

past method without any doubt is a complete failure and must be abandoned . . . . . We suggest therefore that the Senate, before next session, fit up a first class Gymnasium, provide an instructor and then make each student pay a yearly fee of one or two dollars to be collected at the time of registration." The suggestion was a wise one, outlining as it did what is practically the present system, but it was not to be adopted for many years.

In Dec., '84 we find an editorial giving a general argument *re* the necessity of a gymnasium and urging the Senate "to undertake the management of the gym, make attendance compulsory, charge every student a fee and appoint a competent instructor." This appeal was heeded and the gym was re-opened in the fall of '85. The Journal of Nov. 25th, '85 says, "In view of the recent re-opening of the Gymnasium we consider it our duty to commend this institution. . . . . The Gym has been thoroughly overhauled, new apparatus added and the services of one of the most competent gymnastic instructors in Canada has been secured. . . . . We extend thanks to those who have exerted themselves in the resuscitation of the Gymnasium and in thus supplying to the students of Queen's a long felt want." The officers of the Gym Club for this season were as follows: Pres., Principal Grant; Vice-Pres., Prof. Watson; Sec.-Treas., D. M. Robertson; Instructor, Sergt.-Major Morgans. With so capable an executive it was no wonder that good work was done. The Gymnasium having been thus well started again was apparently turned over to the control of the students once more but with disastrous results, for in Dec. 3rd, '87, we read, "It affords us no pleasure to reflect on the downfall of the Gymnasium and on the neglect and disorder to which that institution is subjected. A few brave hearts may be found there yet, in the face of a fireless room, oilless lamps and the suggestive holes in the ceiling." This meant that the end was near once more.

In 1888, however, an important step was taken when the University authorities decided to collect \$1.00 at registration for athletic purposes. This yielded a considerable revenue but from it had to be made up the deficits of the various clubs which left but little balance for the Gymnasium. In the spring of '89 the Gymnasium was handed over to the Medical College to enable them to enlarge their class rooms. The students were in the wilderness again. In the Journal of Dec. 20th, '90, we read, "Arrangements were made for building a Gymnasium but they fell through. In view of our expenditure it is perhaps as well they did. But we are sure to have a Gymnasium next year."—another instance of the uncertainty of the "dead sure" thing. For some years other interests pressed the Gymnasium to one side, but the need for it was too deep-rooted to allow it to be shelved forever. In Mar. 16th, '95 in an editorial on the health of the student body we read, "But we have no Gymnasium! A few years ago there was a strong agitation for a Gymnasium and several schemes were suggested by the best students in the college. No satisfactory plan was found and the matter has been untouched ever since."

A little over a year later, on May 5th, '96, comes the announcement "At