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**W**HILE great and momentous questions, such as Italy's financial crisis and the insurrections in Brazil and Mexico, have been agitating the great outside body politic, our own academical world has been deciding who shall direct its affairs during another session. The elections were memorable for several reasons, first, the exceptional merit of the candidates; second, the size of the vote polled; third, the friendly spirit manifested during the entire election. The JOURNAL, remembering its position, throughout maintained a neutral stand. It now congratulates the defeated candidates on the manliness with which they have taken the result of the poll, and trusts that every student will do his utmost to assist the present executive in fulfilling their promises to wisely direct the important interests entrusted to their care.

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If we can secure sufficient material, and we find this a most important reservation to make, the JOURNAL staff will issue a number during the Christmas holidays. We would like to make this a characteristic students' issue, and therefore humbly implore not only the few who have in the past contributed, but also the many who should contribute to help us in so worthy a project. Anything interesting to the student world will be most gladly received.

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For several reasons the peroration of the speech of Hon. G. W. Ross, given at the St. Andrew's ban-

quet in Toronto last week, will be interesting to our readers:—

"To us, to-night, Scotland is the special object of our devotion, and, although we are not Scotchmen in the sense of those who still occupy her sacred soil, yet I trust we are all Scotchmen in our desire to perpetuate in Canada all those qualities which have made Scotland great. It may be that an all-wise Providence settled that little portion of His universe in which to work out to a successful issue for the benefit of other nations great political and national problems. It may be that it was necessary in working out His wonderful purposes to lift before their gaze those rugged hills as emblematic of the firmness of His eternal purposes. It may be that He spread before them those beautiful lochs that they might see reflected there the serenity of the sky which was yet to bend above them when His purposes toward them were determined. It may be that He called upon His waves to lash their shores with Titanic fury, that they might learn how safe they were at all times in the hollow of His hand. It may be that He trained their souls to bear patiently the insolence or to resist manfully the vengeance of their enemies that they might become patient in trouble and courageous in resistance; and it may be that, after having thus trained them, He scattered them to the very ends of the earth, that they might transplant to other climes the many virtues which under His hand they had developed at home."

It would mark a most distinct advance did our public speaking contain more gems like the above. We could with great profit sacrifice (?) much quantity for quality.

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Page one of the University Calendar, whilst recording many other very important events, also mentions the following:—"Dec. 22, Christmas holidays begin. Jan. 9, classes re-open." In years gone by it has been customary for the editor to brush up his early moral training and evolve from his inner consciousness some appropriate advice. We, however, wish to be excused. Our past experience in guiding the steps of the students of this University does not warrant a continuation of advice.

However, we feel that something is expected from us, and so we shall outline our course of action. Before following our example let every man carefully weigh the consequences and be persuaded in his own mind.

We shall not break the bottom out of our trunk carrying books to impress the folks at home. We shall not write any essays for any professor let him charm never so wisely. We shall not devote our days and nights to a very ABSTRACT conception of the good and beautiful. We shall not wear too long