

McGill and Queen's. After the conference was completed Dr. Goodwin and his amiable wife extended an invitation to the representatives to remain for some time. Soon all were enjoying the good things which were so bountifully provided and so heartily partaken. An hour was spent very pleasantly in singing college songs and general conversation. Before leaving a rousing vote of thanks was given to Dr. and Mrs. Goodwin for their hospitality, and when the boys were out of the house "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" with three hearty cheers were given in a way that indicated how much the kindness of our worthy professor and his wife were appreciated. "It's more of these parlor conferences we should have." "Were you over to Dr. Goodwin's on Saturday?" "Yes; wasn't that splendid? And so kind of the Dr. and his wife. We have heard of Kingston's hospitable citizens before, but now we have seen one of them at least." These and such expressions were common among the college men during the remaining part of the conference.

The place of meeting next year will be London, Ont.

REPORT OF THE ATHLETIC SOCIETY.

On Saturday evening, Feb. 21st, the Athletic Committee tendered its resignation. The Secretary, Mr. N. R. Carmichael, gave an excellent report of the work of the committee for the past year. The following financial statement we extract from the report: Besides the usual personal account of the Secretary several others have been prepared, among them one including in one account the fees collected by the Senate and the receipts and expenses of all the different clubs. It is hoped this will be as valuable as it has been troublesome to prepare.

FOOTBALL.

Receipts—

Students	\$ 68 75
Gate, etc.	141 80
Faculties.	68 00
Balance (A. C.)	102 43

\$380 98

Expenses—

W. F. Nickle.	\$364 83
N. R. Carmichael.	16 15

\$380 98

HOCKEY.

Receipts—

Players	\$ 3 75
Balance	20 57

\$24 32

Expenses—

A. B. Cunningham.	\$24 32
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GENERAL.

Receipts—

Balance	\$215 10
Students' fees	277 00
Students (Med.)	120 00
Interest, etc.	3 35
For Football.	278 55
Hockey	3 75

\$897 75

Expenses—

Football	\$380 98
Hockey	24 32
Other expenses.	77 09
Balance	415 36

\$897 75

Of this balance \$394.75 are deposited with the Ontario Building and Saving Society in the Principal's name.

With this report your committee beg to join an expression of their thankfulness for the confidence the Society has shown in them, their very best wishes for the future of the athletics of the University, and their resignation.

N. R. CARMICHAEL, Sec'y.

THE OSSIANIC SOCIETY.

Although this is the first time for the Ossianic Society to be mentioned in the current volume of our JOURNAL, it has been quietly flourishing and taking deep root in the college. Out of thirty-six members, there are twenty who not only understand but can talk freely in the language of Ossian. This gives a solidity to the Society which it never had before. Several good meetings have been held this session, in which entertainment and instruction were pleasantly combined. At present, half an hour at the fortnightly gatherings is devoted to a study of the Gaelic grammar and reading. In this exercise our constant friend Professor Harris is always on hand to guide all who seek instruction.

It should be distinctly understood by every member that the main object of the Society is not merely to afford entertainment, but rather to induce practical cultivation of the language itself. This can not be learned from English enlogies, and readings, with interludes of bagpipe music. These are all good in their own place, and that place will always be an honorable one on the Society's programmes. Let no one, however, suppose that they constitute the chief end of the Ossianic's existence.

Church students particularly ought to be alive to the increasing demand for Gaelic speakers. Even as near us as Glengarry three splendid congregations have for a long time been vacant because Gaelic ministers are at a premium in the land. A fourth congregation in the same Presbytery had recently to bring a Celt all the way from Cape Breton. Down in that direction itself Presbyteries have to draw on the old country for suitable men. Again, every year is bringing to the North-West Crofter settlements, in which Gaelic will be universal when those who harp about its "decay" are for ages in oblivion. In view of these facts, Gaelic students should not neglect the gift that is in them, but realize that the language is a talent expressly given them to be cultivated, and used in gaining other talents. Let them remember that it cannot be hid with impunity. The Society's meetings afford the best opportunities for practice, and it is hoped members will make a more extensive personal use of them than they have been making.

Due notice of meetings will appear in the local papers. Any citizens interested in Gaelic are always cordially welcomed.