

and the sole aim of the City Council seemed to be to steal the bit of land connected with it, by a series of filibustering operations which it would be difficult to parallel from the annals of any other city or country. Almost the first important indication given by Canadians that they cared for Colleges was the response made in 1869 and 1870 to the appeal of Principal Snodgrass and Prof. Mackerras for \$100,000. Within the last two years we have had, however, instances of individual beneficence that would do honour to any country. George Munro, a warm hearted patriotic Nova Scotian, has founded two Chairs in Dalhousie, at a cost of \$90,000, and has promised bursaries that will represent a further amount of at least \$40,000. If this does not stir some of the Haligonians to go and do likewise, they must be dead in soul as door nails. Peter Redpath, who in former years did much for McGill, is now building for it a Museum, at a cost of \$80,000. Mr. McMaster is building in Toronto a Theological College for the Baptists, at a cost of something like \$100,000. And last week Mr. D. Morrice announced his intention of building a Convocation Hall, Library and Dormitories in connection with the Montreal Presbyterian Theological College, at a cost of about \$50,000. His example is stimulating others; and it is expected that a second gentleman will soon endow one of the two Chairs now in the College, and that still another donor may endow an additional Chair. Well done, one and all. As yet, Queen's can point to no one who has given to either its Building or Endowment or Equipment Fund on anything like such a scale. The largest contributors have as yet not gone beyond the comparatively modest figure of \$5,000. The largest legacy was left by the late Robert Sutherland, the only coloured graduate of the University. Pity that we had not a few more gentlemen of colour! But we believe that there is a good time coming. Who will come forward with the twelve or fifteen thousand dollars of additional subscriptions needed for the Building? Who will give to the Divinity Hall the third Professorship that has been asked for so long? Who will honour himself for ever, by honouring one—the like of whom we shall never see again—John Mackerras—by founding the Mackerras Chair of Classics? Queen's has friends wealthy and liberal and zealous enough to do all that we have mentioned, and we have mentioned only immediate necessities that we are sure press with crushing weight on the men entrusted with its administration.

❖ MEETINGS. ❖

FOOT BALL.

THE annual meeting of the Queen's College Foot Ball Club was held on Friday, 22nd October. The following are the gentlemen elected as officers for the present session:

Hon. President—S. Woods, Esq., M.A.
 Captain—John Young.
 Sec. Treas.—Walter S. Dyde.
 Executive Committee—Messrs. Hutcheson, H. E. Young, Anderson and Henderson.

The meeting was well attended and the enthusiasm displayed augurs well for the future prosperity of the Foot Ball Club.

The JOURNAL, which has always taken a friendly interest in the proceedings of the Club, continues to do so, and wishes the Association every success.

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THE first business meeting of this Association since the opening of the new College, was held in the Classical class-room on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Although the weather was anything but pleasant, there was a large attendance of the older students as well as a good display of the fresh element. In the absence of the President, Mr. L. Thom, Mr. J. Sommerville, Vice-President, occupied the chair.

From the interest taken in the meeting it is evident that the earnest spirit displayed by this Association last session has not been lessened, but greatly increased by the summer's separation of its members. It is the intention of the members of the Society to resume the work they were engaged in last year, as well as to start some four or five other meetings throughout the obscure streets and lanes of the city. Much can and, no doubt, will be done to keep alive that spiritual interest which is apt to grow luke warm and even cold, when deeply engaged in secular studies. The next business meeting will be held in Divinity Hall on Saturday, 6th Dec., when some twenty new members will be added to the list and arrangements made to receive Mr. L. Wishard, the College Secretary, on his annual visit.

READING ROOM.

A MEETING, called by the Registrar of Queen's College, for the election of curators, was held in the Reading Room on Monday, Nov. 8th. Several efficient men were nominated, but after the deciding votes were taken it was found that the officers for this session were as follows, viz.: L. Thom, Divinity Hall; B. Davis, '81; J. Hay, '82; D. E. Mundell, '83, and Bertram, '84. From the interest taken in the meeting and the careful selection of officers, it is evident that a change is unanimously desired in the order and discipline, from what was usual in our old building. Instead of a room for jostling, shouting, singing, putting stray dogs in stoves, shoving fresh-men through pigeon holes, arguing on politics with John, we all desire peace and quietness so that we may peruse the leading papers and journals with some satisfaction. The few minutes before lectures is the only time many students have access to the leading daily papers, and since we have such a comfortable room and such an ample supply of papers and leading journals, let us improve the few precious moments. It is also expected that those who use the obnoxious weed, and those who fancy that spitting is one of the accomplishments of gentlemen, will make use of the handsome spittoons which the College authorities have seen fit to ornament the floor with.

ALMA MATER SOCIETY.

THE principal business transacted last Saturday was the nomination of officers for the ensuing year. Mr. R. Shaw, B.A., Barrister, occupied the chair, in the absence of the President.

Mr. Donald McIntyre, B.A., was re-elected President, without opposition. Mr. McIntyre's conduct in the chair