

future. Queen's men may be said not to have approached systematic practice until this year, and the result shows what may be accomplished if this be continued for a number of seasons with the same men. Queen's has been continually contributing some of her best material to rival teams, as is seen in the fact that there are now three Queen's men on the Osgoode champion team. But the prospects are that most of our present first fifteen will remain long enough with us to bring home the laurels won by the skill and muscle acquired on our campus.

It would not be amiss here to offer a suggestion regarding our inter-year matches. These should do much to develop good material for our first team. But since for our first team we draw indiscriminately from Arts and Medical students, it seems only natural that the inter-year matches should include all the University students, including the medical faculty. It is time that the old division between Meds. and Arts men were dropped, and that in all their interests the different faculties should be one. This, too, would save such confusion as caused the freshmen last Saturday to default in favor of the seniors. We are one in our efforts to win the Union trophies; why be divided in our intra-mural matches?

The JOURNAL also takes pleasure in congratulating our teams on the spirit in which they have taken defeat, for defeat better than victory shows a man's stuff. If in the past Queen's boys have in any way merited reproach as "kickers," they certainly cannot be justly so charged this year. But best of all when fairly beaten, like men they are not ashamed to say "*the other was the better team.*"

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There is too much cheap talk about "the old Ontario strand" and "loyalty to good old Queen's" among the students of this University, and too little material evidence of that loyalty, to suit us. Thus the recent elections in the Arts and Æsculapian Societies show up the Arts department in a most unfavourable light. The yearly fee of the Æsculapian is four dollars for freshmen, and two for other students; that of the Arts Society one dollar and twenty-five cents for all alike; yet every Medical student pays towards the Æsculapian without a murmur. If he did not, he would,

as one Med. put it, "be first courted and then ostracised." The case with the Arts Society is ludicrously different. There were last year about 180 male students in Arts, and this year there are about ten more than that number. Of these about 110 voted last year, and though all but one or two of the remainder finally paid up, they did so at intervals through the session, so that fees kept dropping in till the beginning of March. This year only 74, or a little more than one-third the number of students, voted. One reason for this is doubtless inherent in the nature of the Society itself, as at present constituted. It is rather hard to get up any enthusiasm over a Society which meets, elects officers, and of which we hear no more until these officers report in the spring; though this could be partly obviated by holding the frequently recurring mass meetings of the Arts students as meetings of the Arts Society. But the great reason is simply the lethargy (not to say meanness) and lack of college spirit on the part of the great majority of the delinquents. "I can't afford it," is a frequent objection. Surely you can afford it just as well as the Meds. can afford twice as much. All must surely sympathise with the work of the Arts Society. The way of collecting money till 1890 was that the senior year appointed men who collected from as many students as would pay, 50c. for football, 25c. for the reading room, and a small sum each time a delegate had to be sent away. This was of course wholly unsatisfactory, and the Arts Society is in every way a far better means of collecting. Football, the reading room, and delegates to sister Universities are objects towards which every student should be glad to contribute, and we trust that the delinquents will pay up, thereby manifesting their loyalty to Queen's in a more tangible way than by shouting "The Old Ontario Strand" at every A.M.S. meeting.

But though free from this charge the Meds. are behind Arts in the support they give to Football, a very important element in College life. All students, of course, pay the dollar a year which the Senate prescribes, but this is for Athletics in general. A portion of the Arts Society money, about fifty cents from each fee we think, is given as their share towards University Football. The Meds. give nothing.