

Letter to the Editor.

Dear Sir:—Suggestions have been made at Queen's towards the establishment of a college chapel and the maintenance of a students' pastor. Those in authority, no doubt, will act cautiously in this direction. There are two questions to be considered; the advisability and the feasibility of such a course.

The University is quite justified in taking any measures with a view to the moral welfare of the students: but their religious life is the affair of the students alone. The writer of a letter which appeared in the last issue of the Journal deplored the fact that nearly one-half of the students at Queen's are not regular attendants at church, and implies that this condition warrants the establishment of a college chapel. Many students who are not to be seen regularly in the churches of Kingston will resent this imputation, that church attendance is a criterion of the moral tone of the University. The moral standards of Queen's men are admittedly high. Religious fervour is not always an essential to sound morals. On this score there is surely no pressing need for a University chapel.

It is agreed that the proposed pastor should be actuated by no denominational sympathies in the performance of his duties. There are many creeds represented at Queen's to all but one of which, the official recognition of a students' pastor must needs prove an affront. Unfortunately it is impossible to procure a pastor whose training and predilections do not give a sectarian colouring to his theological principles. Moreover with the impending separation of the University from the Church a college pastor would be still more offensive to many students—on denominational grounds. Part of this proposed official's duties, would be to superintend the moral life of the students. It is doubtful if the students would welcome such attentions: it is quite probable that they would resent any "missionary efforts" exerted on their behalf.

The afternoon services in Convocation Hall provide adequate spiritual stimulants for the majority of students. If the University authorities have the needs of the students at heart let them consider the question of the University Residence, Students' Union and Dining Hall. In this way they will exhibit a keener interest in the students than in the appointment of one, or even two, college pastors.—STUDENT.

Exhibit by the Q. U. Naturalists' Club.

ON Monday afternoon of last week the Queen's University Naturalists' Club held an exhibit in the Pass Botany Laboratory, old Arts building, which was well attended not only by the students but by visitors from the city. The collection of natural history specimens exhibited was a most interesting one and this interest was much enhanced by the fact that not only were all the specimens named but most of them had labels giving short notes