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WHILE wishing our readers a happy New Year, we feel that we owe them an apology for the delay in issuing this and other numbers, our reason being, as might be supposed, that we had not sufficient "copy." Our aim is to have the JOURNAL published original and to abstain as far as possible from the use of the scissors; and we regret that there is such a lack of appreciation, on the part of the Students of the University, of the advantage of frequent and painstaking composition in acquiring a good style; and that we would remind the Students that nine more numbers have to be issued between this and May 1st. We hope we will not again have to skirmish round in the role of a literary tramp, for the wherewithal to satisfy our journalistic hunger.

THE attention of graduates and old Alumni of the College is directed to the announcement of the Registrar of the University Council, an announcement which will be found among our advertisements. The labor of preparing and sending out nearly one thousand voting papers is very considerable, and to lessen it the Council has ordered that in future voting papers will be sent only to those graduates and Alumni who apply for them, and to those who pay the annual registration fee of one dollar before the 15th January next.

IMPORTANT changes have taken place in the teaching staff of Queen's since last session. Dr. Williamson, full of years and labors, retires in a large measure from active work, retaining only the class of Natural Philosophy. Professor Dupuis assumes the department of Mathematics—junior and senior—and resigns that of Natural History. Professor Dupuis brings to

the discharge of his new duties an extensive and accurate acquaintance with his subject, and, what are equally essential in a teacher, the vigor of mature manhood and a rare aptitude for imparting knowledge. The chair of Natural Science, vacated by Professor Dupuis, has been filled by the appointment of Professor Fowler. This gentleman, like our Principal, comes from the East, and, though his fame did not precede him, enjoyed, we believe, quite a local reputation as a student of nature. Rev. A. B. Nicholson has been placed upon the staff as Lecturer on Modern Languages. The vacancy which arose upon the death of Professor Mackerras still continues. The duties of the Classical Chair, however, are discharged, jointly by Professor Nicholson and Mr. Samuel Woods. The former gentleman takes the Latin Classes and, in his conduct of them, justifies the tradition of his high classical attainments current among the sons of Queen's. Mr. Woods presides over the department of Greek literature in a manner befitting so distinguished a graduate of our Provincial University.

WE would like to see the students take a greater interest in the ordinary meetings of the Alma Mater Society. Since the demise of the Elocution Association, this is the only means of improvement of its kind, in connection with the University. Every educated man in a free country like this, should be able to express himself with ease and fluency, if not with persuasive power. The experience of the past teaches us that in no way can this desideratum—facility of