

payment of his fees this venerable and honoured institution. At present there is special reason for impressing this upon the students. Last spring the Society gave all the money it had on hand as a voluntary contribution to the students' fund, and in its present financial stringency the necessity has arisen for reviving an obsolete clause in that miserable *hocus-pocus*, the Constitution, which requires the payment of the membership fee before one is entitled to vote at the election for any office, or be a candidate for office. Next Friday night there are to be elections held for some seventeen of the most important appointments which an undergraduate can ever hope to obtain. Readers, Speakers and Essayists are to be chosen for the public debate, for the McGill debate, and for the debate with Osgoode Hall. Representatives are to be elected for various dinners and conversazioni, together with leaders for the Mock Parliament, and new officers on the executive of the Society. This will be the most important ordinary meeting ever held, and there should be a large attendance, everyone bringing his dollar with him, and thus securing the right to vote for every one of these offices and to stand for an appointment himself. A word to the wise is sufficient.

OUR RUGBY CHAMPIONS.

At last the long-coveted prize, the cup of the Ontario Rugby Union, is ours. Long may it remain with us, as an emblem of what pluck, perseverance and unflagging energy may accomplish. Not least among its fond recollections may the class of '96 remember this, that, in its senior year, under the direction of one of its members, did our Rugby team bring to our *alma mater* the prize which, for many years, she had strived to win, but in vain,—*parcis invitis*. Since 1891, we have not even approached the goal of our ambition, and Varsity's "bad luck" had become proverbial, and, many feared, permanent. At the beginning of the season Varsity's chances of becoming, or even of making a respectable showing against, the champions was utterly ignored by all the "knowing ones" down town. Her team was composed for the most part of inexperienced players, who were to be as lambs led to the slaughter before the doughty champions of Queen's or of Osgoode Hall. Doughty they were, and in the games with Queen's the latter showed that they could play fair and honourable ball, accept defeat like gentlemen and treat royally the fortunate victors. But, unfortunately for the prophecies of these wise newspaper sages of our city, one important element of success, on the football field as elsewhere, had been quite overlooked, namely, the determination of every member of the team to exert every power that was in him, and to follow implicitly the directions of their experienced, hope-inspiring and most capable captain, "Biddy" Barr. All the players are worthy of the utmost praise that we could bestow, but there is one man who ought to be, and is, the hero of the hour, and that man, it is superfluous to say, is Captain Barr. As a "rusher" on the forward line he has no superior; as an organizer and manager he is without equal. Beyond this he is one of our fastest players on the hockey team; generous and warmhearted to all his

friends—and who are not his friends?—, a brilliant student and a thorough gentleman.

Are the achievements of the team to pass unrecognized in any tangible manner by the general body of undergraduates? In another column Mr. Jennings asks this question, and suggests that they should be suitably celebrated in a way that will leave pleasant reminiscences in the minds of all concerned. To this, we feel certain, all undergraduates will agree without a dissenting voice. As to the way in which this should be done, we can think of nothing more congenial than a dinner, given in honor of Captain Barr and his stalwart fourteen. We would suggest that the class of '96 forego its anticipated dinner, and, instead, substitute this, which would be open alike to all students in Arts, Medicine, Applied Science, Dentistry or any other faculty, and to graduates and instructors in all these colleges. A very prominent member of the class of '96 suggested this idea, and all to whom it has been broached have been quite enthusiastic, and have promised co-operation. We are sure that all officers of the class society of the fourth year would willingly consent to the change, and it would be a most fitting way to display our appreciation of our distinguished classmate, Captain Barr, and of the whole Rugby team. If this project is attempted, as we hope it will be, let it be a complete success, both as to the numbers and enthusiasm of those present. To this end we would especially urge the faculty and graduates of our university to co-operate heartily with us. It is doubtless true that scholarship and not athletics is the main object of our university training; but everything that tends to bring our college prominently before the public, is worthy of the hearty support of all connected with it.

The exact time when this dinner should be held can be best determined by the committee appointed to superintend its celebration; but we think that immediately after the match in Montreal, when, with all restraints of training relaxed, and bearing, we hope, their added laurels as champions of Canada, the members of the team will feel more capable of hearty mirth and social enjoyment. Again we would move and urge our readers to make this celebration a memorable success; boom it everywhere, and make it, as a gathering, large and representative in numbers, enthusiastic in spirit, and a source of pleasant reminiscence in future years to all who are present.

LITERARY SOCIETY.

If it was raining without on Friday night, what cared the three score and ten who waved their clubs and sang their songs at the Lit? If it was drear and dark and dull in nature's roofless auditorium, what matter, when there was joy and jollity, sparkling wit and spicy speeches for those who attended at the Society's chamber of oratory and eloquence? I arrived precisely at the hour appointed by constitution (7.30 p.m.), and finding no one, I had determined to know why the constitution was not being observed, and to have a vote of censure passed upon the Society, when someone whispered that that clause was amended.

In a short time, however, the books of record were produced, and amid warm applause the Vice-Pres. introduced Mr. Angus MacMurchy, B.A., as the chairman for the evening. After the minutes had been read by Mr. Hill, Secretary *pro tem.*, and adopted, business was proceeded with. The Corresponding Secretary, Mr. MacMurchy, read a letter from the Osgoode Literary and Legal Society, inviting us to send a couple of representatives to test the