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ONCE more we have to complain that the Alma Mater Society has, through neglect, sacrificed the interests of the JOURNAL. No staff has been appointed to take charge of the paper for the following year, and, if we are to judge from former years, it will be late next session before any move is made in the matter. The duties of the present staff end with the issue of the twelfth number. They have no authority to carry on the JOURNAL until relieved by the new staff. Hence there is always an interregnum, which of late years has lasted far on into the following session, much to the injury both of the literary and financial possibilities of the paper. The positions of managing editor and treasurer should be made tenable for several sessions in order to give stability to the paper and prevent these yearly lapses. It is too late now to remedy the evil this session, but we would urge upon such officers of the Alma Mater Society as are to return next session the necessity of prompt action in the matter of appointing a new staff.

WE feel that the students really deserve our praise and admiration for the very decorous manner in which they conducted themselves during the whole of the closing ceremonies. No one expects that "mum" is to be the word when the students are assembled in their gallery to view the proceedings of convocation week. It has been a recognized custom in this, as in other colleges, that the students may in a sense take part in the proceedings, and by their timely applause, appropriate remarks, and witty ejaculations in the nick of time, add zest and life to the proceedings. On some former occasions the element which they contributed was largely out of harmony with the proceedings—a mere meaningless discord, the sole object being to make a noise. Their remarks were ill chosen, and had no respect for time or place. This year, however, there was a marked absence of the mere noisy element. There was less of the animal and more of the human in the gallery's contribution to the proceedings of the day. We say this with some considerable pride in our students, for there are other colleges in this country which boast themselves to be something whose students have not quite reached the human stage in their contributions on such occasions. We trust that the good sense shown by the present students may have its influence on all their successors, and that the students of Queen's may find renown, not only as scholars, but as gentlemen. And when they have graduated may they leave the halls of their Alma Mater knowing the possibility at least of being "pleasant without scurrility, witty without affectation, audacious without impudency, as well as learned without opinion and strange without heresy."