

them but for their rags; and that is the main reason why the JOURNAL so strenuously endeavours to enforce the wearing by all students of a gown and cap, whose origin is so beautifully traced in another column. Everybody connected with the College, from the Chancellor down to the smallest Freshie—smallest in intellect, of course—should be devoutly thankful for the success of the Endowment scheme through the past twelve months, and that the new buildings are now almost roofed in. Apropos of roofs, many a daring youth may be thankful if he hasn't a roof put on him for taking the roof off the—the—what-you-call-'em—appendages to the College. And ye divines, a word of warning: we all know your beaming countenances depict hearts of gratitude within, let your thankfulness be not of the Phari-saical kind of which we read in the Bible, we need not reiterate the passage even if we could, of course you know it. And we editors, what have we to be thankful for—we had not even Thanksgiving Day to ourselves; no, there is no rest for the—the—righteous, our reward is yet to come. So boys pluck up courage and at least thank your stars if you do not get plucked.

ALL Graduates and Alumni generally are requested to read and make a note of the following. It is part of the business of such a journal as this to collect news of those old students who have long ago left the halls of Queen's to engage in the general business of life, and thus publish a record of their sayings and doings for the benefit of old class-mates who, perhaps, have not seen their faces since the memorable day when, with united voices, they repeated the *sponsio academica*. This we have always striven to do, remembering the announcement in our prospectus that it would always be a prominent object with us to rivet, if possible, more closely the bonds of union between the

Alumni and their Alma Mater. In spite of this fact, however, our "Personal" items are often very few in number, and the very large majority even of these concern only the younger graduates. Now, the reason for this is simply because we are not omniscient. This announcement may surprise some of our readers, but the fact still remains, and we must sadly but firmly repeat we are not omniscient. Neither are we ubiquitous. We absolutely cannot know everything, or be everywhere at once. We, therefore, request each and every old graduate or alumnus, when anything happens which he would consider a special event in his history, to drop us a line informing us of the fact, and he will be surprised to find how many old class-mates still retain a strong desire to know somewhat of his welfare. Besides, just think how our subscription list would be increased amongst the ladies were we able to publish occasionally a column headed "Births and Marriages." Care is taken to send such notices to the papers that circulate in the immediate neighborhood. Why not send them to one that circulates among so many of one's oldest and best friends? We know the innate modesty that characterizes the true son of Queen's, and makes him desirous of sending little information concerning himself; but if his sense of justice to us and his fellow graduates cannot overcome this, this much he can do, he can send us any news he may hear concerning other alumni, and perhaps others will do the same for him.

BELIEVING as we do that our columns should be wholly given up to original writing of the students, or news and suggestions with reference to our own Colleges and University in particular, or the College World in general, we rarely give any place in our paper to what is generally called "selected" matter. In this number, how-