

Queen's in performing her good work would be encouraged by every friend and student of Queen's.

"The Sister Universities" was responded to by Mr. Dewar, of McGill, and Mr. J. J. Aston, of Cobourg. Mr. McLeod, of Divinity Hall, and Mr. Shaw, of the Medical College, replied to "The Affiliated Colleges." Mr. McLeod considered Queen's took a high stand in allowing none but graduates in arts to enter Divinity. That sage assemblage, the Ontario Medical Council, according to Mr. Shaw, made a great mistake in compelling graduates in Arts to take a four years' course in medicine. He hoped the time was not far distant when every student would be compelled to make a course in Arts before entering medicine. Mr. J. J. Ashton ably sustained the "Alma Mater," and Mr. Bennett the "Y. M. C. A." Mr. Robertson, Mr. Irving and Mr. Foxton responded respectively to the Athletic Association and to the Association and Rugby Foot-ball Clubs. Mr. Irving considered the Association club had ably sustained the honor of Queen's in securing the championship for three successive years. Mr. Joseph Foxton was glad to say that although not entirely successful they had made the best stand against the Rugby champions. The toast "The Faculty of Queen's," which was deferred in the hope that Principal Grant would arrive to reply was now proposed and responded to by Mr. M. McKinnon. He considered the faculty were the right men in the right place. He spoke of their learning and attachment to Queen's, and as an instance of the latter he pointed to the refusal of Prof. Watson to leave Queen's and go to Cornell. The junior judge, Mr. Sidney Gardiner, expatiated at length on the value of the concursus as a restraint on the too exuberant spirit of wayward freshmen. Mr. Horsey replied in well chosen language to the toast of '86. The "Limestone City" fell to the lot of E. J. Corkill and received justice at his hands. Norman Grant and Gordon Smith came to the assistance of "The Ladies." Mr. Grant in the course of his remarks said that Queen's had a number of ladies whose aim was not only to become B. A., but their highest ambition was to receive the degree of M. A. The Press and host were proposed and responded to and a most enjoyable evening brought to a close by the company joining hands and singing Auld Lang Syne.

THE OSSIANIC SOCIETY.

THE Ossianic Society held its first meeting for the session last Friday evening. Owing to other meetings demanding the attention of the students, the attendance was not very large. The evening was profitably spent in studying the beauties of Ossian. No poem offers more inducements to the scholar than Ossian's *Fingal*. The subline subject, the exchanting pictures, and true poetic thought combine to make its study interesting and profitable.

The next meeting of the society will be held on the first Friday evening after the holidays. Prof. Harris will

read a short portion of Ossian's *Fingal*, and enlarge upon its poetic beauties. Prof. Nicholson will deal with the passage from the point of view of the grammarian and philologist. Others will also participate in the criticism. Sons of the Gael, come and study the literature of your forefathers. Let Homer and Horace lie over for a little, and study what this peer has done in your own country. His works are equally interesting, and of equal poetic worth, and ought therefore, to be equally profitable to the student.

THE ACADIAN CLUB.

ANOTHER has been added to the already large number of Queen's College societies. The students from the maritime provinces have constituted themselves into a society to be known as the "Acadian Club." The following are the officers elected for this ensuing session:

Hon. President—Principal Grant.

President—R. W. McKay, B.A.

Vice-President—S. Keith.

Secretary—J. McKinnon.

Treasurer—J. M. McLean.

Committee—J. M. McLeod, B.A., J. Henderson, B.A., E. Goodwin.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Queen's College Journal.

DEAR SIR,—It is generally understood that all is fair in love and war, but as elections to the various positions in the Alma Mater Society can scarcely be classed under either these heads, it is quite justifiable to denounce as unfair some of the tactics adopted on such occasions. Frequently, during the excitement of election times, methods are made use of which are tinged with something very akin to unfairness. Towards the end of the recent campaign, for example, two of the professors in the medical college made out and out electioneering speeches, in which they called on the medical students to vote to a man for the medical candidate. Now, sir, this is a most unwarrantable interference. It is a direct infringement on the privilege of free choice which every student ought to have. What right have professors to say for whom any one shall vote? None at all. Then why do they presume to do so? By many an audience this would have been considered an insult, but it seems in this case to have been calmly swallowed without a grimace. What a sickly sight it would be to see Principal Grant or Professor Watson or Professor Mowat standing on the platform saying: "Gentlemen, vote for the arts candidate whether he be the better one or not." Why is the arts vote always split? Because each art student has an opinion and a backbone of his own and makes use of it. Why is the medical vote invariably a unit? Because the average medical student is so constituted that it suits him splendidly to have some other person, some nice