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A MOVEMENT was made by the Senate at a recent meeting towards getting at the sentiment of the governing board with regard to a residence for undergraduates. This ray of light, which seems shining in such a direction, should warm every student's heart. We come to Queen's; we board some here, some there; we have no opportunity of coming into contact with each other as students or as friends, and we go away again, at the end of our four year's course, little better acquainted than when we came. While we are at College we lose all the good which comes from intimate associations, and many comes from friendship which might have blessed the world with its richness is never allowed to consummate, simply because we see so little of each other and live so far apart. The College spirit and the College joys which often lend a tone to all our future life are things of which we know but little, and the College memories which have brightened the dimming eyes of our fathers as they look back to their old boarding school days can have little meaning for us, isolated as we are from each other, except for a few hours of class work from day to day.

The students of Queen's will welcome any movement which will lead to the establishment of a comfortable residence, and with hope and expectation they await further developments in the case.

There seems to be a growing feeling on the part of some that the annual conversazione should be given a place among the memories of the past. This time-honoured institution, which has for years afforded the grateful student a fitting opportunity of making some slight return for the kindness and hospitality of his city friends, is, for some reason or other, coming into disfavour. As the season of year draws nigh, when it seems most convenient to hold the conversazione, we doubt not that the attention of the students will soon be occupied in talking over once again the question as to the advisability of keeping up the old custom.

Last year the students of the Royal Medical College decided to do away with the conversazione and substitute a dinner in its place. The plan was a success. But let it be remembered that while the Meds. had no conversazione of their own, they still had the opportunity of taking an active part in the festivities of the University conversat. In this way they did not feel the change so much as they would have had there been no conversazione.

There may be reasons why the discontinuance of the annual Conversat would be advisable. It is an expense; it distracts the attention of quite a large number of students from their class work, and it is the source of much vexation of spirit to our old friend, John. But taking all these facts into consideration we would feel extremely sorry to see the old custom buried among the 'glories of former days.'

The time to hold a Conversat is when all the students are at the University, and when they are not weighed down with the anxious cares that always precede the spring Exams. There is no better time than the evening of the last day before the Christmas holidays. If the Alma Mater Society decides to continue in the footsteps of our forefathers and hold the Conversat this year as formerly, we trust that the question will be brought up in good time so as to give the various committees abundant opportunity to make all arrangements without being unduly hurried.