

ARTS CLUB ROOM.

During the session of 1909-1910, an agitation was carried on in the Arts Society to secure the sanction of the Senate of smoking in the Arts Club Room. After many communications between the Senate and the Society, the matter was referred to a "special committee" which administered the approved and customary quietus. The agitation should not be allowed to drop. It is a real hardship to many students that there is no place about the College buildings, where a quiet smoke may be enjoyed. The relaxation afforded by a pipe or cigar is marvellous, and some such diversion is needed for those unfortunate students who have an unbroken morning of lectures.

Just is necessary as the smoking room is the billiard table. There is no more beneficial recreation than a game of billiards when the proper surroundings are added. Moreover a billiard and pool room in the College would serve as a counter attraction to less innocent amusements. Such innovations as a billiard room will doubtless seem heretical to those who opposed the smoking room, last year. However, the justification of these conveniences is the success which has attended their establishment in other Canadian and in American universities.

What has been said makes obvious the pressing necessity for a "Students' Union" at Queen's. Such an organization should, perhaps, be independent of the Y.M.C.A. and kindred societies. It should be an important branch of the Alma Mater Society. Indeed the Alma Mater Society should embark on some such scheme as this, if for no other reason, than to justify its existence, and infuse some enthusiasm into its proceedings. In connection with such a union the much needed Dining Hall could also be secured. An institution of the kind advocated, would fill many "gaps" in the life of the student at Queen's. Simply because they have always been without these advantages, the students do not feel keenly their absence.

In these respects—Dining Hall, Men's Residence and Students' Union—Queen's is far behind Varsity and McGill. The inevitable result will be a decrease in the attendance of this University. If the authorities here, are blind to this, the students should act on their own initiative. With such monuments to their energy as Grant Hall and the Gymnasium, surely, the Dining Hall, Residence and Union are not beyond the zeal and reach of the students?

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THE DRAMATIC CLUB.

The Dramatic Club has a heavy session's work before it. The "Kingston Whig," with characteristic humour has assigned to the Dramatic Club the task of producing Shakespear's "She Stoops to Conquer." It would not be surprising if the "Standard" denies the statement of the Whig. We may look for an announcement from that estimable journal in the near future that the Dramatic Club will present Tennyson's "All's Well That Ends Well." The editor of the Standard will be pleased to learn, that the Queen's Football team is convalescent after their severe attack of "capus magnus."