This is a picture of the new Gymnasium of Dalhousie University, built this year, and on which there is a debt of \$153,000.

Our old Gymnasium was burned on May 7th, 1930, It was insured for \$25,000; all it was worth. (The Governors were then faced with choosing between constructing a cheap wooden building, like the old one, or one which would be of the more substantial pattern of the other college buildings. They wisely decided on the latter, first, because they wanted something which would adequately meet the students' needs without delay, and second, because construction was less expensive in 1930 and 1931 than it had been for many years. A contract was awarded and the work completed in March of this year. In order to do this they had to go to the Bank and borrow \$150,000; interest 6%. Withe interest bill alone is \$9,000 per year. Total upkeep charges, of course, are several thousand dollars in excess of this amount.

A word about the new building itself. It is fireproof, of stone and stucco exterior, and a pleasing addition to the group of other buildings. Its outside dimensions are 140 x 72 with an added L on the north side 40 x 40. The main Gymnasium floor measures 70 x 100, the basement gymnasium for boxing, fencing, rowing machines, etc., is 70 x 35. The main floor is laid out with a view to its being used as a theatre and lecture hall. The stage is 35 x 30, with an additional five foot runway around three sides, and the auditorium can seat comfortably 1500 people. Last spring this hall afforded a handsomer Convocation Hall than Dalhousie University has ever had, and prior to Convocation, it afforded exceptional facilities for examinations.

In the basement there are ample locker rooms for both men and women students, and there is adequate provision for shower baths. For the faculty, there is a squash court and shower-room, and also a Common-Room. The L mentioned above, provides a room for alumni and alumnae committee rooms. This room is also to be used by the new Dalhousie Book Club, which is open to the public. Few college buildings have ever been used for so many purposes!

The Alumnae and the Alumni have now joined together in an effort to pay off the debt on the gymnasium by soliciting a payment of at least \$10,00 per year for a period of five years, from each Alumna and Alumnus of the University, and though the times are hard and none of us to-day have much to spare, we are hopeful the undertaking can be successfully accomplished.

3

\$10.00 a year we would submit is less than three cents per day. Is there any graduate unable or unwilling to do that much for Alma Mater?

Are you willing to help? If so, please sign and return the enclosed card. And if you are disposed to discuss this proposal with other Dalhousie Alumnists in your community, will you advise us, for we want very much to hear from those who are willing to help us in our canvass if their help is needed.

We have the addresses of 4000 old students of "Dalhousie". Each one will receive a copy of this folder. We have made no estimate of what response we are likely to receive, but we do know that if 3000 people pledge themselves to give us \$10.00 per year for five years - some should do more - the end of the five year period will see our new gymnasium paid for by the sons and daughters of the University. We admit that money is scarce, but is there one of us who cannot manage to stand a five year tax of ten dollars a year for our old and well loved Alma Mater? How proud we shall be if this effort turns out a success.