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NO doubt all the students are equally as anxious as the members of the staff to make the JOURNAL a success. All can help by presenting its claims to any of the friends of Queen's whom they may meet during the Xmas vacation and inducing them to subscribe.

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We regret to say that our Editor, on account of illness, has been unable for some time past to perform his arduous duties. It is needless to say that his absence is keenly felt by the staff. We are glad that he is recovering and hope soon to see him again at the helm.

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In view of the erection in the near future of a new Science Hall in connection with Queen's we wish to bring one or two facts before the attention of the students and all concerned. It is evident that a larger and more convenient place must soon be obtained for holding the meetings of the A. M. S. The class-room hitherto occupied for this purpose is uncomfortably small and unsuitable. It must have been also the cause of serious inconvenience to the Professor of Science to find his class-room so frequently thrown into disorder. We must admire his unbounded patience in having borne it so long. It is also a fact just as apparent that our Y. M. C. A., whose membership is increasing every year, and whose meetings are attended by a large proportion of the students, requires a larger room in which to hold its meetings. And lastly there is the fact that, to make room for the extension of the museum in connection with the medical department, the students, with a generosity which has always characterized them, gave up their gymnasium and are now without one. The growth of an institution necessarily brings with it its disadvantages, but they are disadvantages which should be met with thankfulness at least. In view of these facts it is clear that something must be done and

done soon. The Y. M. C. A. of University College, Toronto, has put up for its own use and mainly by its own efforts, a beautiful and substantial building; and the students of the 'Varsity have inaugurated a scheme to build a new gymnasium, as they, like us, are at present without one. Now perhaps we can learn a lesson from the example even of Toronto. By combined effort much can be accomplished. We suggest that a wing be built in connection with the new Science Hall large enough to contain a good gymnasium and a hall in which all students' meetings could be held. Something of this nature is certainly needed; and what ought to be can be. It will no doubt be much cheaper and easier to build this wing at the same time as the erection of the Hall. We would urge therefore that immediate steps be taken in order to see what can be done. Let the students seriously consider the matter. The opportunity is with us now, it is ours to seize it. We feel sure that since a few students subscribed more than \$6,000 for the Jubilee Fund, it is not unreasonable to expect that by united effort an amount equal to or even greater than that could be raised for the object indicated. If the students succeed in raising part of the amount required there is no doubt that the generous friends of Queen's and the still more generous Faculty, seeing that they are in earnest, will come to their assistance. It may be objected that it is unfair to the students at present in attendance that they should put forth efforts almost solely for the benefit of those who will come after them. But surely the students of Queen's are capable of regarding life and action from a more unselfish standpoint than this. It seems to us that those are best rewarded who willingly work for others expecting nothing in return.

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We learn that the authorities of McGill College are soon to have nearly a quarter of a million dollars to appropriate to the Department of Applied Science. It is, we suppose, well known that the late Mr. Workman left one hundred and twenty thousand dollars to be expended on that department, and, to supplement this bequest, a canvass is being made to obtain another hundred thousand. This sum will place the school of Applied Science, in affiliation with McGill College, on a footing equal to any other on the continent.

We wish to express our great pleasure at the stride to be taken by our sister institution, and rejoice to think that Canada will thus have a school so excellently equipped.

It is inspiring to see Canada come so rapidly to the front, and why should she not, in almost every department of science and industry? She should be a nation among nations, teaching others as well as learning from