

Occupying different spheres, and seeking to cultivate different aspects of the man, they fill a place in college life which nothing else can. In each, opportunities are afforded for developing certain phases of our nature which no earnest student can afford to neglect. There may be and doubtless there are exceptional cases where a student cannot give much attention to either of these societies, but, speaking generally, it may be safely asserted that the student who graduates without having taken an active part in the work of both, makes a grave mistake. "But," it may be objected, "if these societies are what they have been represented in the previous articles, what is the use of attending the meetings?"

We answer the objection by recalling the remark of the old deacon: "If God wants a church in Hardscrabble He has got to build it of the timber that grows there." These societies are perforce composed of those students who are willing to give the time required to attend the meetings, and the labor necessary to prepare for taking part in them. They are the best timber available.

If more students would attend, *perhaps* better timber could be secured. This at least is clear: if all students would attend who ought to do so, the societies would be composed of the best material the college produces.

What, then, is the duty of every loyal student of Queen's? Simply to consider the meetings of these societies at least as important as a lecture, and that consequently, not less than 80 per cent. of the meetings should be attended. Further, that as much time should be given to prepare for taking part in the meeting as is given to prepare for an average lecture. If this be done there will be very much less cause for complaint, either as regards the societies, or as regards their meetings; and, what is of much more importance, there will be very much less of a fault-finding spirit. Verb. sap.

IN AND ABOUT THE ROYAL.

THE dates of the Medical examinations, together with the names of examiners appointed, have been posted up. "Writtens" will be held March 19th to 23rd inclusive, and the orals to begin March 25th.

As the close of another session in the Royal draws near, final students begin to wonder whether they must again wait till the last week in April for their degrees. Hitherto members of the graduating class have been obliged either to bear the expense and inconvenience of waiting about town for a month, or to strike out after exams. for their selected location, whither, in process of time, a crumpled roll of parchment may find its way.

We believe it is customary in other medical schools in Canada and elsewhere to confer degrees within at least a week after examinations. In the Royal this would mean about April 1st or 2nd. If the Senate has not already taken steps to bring this about, there is abundance of time yet this session to arrange for a separate medical Convocation.

Although we believe that, taken as a whole, we have one of the very best conducted medical schools in the Dominion, yet there are a few minor points in which we hope to see some improvement another session. As an instance of this kind, may be mentioned the amount of time wasted daily between classes, varying from 10 to 20 minutes after almost every lecture. At close of class, some few of the most industrious students may be seen in a quiet corner—if they can find one—studying notes, or "grinding" each other over past work. Others again take the opportunity for visiting the dissecting room and freshening their memories there.

But the majority are not in the humor for this sort of work. If they were in their rooms with their text-books they would be hard at it, but just at this time they feel they should be listening to lectures, and effective work in other lines cannot well be done. Undoubtedly much valuable time is lost in this way—time which could be well employed by our professors in further explanations of difficult parts of their subjects, or in reviewing some of the previous work of the session.

As remedies for this state of things we would suggest that those who applaud so vigorously in the back seats be vigorously discouraged, rather than encouraged, as is now too often the custom. Then a good clock which could be depended upon, and the systematic ringing of gong or bell exactly at the hour and five minutes past, would go a long way towards accomplishing the desired end. However it may be brought about, we are sure such a reform would be gladly welcomed by all.

PERSONALS.

HARRY LEASK, B.A., '88, is in the law office of Henderson, Thompson and Bell, Toronto. Fred Young, B.A., '86, is there also, and J. Hales, '88, is with Cassells and Cassells.

James Kirk, B.A., was seen around the halls last week. Jimmy thinks he will try dentistry.

Rev. Allan McRossie has been removed from Corona, N.Y., to a wider field of usefulness.

Dr. Dan Cameron visited us last week. He was on his way to Philadelphia. Call again, Dan.

Mr. Watson, '92, was in the city and attended our Y. M. C. A. meeting 8 Feb. He is teaching school near Pittsburg.

Herb. Mowat, LL.B., has accepted a responsible position in a law office in Toronto. J. Skinner, B.A., takes his place in Kingston.

Miss Craine, M.D., of Smith's Falls, has passed the exams. of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Will Morris is junior member in the flourishing young firm of Baldwin and Morris, Manning Arcade, Toronto. Will is renewing his youth like the eagle, for we saw him last week; but he still sings "My heart's my ain!"