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OUR NEXT CHANCELLOR.

To the Editor of the Journal:

THE question is being asked with increasing frequency, "Who is to be our next Chancellor?" I venture to suggest the name of one who will in every respect be a worthy successor of the present distinguished occupant of the highest officer connected with the University. The name of James McLennan, B.A., Q.C., Toronto, is familiar to every Alumnus of Queen's. His qualifications for the position are too patent to need enumeration. As a student he was distinguished for marked ability and success; as a lawyer he occupied a foremost place in his profession; as a friend of the University, his time, professional services and means have always been generously placed at the disposal of his Alma Mater. These are claims that can hardly be equalled. Certainly they cannot be surpassed by any other whose name can be mentioned in connection with the office.

If Mr. McLennan consents to become a candidate for the Chancellorship, I bespeak for him a generous and hearty support.

Faithfully yours,

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THE CHANCELLORSHIP.

To the Editor of the Journal:

DEAR SIR—In answer to the letter from a "Member of the Council," which appeared in your last issue, I would like "to suggest a name and give my reasons," as he asks someone to do. It can hardly be called a suggestion on my part, however, for the person whom I have now in view, was frequently mentioned as a fitting candidate at the time of the last election. I have reference to no less a personage than the Right Hon. Sir John Macdonald, an old Kingstonian, a graduate of Queen's, a man, in fact, in every way qualified for the high position of Chancellor of this University. Again, from a purely selfish point of view, what could be a better advertisement for the Institution than the election of Sir John to the Chancellorship. But there can be nothing gained by discussion, as I feel sure no one will disagree with me. Which member of the Council will be the first to move in the matter?

I may just add, Mr. Editor, that in my opinion politics ought not to be considered at all. For my own part I am a through-going, though not a bigoted.

GRIT.

Gu fear riagladh "Cunntas-lathail Oil-tigh na Bannrigh."

A MAIGHSTIR:

THA mi 'n dhochas nach bi ni 's am bith ri chuir as mo leith air son focal no dha a sgriobhadh air son a phaipeir—naigheachd so, ann 's a canan 's toigh leum cho maith.

Cha lionmhor an aireamh anns 'n oil-tigh so a thuigea a Ghaelic; agus cuid dhe 'n aireamh bheag so fein cha labhair iad i, ged a thuigeas iad i; cha fhiosraich mi co dhui se phrois no ciod a ni 's coireachd dhoibh.

Iomadh uair air dhomha bhi labhairt mu thimchioll cliu na Gaelic, labhairaidh duine ruim ag radh nach eil feum s' 'm bith air a Ghaelic anns 'n latha so; ach tha dhream a labhairais mar so aineolach air fuighantas na canan so a tha na sheine na caint air bith eile air am bheil sinn eolach, ach a h-aon. Chuala sinn fo chionn ghoirid seanachas mineachaidh air dain Ossian, agus fhogulum sinn gu deimhinn gu fhiach iad 'n rannsachadh agus 'n ionnsachadh.

An duine aig am bheil barrachd eolas air a Ghaelic, san aige mar an cendna tha fios air cho feumail agus a tha i ann a rannsachadh a' chaintear. Tha sinn a faichean gu bheil a Ghaelic a duigh air a ionnsachadh ann a moran dhe na h-oil-tighean air an taobh eile de'n chaun; agus anns 'n tir so fein tha sinn a faichean gu bheil ni's mo agus ni's mo gh-irratas aig moran dhe'n shluagh air son cumail suas agus ionnsachadh na caint so. Anns a Bheinn—Rioghail tha 'n t-Olla Mac Nish a teagaisg na Gaelic anns an oil-tigh gach h-uile shuidhe. Agus tha mi dhochas 'n iuin ghearr gu bhi againn ann 'n h-Oil-tigh na Bann—Righ cathair foghlum na Gaelic; ach mu dheibhinn so bi ni agam ri radh aig am eile. Moran taing dhuit air son rum anns a phaipeir luachmhor so air son mo litir. Slan leat.

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COLLEGE SOCIETIES.

DIALECTIC CLUB.

AS we briefly announced in a former issue, a number of students have had in contemplation for some time, the formation of a Philosophical Society. No definite steps were taken, however, until about a month ago, when a preliminary meeting was held. This meeting was attended by some fifteen or twenty gentlemen—principally members of Dr. Watson's classes—who, after a short discussion, resolved, "that it was expedient to form a society for the discussion of philosophical questions." This motion was made a starting point, and in a very short time a skeleton constitution was drawn up, a series of meetings arranged for, and officers elected, as follows:

Honorary President—Prof. Watson, LL.D., F.R.S.C.

President—E. Holton Britton, '83.

Vice-President—A. Givan, '83.

Secretary-Treasurer—G. Y. Chown, '84.

The "constitution" was made as short and simple as possible. It provided, however, among other things, for the holding of regular meetings throughout the session, at which essays are to be read and discussed, and questions answered; for lectures, to be delivered at intervals by eminent men from other universities; and for the formation of a library of philosophical works for the use of members.