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THE present issue of the JOURNAL is the first which has been produced by the recently appointed staff, and owing to the action taken by the Alma. Mater at its last meeting, it will be the last as well. The Society, or at least that portion which assembled last Saturday evening, having refused to grant a privilege which has been accorded to the managing editor ever since QUEEN'S COLLEGE JOURNAL was in existence, namely, that of choosing his support, it was considered by the staff as equivalent to a vote of want of confidence in their leader, and their resignation promptly ensued. It is the opinion of those who have retired, that the endeavor to foist upon them a gentleman to whom the large proportion of the staff was opposed, is not the treatment due to those who have worked hard to put the JOURNAL in a position of which the Alma Mater should be proud.

OUR contemporary, *The 'Varsity*, trips up Dr. Grant, or attempts to do so, a little too smartly without in the first place reading aright what he really did say, with regard to the universities of Great Britain. The Rev. Principal knows full well the nature of the teaching in the universities referred to. He would not place Oxford and Edinburgh exactly upon the same footing; far less would he designate them "denominational" universities in the strict sense of that word. It is true that the theological chairs in Edinburgh are exclusively filled by church men; but these by no means constitute the university. In this department the number of students does not exceed 200 at most, whereas the number on the university roll, is now fully three thousand, comprising men of all denominations, as well as those to whom denominationalism gives little concern. What we have said about Edinburgh may also in a great measure be spoken of Oxford. We, therefore, agree with the editor of *'Varsity*, that "the learned Principal of Queen's seems to miss that clear spirit of the times he emphasizes so strongly, *if he does not see that all the larger universities of Great Britain are, in spirit, secular now, and are fast becoming so in reality.*" But it is evident from the Principal's address, that *he does clearly see this palpable fact*; and if any misconception exists on the matter it must be attributed not to the want of perception on the part of Dr. Grant but to the unwarranted conclusion to which *'Varsity* has come. *'Varsity* draws another conclusion. It states "that University College has little to gain by the proposed affiliation is amply evidenced by the un-