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**I**NTERCOLLEGIATE contests of whatever sort always lead to that friendly rivalry which cannot but result in good. Contests upon the football field occupy the time and attention of students for the first month or two of the college session, but after the season for out-door sports is past, there is no reason why our meetings with representatives from sister universities should cease. The question of Inter-collegiate debates has had its annual airing this year as formerly, and it is to be hoped that the steps which were taken at a recent meeting of the Alma Mater Society will be speedily followed by definite action.

Queen's has done well this year upon the foot-ball field. She might have sent representative athletes who would have been an honor to her to compete in the annual sports of other colleges, and now let us see to it that she does not lose the opportunity of displaying her resources in the line of mental ability upon the debating platform. Last year Toronto University made the excuse that our challenge to an inter-collegiate debate was received so late in the term that no action could be taken. This year we have made a beginning early in the session, and we trust that as a consequence there may be a debate this session.

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What is the use of having an Alma Mater Society to represent all the students of the university if every question of special interest is to be brought before a mass-meeting called for its particular consideration? We want the Alma Mater to be a *Students'* society—we wonder why more of the students do not attend—we do all we can to make the meeting of interest to those who do come—and yet when a really vital question arises in which a very widespread feeling is exhibited, we at once call a mass-meeting for its consideration. This is certainly a mistake. If we want students to come to the Alma Mater meetings, we must lead them to feel that the meetings are worth coming to. In order that the meetings may be worth coming to, we must see to it that questions of importance and interest are brought up for discussion. And in order that such questions may be brought up for discussion, we must most positively and most unreservedly discountenance anything that partakes of the nature of a mass-meeting within the college walls.

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Reporters for city papers seem to rule the day about the college halls. The college items and personals which appear in the JOURNAL on Saturday mornings have had a gauntlet to run to keep from being stale. If the students can only succeed in giving the truth, and nothing but the truth, to the JOURNAL reporters, and anything else they please to the reporters for city papers, then we may still hope to delight our readers with a weekly feast of good things which will at least possess the merit of truth. We cannot promise any weddings in the Freshman class in Divinity Hall, but will do the best we can.

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University extension has been the subject of the day for some weeks past, and hardly a voice has yet been raised in opposition to its beneficent influence. Queen's is glad to see her professors recognized and honored in the grand work. Just one slight protest we would raise, however, and we hope it may have its