

An Insult to the Arts Society.

To the Editor of the Journal:—

There may be some excuse for the freshman who lets his passions for mischief lead him into thoughtless acts; the frolicsome spirit of youth is strong in him yet. But one can find no excuse for men, who have spent from three to six years in college, conducting themselves in a thoughtless and even insulting manner. On Tuesday afternoon last, eight men, whose names are prominent in Science Hall, under the guise of a delegation from their faculty to obtain information regarding the Arts Club Room, were received before the Arts Society. The speaker of the delegation then read in sarcastic tone, an address, which for burlesque, cynicism, and downright impertinence outdid all that the Arts men could imagine. What humor was in the address we appreciated, but when men whom we respected as gentlemen, show their ignorance of the first principles of courtesy and refinement, by using an audience, obtained by false pretences, for grossly ridiculing the work of the Arts Faculty and caricaturing her professors, we feel that the humor of the situation is lost in the gravity of the insult. Ending his address with a peroration on the benefit of games in the Club Room, the leader of the party asked leave to present to the Arts Society a gift from Science Hall, whereupon he hurled at the chairman of the meeting a bag of marbles. That men of such standing in the University should thus conduct themselves in the meeting of a faculty society was amazing to the Arts men present. Nor were matters improved, when, on being asked to explain this unseemly conduct, a member of the party bluntly stated that they had come with the expectation of having a "scrap." What is the meaning, we ask. The men themselves confessed later in the meeting that they were not delegated by any society. And such men! There's the rub! They are men highly respected in Queen's, from an ex-vice-president of our Alma Mater, through a prominent member of the Journal staff, and a former president of the Glee Club, to an ex-chairman of the Athletic Committee, all honourable men like Cassius and the rest. Again, we ask, what does it mean? If men like these fail to uphold law and order in our halls, and respect not the various organizations of the College, what will be the result? It doubtless can be traced to a thoughtless love of trickery, but we wish to record, along with our hope that it may not occur again, our amazement that it should ever have occurred from such a source. Yours,—*W. Scott.*

To the Editor Queen's University Journal:—

Dear Sir,—Kindly give the following resolution, passed unanimously at a meeting of the Athletic Committee on Thursday, March 17th, a place in your next issue:—

"That this committee, convinced that physical recreation is an essential part of the daily life of every student cannot approve of the recent appropriation by the Trustees of Queen's University of the Upper Campus, a campus over which the student body had at least some rights in equity, and views with growing concern the long delay on the part of the Trustees in recognizing not only these rights but the imperative needs of football for next session.

And that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Principal, the Board of Trustees, and the Queen's University Journal."