these annual gatherings are in no way calculated to give the outside world a correct idea of athletics at Queen's. This fact has for some time been recognized, but the students seem to organize "games" each session by pure force of habit. What the object may be we fail to perceive. Ordinarily, athletic clubs go through a regular course of training, and at the end give an entertainment of some kind to show their friends the amount of perfection at which they have arrived. Here, our club has an annual meeting at the end of the session, elects officers, and disbands for vacation, immediately after which the sports are held and the club relapses into a state of coma until the next annual meeting. The club, as such, does no training, and has no particular end in view, unless these sports on University Day can be called an end. As far as we can see the only purpose served is