

over the well-prepared ground on Union St. When ready for play, as it will probably be next season, this ground will be unexcelled by any of its kind in Canada, and no further room will be left for the reproach that our opponents were only too willing to fling at us because of the condition of our old campus. With such a fine field for practice our future footballers can surely regain the position so brilliantly won last year and so vigorously but unsuccessfully defended this season. The highest praise is due to the athletic committee for the manner in which they conducted the work, and it becomes the friends of athletics in the university and city to give the committee their hearty support by relieving the financial burden that remains. This support is merited by the work of our team, and we are sure that the secretary-treasurer will welcome any contributions with open hands.

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The ethics of our A. M. S. elections are becoming too obtruse to understand, much less to formulate, and so we shall have little to say of the contest that is raging so fiercely around us. The largest mass meeting of students that we have ever seen assembled on Tuesday evening to hear the candidates, and since then the interest and enthusiasm has increased. Both candidates for the Presidency are men of good standing and are well-known in the university. There are some things in their candidatures that we would prefer to see otherwise, but the important question for each voter now is, "Am I, by my vote, supporting the best man and serving the best interests of my Alma Mater?" With this in view electors should be uninfluenced by the gratuitous observations of excited canvassers, except in so far as they give reliable information regarding the merits of the candidates.

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We are pleased to note in our columns that a Glee Club has been organized for the session. Every one interested in music cannot but regret that it was ever allowed to pass out of college life, but that it has done so and that it will require an effort to bring it back, no one can dispute. Queen's can hold her own with any college in Canada in most of her students' societies, but for some time she has not had a Glee Club, good, bad or indifferent, to compare with those of other colleges. The Glee Club of Toronto University put 'Sophocles' *Antigone* on the stage last session and won great praise for their performance. The Glee and Banjo Club of McGill College, Montreal, made a very successful tour through the Lower Provinces last spring and are already, during this session, extending their tours to what should be our territory, viz: the towns to the north of us. In Queen's, however, it was impossible last session

to get half a dozen men to sing at a "country tea-meeting." Our great success in foot-ball last session perhaps had something to do with the greatly increased attendance in the freshmen class. Probably a successful Glee Club might also do something to bring Queen's before the notice of the public. Here is what the McGill *Fortnightly* says of the work of the McGill Glee Club last year: "Not only in Montreal and Ottawa but all over the Lower Provinces has the McGill Glee and Banjo Club brought the name of McGill to the notice of the public. The trip which the Club took to the Lower Provinces last spring proved so successful that McGill has come to be a household word in every town the club visited."

Now we cannot hope to rival the clubs mentioned in one or two years, for any institution takes some time to make itself felt. But what we should try to do is, not to make singing tours through the country, but to resurrect the spirit of song in our own halls and class-rooms. The question, therefore, is, how can this be done? Not at any rate, by fitful bursts of noise from this or that class-room, nor by the roaring of the "bulls of Bashan" between the stairs and the library, but by regular systematic practices of the Glee Club. Such practices will be impossible without an instructor and without new music. The membership fee will partly cover the expense of procuring these, but what of the part it will not cover? Will the A.M.S. come to the help of the Glee Club? In the past our Glee Club's path has been marked by ignominious defeats. Shall we retrieve ourselves in the future or let the citizens of Kingston regard us as the most tuneless awkward crowd that ever stood on the stage of the Kingston Opera House?

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It has been the custom for some years past to offer periodical criticisms on the methods and work of the Alma Mater Society. The critics have time and again pointed out that the meetings are being more and more exclusively devoted to business, that entertainments are less frequently presented, that inter-year and inter-faculty debates are rare, and that the reading of essays on questions which are agitating the intellectual world at the present time are absolutely unknown. Now these statements are all quite true in themselves and the continual reference to them serves to show that they indicate real needs in college life, but needs which at present are being very indifferently satisfied.

Is it rational, however, to expect the Alma Mater to undertake so much? When we recollect that it is this society which attends to all matters affecting the students of the university, such as sports of all kinds, conversaciones, large public entertainments, etc., and that either directly or through