

Editor Free Press,—The editorial columns of Queen's University Journal, in a late issue, found room for a very ungentlemanly attack upon the chairman of the recent Queen's-Ottawa debate and upon the leader of the Ottawa debaters. That editorial has been copied rather extensively by the press, and we are forced, no matter how reluctantly, to publicly vindicate our honor and resent the insult of *Queen's Journal*.

The University of Ottawa Debating Society did everything it could,—beyond handing the decision of the debate over to Queen's—to make the visit of the Queen's debaters to the Capital a pleasant one. Not one word of complaint was expressed,—as far as we are aware,—by the Queen's debaters before their departure from Ottawa. At a meeting of the Inter-University Debating League Executive, held in Kingston on Saturday last, not one word of protest was heard from Queen's. It was reserved to an impertinent outsider, the Sir Oracle of *Queen's Journal*, to find some hidden explanation of why the Queen's debaters did not win the decision. In finding that explanation, he apparently cared little what aspersions he cast upon the character of the students of a sister institution.

The charges contained in the editorial referred to are indeed serious—so serious that, if they are communicated to the Inter-University Debating League Executive by even so wild a scribbler as the Editor of *Queen's Journal*, the Executive cannot refuse to have them thoroughly investigated. In case he makes the charges to the Inter-University Debating League Executive, the University of Ottawa Debating Society promises that they will be minutely investigated, or it will resign from the League. It will deposit two hundred dollars in the Standard Bank of Ottawa, to be used in defraying the expenses of the investigation in case the charges are sustained, on condition that the editor of *Queen's Journal* makes a similar deposit for the expenses of the investigation in case the charges are declared not proven. It will accept as investigator the McGill or Toronto Honorary Officer of the Inter-University Debating League or any member of the Bench of Kingston or Ottawa; and it will furnish such sworn statements as the investigator may desire from any of its members relative to the recent Queen's-Ottawa debate.

The way is now quite clear to the editor of *Queen's Journal*. Either he must accept the offer of the University of Ottawa Debating Society and substantiate the charges published in his paper; or he must acknowledge them to be false, and apologize for giving