

contributor to the columns of the JOURNAL; and we trust this interest will not cease with his departure from our midst. That Mr. Heath is highly esteemed by his fellow students is evidenced by the fact of his nomination to the presidential chair of the Alma Mater Society. This is the highest honor the Society has to confer upon a student, and we doubt not, that Mr. Heath, now elected, will fill the chair with much acceptance.

THE lecture on the Immortality of the Soul, delivered on the 22nd ult. in the Convocation Hall, by the Hon. Geo. B. Wendling, of Chicago, if it has done nothing more has sent the philosophers to think. While ordinary mortals were fairly carried away with the beauty of the hon. gentleman's diction and his elocutionary powers, the more staid and matter-of-fact minds amongst us quietly weighed the arguments brought forward by the lecturer. Professor Watson, we hear, questions the soundness of several opinions advanced by Mr. Wendling. Let us hope we may have his views ere long brought to light through the medium of the JOURNAL. Professor Ross is reported to have said that Mr. Wendling in speaking of the existence of a spiritual body which would not be affected by the death of the physical body based his remarks upon incorrect exegesis. A sceptic, he says, might put the matter thus: "We know that the natural body decays; by analogy we conclude that the spiritual body also decays." The legitimate question therefore follows: "How can we prove the spiritual body does not decay?" This may be a logically correct inference; but, so far as we remember, Mr. Wendling postulated a natural body and a spiritual body in the words of St. Paul: "There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body." The lecturer proved from physical observation and experience that the natural body *did*

decay; he did not attempt to carry the same line of argument into the spiritual world.

MR. ISAAC WOOD, the opposing candidate to Mr. Heath for the office of President of the Alma Mater Society, is a graduate of Queen's. His college course was a very successful one. In educational matters Mr. Wood has taken a prominent place in the city of Kingston. For a number of years he successfully performed the duties of principal of the Model School with much acceptance. His efforts in this connection, we understand, won for him the esteem of the citizens, and much regret was expressed at his retirement, two years ago, when he accepted the principalship of the Business College of Kingston, which position he at present fills. Under Mr. Wood's superintendance the Business College has made marvellous progress; and it is now acknowledged to be the first in the Dominion. Upon these qualifications Mr. Wood's supporters mainly base his claim for the presidency. They say, with some reason, that if such administrative ability has organized and built up the Business College to the standard of efficiency it now occupies, the Alma Mater would be greatly benefitted by having this man at the head of affairs. Mr. Wood, however, is a stranger to most of the students, and thereby labors under a disadvantage; but those who know him intimately speak highly of his qualifications for the office of president of the Alma Mater Society.

IN electioneering speeches the ease and graceful manner with which candidates and their supporters defy assertions and charge speakers with making statements of which they are entirely ignorant is somewhat amusing. At such times and under such circumstances real facts are difficult of realization. A mere glance, for instance, at the