

Success must rest chiefly with the students in residence year after year. Without their zealous activity but little can be done by non-resident graduates.

Initial and continuous annual executive work must necessarily belong to the resident members. Enthusiasm is essential. Success does not depend upon numbers, but upon a conviction of the value and importance of the work possible to the Alumni, and a plucky perseverance of effort.

Have you heard of the frog, who, when with a mate he had fallen into a bucket of milk, dropped despairingly to the bottom of the pail, and of course was drowned, whilst the other fellow of braver heart kept on swimming and his hopeful, determined churning soon made him a lump of butter, upon which he sprang and rested, and from which vantage-ground he jumped out into safety and a longer enjoyment of life and usefulness. So much for faith in the future and tenacity of purpose.

I think that perhaps an examination of the minutes of meetings in all the past years, of the Alumni Association and Alma Mater Society, might possibly give some helpful hints for the present and future.

Good enthusiastic working officers, not ornamental figure-heads, are of first importance, and especially an active careful Secretary, because more matters of detail and arrangement, essential to the creditable and useful continuance of the organisation, are in his hands necessarily, rather than in any one else's.

Moreover, there should be in my judgment an equally good assistant secretary to help in the preparation and dispatch of circulars, notices, invitations, etc. etc.

"Good things are hard", but "Where there's a will, there's a way".

I can now recall how the good and genial old Chancellor—the Hon. Edward Hale—never failed in his time and official capacity, to refer on fitting occasions to the unlooked-for usefulness and inherent power for good of the original "Alumni Association." If at this delayed date, the foregoing remarks shall be suggestive of good in any way, I shall be glad.

Yours faithfully,
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ALUMNI LETTER NO. 2.

Dear Mr. Editor:—

I am much pleased with some intimations that have reached me in private letters concerning the proposed Alumni Association and I hope it may become, as the politicians say, a real live issue. I therefore gladly accede to your request to say a word or two to the Mitre concerning the proposal. Without doubt we are in great need of such an organization to keep the old students in touch with their Alma Mater. The other day I visited the Rector of a large parish in the United States who graduated at Bishop's College not ten years ago and yet, to my intense surprise, he had quite forgotten the old place,