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**T**O-DAY the students of Queen's are to give a final decision as to who shall constitute the Executive Committee of the A. M. S. for the ensuing year. The JOURNAL offers all the candidates a few words of advice. To those who have been defeated we would say that you should emphasize your election rather than your defeat. The Society chose you as one of two men who possessed capabilities qualifying them to perform an important work on her behalf. You are in duty bound to remember the honour she conferred, and to turn your abilities into whatever other channel he may recommend. The phrase "elected to stay at home" may convey a truth in certain spheres of life; it should never be heard with regard to the elections of our A.M.S. We have heard office-seekers promise all sorts of reforms if only they were granted a position on the Executive Board, and when their request was denied we have seen them manifest their disgust by foregoing all connection with any department of the Society's work. We have always been thankful in such cases that the Society rejected them, for they have clearly manifested how little real interest they take in her welfare.

To the elected candidates we extend our congratulations. The Society has honoured you by

appointing you her special representatives for the coming year. In accepting this honour you should remember at the same time the duties it involves. As is usually the case, you have been elected to serve and not to rule. Your election will bring you no honour if you forget this truth. "Maintain your post; that's all the fame you need."

The Society expects that for the next year you will consider her interests as of more importance than your own. She expects you to be present at every meeting, regular or special, to give all diligence in discharging faithfully the requirements of your particular office, and to lend a cheerful and ready assistance in every department of executive work. If at any time you should discover that you are unable to carry out this programme, it is your duty at once to resign. The Society will accept no excuse for persistent neglect of work.

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We hope it is not a species of intellectual nomadism that leads us to wish that some learned professor would treat the student community to a few popular lectures on architecture. In this Limestone City the student is affected in a real though vague manner by the buildings which, as the garments of work and worship, come to form part of himself; while this acquisition remains—like many other features of himself—but dimly known. Who has not felt proud of our University building? Who has not marked the sublimity, the moral grandeur of the tower of St. Mary's? Who has not felt the sweet harmony of St. Andrew's? And who can explain the principles involved in these?

True, we may have heard a passing comment on the economic structure of the City Buildings, the temperance and serenity of Greek architecture, as parallel with Greek literature, the forest forms of the Gothic, the simplicity of the Dorian; but these are scattered rays.

The subject is open to individual research, and doubtless there are those among us who know something about it; but the fact remains that even the Divinities, many of whom have had to do with the rearing of temples, are blissfully ignorant of the art or science.