

refreshing touch of novelty. It was all so natural that the audience felt itself living in the world of the play, not viewing it from afar. Then the music charmed one, the quaint Elizabethan melodies of the Merchant of Venice and the wierd plaintive Celtic airs of Macbeth, so different from the flaunting ragtime one hears at the modern opera.

As for the plays, it is difficult to make a comparison, some prefer comedy, some tragedy. In the afternoon Mr. Greet himself played the part of Shylock, and gave a sympathetic rendering of the old Jew's character. Jessica, who looked a very Jewess, threw perhaps a little too much hatred into her treatment of her father. Portia did not create a favorable impression at first, but steadily improved and did excellent work in the Trial scene. Gratiano made a true young blade, "wild, rude, and bold of voice," but Bassaino, his lord, seemed a trifle slow at times.

In Macbeth, Mr. Greet gave a practical exhibition of his aversion to "starring" by playing the subordinate part of the drunken porter. Lady Macbeth was played by Miss Scott, who had played Portia in the afternoon. It was a more difficult part, but she succeeded splendidly, especially in the sleep-walking scene, and in the scene where she eggs on her husband to remove the king from his path. Of the acting of the other players the best was probably that of Macduff, when he learned of the cruel slaughter of his wife and little ones. The affecting scene brought tears to many an eye.

Of special interest to Queen's students was the playing of Hubert Osborne, '05, Science, who has been with the company for some time. In the

Merchant of Venice he took the part of Old Gobbo, Launcelot's sand-blind father, and in Macbeth he played the part of the Scotch Doctor in attendance on Lady Macbeth.

#### ALMA MATER SOCIETY.

AT the meeting of the Society on Feb. 3rd, R. C. Potter was elected auditor in place of D. C. Ramsay who resigned.

Th report of the General Conversat Committee, recommending that the conversat be held hereafter on the Friday before the week that college closes for Christmas vacation, that the A. M. S. vote \$50.00 for the purchase of cushions and covering for use in decoration, that arrangements be made with the Senate for the use of buildings for functions of the Alma Mater, Arts, Engineering and Aesculapian Societies until 2 a.m., and for other functions until 12.30 a.m.

A committee was appointed to consider the changing of the JOURNAL from a fortnightly to a weekly.

At the meeting on February 10th, the officers of the Association Football Club were elected.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Dr. Jock Harty for his assistance in training the championship hockey team.

A short programme, consisting of vocal solos by D. A. McKerracher and A. Beecroft was given.

On the evening of February 17th, the Society voted \$16 to the Debate Committee to purchase souvenir pins for the championship debaters.