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Editorials.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

WHEN the Alumni of Queen's in the neighborhood of Kingston, together with their friends, met on Friday evening, Feb. 2nd, an Association was organized with a full list of worthy officials—but the whole thing stopped there. That there should be an organization of this sort seemed to be about all those present had decided upon. Why it was necessary or what it was to do, beyond entertaining wandering Alumni, no one ventured to point out. Everything that was done was, as one member expressed it, "railroaded through in short order."

It seemed rather strange to us that no one could state any strong and convincing reason for forming such an Association. Of course it was evident that the idea behind the meeting held was the hope of aid to the Endowment scheme. This is all very well at present, but

the organization will fall to pieces as soon as this work is accomplished if it is not to serve some more permanent purpose. We pointed out before in these columns how it should be made the central organization of Queen's Alumni of which all the other local Associations should be Branches. This Central Association should have some means of keeping in touch with all the graduates of the University, so that when help is needed, or votes to be taken, the voting paper could be sent out to a much larger number of those entitled to a voice in our affairs than is at present possible. Indeed it is very doubtful whether Queen's with all her boasted democracy and esprit de corps is as considerate of her Alumni in these matters as many other Universities that boast less. No University can afford to lose trace of her graduates. Queen's graduates are her staunchest friends, and she should avail herself of every possible means to keep in close touch with them and to bind them to her with still more inalienable allegiance.

We think most emphatically, that one of the most important and valuable services this Association can render the University, is to undertake at once to prepare a record of all our graduates. A most thorough and painstaking effort should be made to discover the whereabouts and occupation of all graduates in all "years" and in all faculties. This will entail considerable expenditure of both money and labor, but the result will be invaluable to the University. Let a small fee be asked from the branch Associations, and a paid Secretary