

final examinations. It is also proposed by those who have the matter in hand, should they meet with sufficient encouragement, to make arrangements for public lectures to be delivered at not too close intervals during the session by prominent men from other Universities.

We bespeak for this, the latest addition to our list of College Clubs, the friendly support of both students and citizens. In Toronto and McGill, societies working toward a similar end are very successful, and no good reason exists for any want of success at Queen's.

THE following is an extract from an article in the *Toronto Mail* of the 11th inst: "No academic instructor in Canada, and few elsewhere, we fancy, have had so unique an experience as Prof. Marshall. He comes to the task of training Canadian youth from what was not so long since a *terra incognita*, Japan. In that interesting country, where we see in process of working out the problem of grafting a newer and riper civilization upon an older and seemingly stereotyped one, the Queen's Professor of Physics has recently been engaged in kindred works. The Japanese are a quick-witted people, and nowhere could a scientific teacher hope for a more promising field of labor. The very poverty—or rather inadequacy—of the language, so far as scientific terminology is concerned, would presumably furnish a piquant relish to the work. At all events, Prof. Marshall speaks highly of the country, and the wonderful change wrought upon its people by European contact. * * * * *

Once more we heartily congratulate Principal Grant and Queen's University upon this new evidence of progressive energy. They have an object in common with all their academic co-labourers throughout the Dominion. Success anywhere is a gain to superior education everywhere; and all the

friends of university work can afford to rejoice with every new tide-mark in its progress. The weak and paltry years of jealousy are past; now is the season for mutual help, sympathy, and good-fellowship."

THE election of officers for the Alma Mater Society is rapidly approaching. As yet we have not heard the names of any candidates, and therefore the present is the most opportune occasion for any remarks which we may wish to offer on this subject. For the best interests of the Society some changes are necessary in the mode of election. When one considers that the success of the Alma Mater Society depends very much upon its officers, and that the necessary qualifications for office can only be obtained by connection with the Society, it would seem almost needless to say that candidates should be chosen from among those who have been or are active members, and that their most pronounced supporters should be men who will be affected by the result. In the past this has not always been the case. The most active agents in the canvass have too often been men who took no interest in the Society either before or after the election, which has very often been influenced by issues quite foreign to Alma Mater work. If outside questions are to be determined why not have a 'cane-competition' such as sometimes convulses political circles? In this, at least, the success of the Alma Mater would not be at stake. Of course some men will find other things more attractive than the meetings of this Society; others again who wish it success are prevented from attending the meetings by good reasons. We do not ask that these men shall not give their support to any particular man, but we do ask that in all fairness to those who are really interested, they will cast their votes as "free and independent electors," having at heart the interests of our Alma Mater Society.