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THE GYMNASIUM

AT last Queen's is to have a gymnasium. There will be no more false alarms, no more making haste slowly—oh, so slowly! The funds have been subscribed in large part, the plans have been drawn, the site almost decided upon, and the first sod, we are told, will be turned on Convocation day. The oldest inhabitant has not seen the like before and has confessed himself duly surprised. It has been long in coming, and it is not coming now without a struggle, but no doubt for that very reason we shall appreciate it the more. Queen's good things all come slowly.

The "gym. scheme" at Queen's is an old, old project, but most of the students now in attendance became actively interested in it for the first time last winter, when the Alma Mater Society appointed a committee to inquire into the matter and report. The committee recommended the undertaking of a canvass and the erection of a building, and the report was adopted

by the society. But when the matter was referred to the University finance committee for sanction, it was quietly shelved. The undertaking was too large, and there were fears that it might interfere with the success of the Endowment campaign. The students were disappointed but they saw the force of the finance committee's argument, and accepted the inevitable. But the committee had not worked in vain. They at least succeeded in showing the students just how big an undertaking the erection of a gym. was, and when the question came up again this winter, it was more soberly and intelligently discussed than might otherwise have been the case. The scheme was fairly set forth. It was decided to make a preliminary canvass among the students before undertaking the erection of a building. If the students wanted a gym. they would say so. And they did say so, rather emphatically. The canvass met with such an enthusiastic and eager response that there was nothing left but to procure plans and proceed with the work.

Two questions remained, the question of maintenance and the question of a site. The former has already been decided. It will cost approximately \$1,000 a year to run the gym. and this sum will be raised by increasing the athletic fee from \$2 to \$3. On all hands this plan has been considered preferable to charging a gymnasium fee. Every student should patronize the college gym. and it should be made as easy as possible for every student to do this. When the fee is made compulsory the cost to each student is reduced to a minimum and no member of the Alma Mater Society is debarred from the use of the building.