

are a normal year's work at Queen's for an intra mural, who has all his time to devote to the work, and has, besides, the advantage of direct contact with his professors. It is folly, therefore, for a man, whose time is largely taken up with his daily occupation, to attempt a similar amount of college work. This warning is even more necessary to those who attempt the honors courses extra-murally. A favorite course with extra-murals is that of honors English, and yet the writer can say, after two years' experience as tutor in that subject, that scarcely an extra mural during that time, and there were several among them with good literary taste and good critical powers, adequately covered the prescribed course of reading.

It may not be out of place to close this sketch with a glance at college life at Queen's from the students' standpoint. To the outside world the student life of a college seems to be expressed through its athletic organizations, and examination lists, but these are only a partial expression of that life, albeit an important one. The prowess of Queen's in football and hockey need not be discussed here, though these sports undoubtedly exert a beneficial influence on the corporate student life of any college. Love for one's alma mater and loyalty to her best traditions ought to be part of the equipment of every student, and different institutions foster these sentiments in different ways. At Queen's there is no college residence to promote this, the students being scattered throughout the city, but student organizations, athletic and otherwise, more than atone for this lack, and it would be hard to find a college where the organic life is more strongly or more fully felt.

This is due partly no doubt to the influence of genial, broad minded Professors, but largely also to the policy pursued by the Senate, of granting to the students the fullest measure of

self government, a policy which is rendered possible and safe, because of the genius of the institution which has in some way declared that the supreme authority among the students shall be vested in the Alma Mater Society, membership in which is open, not only to the undergraduates of all faculties and affiliated institutions, but also to all graduates and alumni. This society is supreme among student organizations, and is acknowledged by the Senate as representative of all student interests. To the students, through it, is committed the largest possible share of self-government, and the trust is seldom betrayed. Only once in ten years has the Senate interfered, and then it was on a question towards the right solution of which public opinion among the students was hastening. Every question affecting the student body as a whole has to come before it and all athletic and musical organizations of the University are responsible to it. Its meetings are practically sessions of a parliament in which the students speak, not through representatives, but direct, and the majority rules. The practical benefits of such an organization are easily to be discerned. A University is a microcosm, and the student life within it is a state in miniature. All the problems to be faced in the larger arena of citizenship have their prototype here. There is the same division into party, the same balancing of expediency against principle, the same intrigues and diplomacy—in fact, all the lights and shades of human nature are here reflected with surprising clearness—and out of it all emerging what is on the whole the good of the student body. It is here that one is able to see that the service rendered by each is to the advantage of the whole—that the athlete, the brilliant student, the orator, the critic, the constitutional lawyer, even the book-worm and the fellow who has little force of character in him-