

feel, too, that Principal Gordon is peculiarly our own, as Primarius Professor of Divinity. Then also meeting with our Professors in this way, seeing them eating, and talking, and joking, just like ordinary mortals, surely ought to inspire even the most diffident among us, with a new interest in his work, and with what is to be his calling in life.

For those of us who go out this year, especially, such an evening as this will long be remembered. After all, it is in after years, when we meet with old class-mates, and talk over these our student days, that we really appreciate as we should these many kindnesses we receive when we are here. Then it is that we will recall the incidents of such a gathering as this, possibly for the delectation of generations yet unborn, just as we heard on this occasion, and at first hand, of doings at Queen's long before we entered this happy old world.

Dr. Ross and Dr. Jordan, of the Theological Faculty, were present, as were also Dr. Watson and Dr. Dyde of the Faculty of Arts. We were all very sorry that Prof. MacNaughton found it impossible to be present. Rev. Robt. Laird, Queen's Endowment Fund Agent, was present, being in town for a day or two.

After all had shown how much they appreciated the good things provided, Principal Gordon rose, and after a few kindly words to us all, called on Vice-Principal Watson to speak. His address gave us some light on the earlier days of Queen's, as he gave us some recollections of his first days here—in 1872. His first Final Arts class consisted of four men, and in all there were but seven, on the teaching staff of the university. Of special in-

terest to us was Dr. Watson's account of his first sermon, preached while he was a Divinity student at Glasgow University. Very encouraging it is to us to know that one who stands where he does to-day was in his earlier days criticized by a Scotch beadle, as to his understanding of a Scripture text.

Dr. Jordan was next called on, and he is always interesting. Referring to the openness of mind necessary for those engaged in the study of Theology, he told a story of a gentleman who in speaking to a Bishop of the Church of England, said that he found that the prayers of the English Church Prayer Book were suitable for all occasions, and for all peoples, with but one exception—there was no special prayer for Divinity students. "But you forget," said the Bishop, "that there is a 'prayer for those at sea.'"

Dr. Ross was the next speaker, and he fairly excelled himself, being most apt and witty in his remarks. He too gave us some reminiscences of early days at Queen's, and especially interesting to us were his remarks about the founding of the Alma Mater Society in 1859. The good doctor assured us that he was present at its birth. Turning to another question, he spoke earnestly of the importance of holding firmly to the great essentials in this age of transition.

Dr. Dyde made a strong argument for the closer union of Philosophical and Theological studies, contending that these are in reality one study, and so should go hand in hand. He also gave us some interesting recollections of his early days at Queen's, especially as to the aggressive and strenuous Y.M.C.A. of those days.

Rev. Robert Laird spoke strongly on the subject of loyalty to our uni-