

competent to examine, they may invoke the aid of outsiders. We believe that this is the first Gælic Scholarship established in any American or Canadian University, and may it be an omen of that Chair in Gælic that His Excellency desiderated seeing in Queen's College! Thanks to Professor Blackie, the endowment for a Gælic Chair in Edinburgh University has been secured. In Jesus College, the favourite Oxford College of Welsh students, a Chair of the Celtic languages has also been established. Surely there are enough Highlanders in Canada to warrant such a Chair in Queen's. Mr. Cameron has led the way by a deed worth a great many eloquent speeches. Who will be the first contributor to a Chair, or, better still, who will endow and so connect his name with it forever?

THE Alma Mater Society has held a public debate. This is a fact known to most of our city readers.—they saw the announcement in the daily papers.—Our report says that “the hall was not crowded”; and the reporter was justified in making the statement. Now, why was it not? Firstly, the evening was badly chosen. There were many other meetings that evening, and meetings, too, of the kind that were most apt to interfere with the attendance at a public debate. This was a very good reason for the absence of so many. Secondly, there was too great a lack of interest among the students themselves. Had they taken the matter up among their friends, and well advertised it privately, a good audience would easily have been got together. Thirdly, the students have not during the past session brought themselves sufficiently before the public to attract a good audience by the mere announcement of an ordinary public debate. There have been college meetings of course, many of them, but these meetings have not been “run” by

the students. In past years the entertainments given by the students have been many, and well patronized, and there is no reason why such should not be the case now. The material surely is just as good. We like the suggestion given in the report of the debate, that these meetings should be held monthly. If this be done and they become a recognized institution: if an attractive programme consisting of debate, readings, essay, glees, etc., be prepared: if the students make an effort to make the first one or two successful, and if until they become established the evening be judiciously selected: there can be no doubt of their success in point of attendance, nor can there be any doubt of the favourable influence they would exert on all those taking part in them.

SHORTLY after Professor Mackerras's death a number of gentlemen connected with the College having met decided to make some effort to establish a Mackerras Memorial. They therefore sent a circular letter to as many of the Professor's friends as possible in order to further their object. This circular we publish in another column. It speaks for itself,—and we hope it will be well responded to. We think the idea is one that will commend itself to all of the many friends of our late Professor, and we know that should any of those friends desire to make any suggestion in connection with the matter the Committee will be glad to receive it and take it into consideration when they meet on the 28th April. It will be seen from the Circular that there are three grades of amounts, on which depends the form of Memorial. This of course rests entirely with the givers. The action of the Committee in deciding not to canvass for such a memorial is one that will be endorsed by all. Surely such a canvass is not necessary.