

of human passions.' It cannot seem strange to us 'to see people despondent' if we have eyes in our heads; and 'every one ought to do all in their power' is ungrammatical. More than all this, though it may sound a harsh judgment, the article contains less sentiment than sentimentality.

*Acta Victoriana* has modified the color of its cover. It has also modified the exuberance of its personal column. Both of these are improvements. It may be still more improved if it is broad enough to find room for some of the crispness and vigor of the late *Astrum Alberti*. The address of Principal Nelles is well worth reading.

*Knox College Monthly*, *King's College Record* and *Dalhousie Gazette* have also been received, the last of which contains the address of Dr. Alexander, the new Professor of English Literature.

### ALMA MATER.

THE meeting of the Alma Mater Society on the evening of November 29th was characterized by an unusually large attendance. This was due, no doubt, to the fact that in addition to that being the night for the receiving of nominations of contestants for office, for the ensuing year, there was also important business in connection with the initiation of the freshmen in medicine, a matter which had been neglected till it was uncomfortably near to an impossibility before the elections, without straining the constitution. On account of these counter attractions, the medical students decided to dispense with their Asculapian Society and attend Alma Mater *en masse*. After a short, but rather vigorous discussion over the manner in which the freshmen were to be made members, arrangements were arrived at, and they were admitted. After a few matters of minor importance had received attention, the meeting was thrown open for nominations. Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, M.A., B.D., '58, of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto was unaniously chosen to fill the office of Honorary President. For the presidency, two candidates, H. B. Mowat, B.A., '81, and Jas. A. Brown, B.A., '83, had been nominated, when Dr. Herald read a letter from Mr. Brown in which he stated his refusal to contest the election with any one, and so, rather than allow the office to fall to Mr. Mowat without a struggle, William Spankie, B.A., '82, a medico, was nominated as his opponent. For the offices of first and second vice, there were three applicants, W. J. Kidd, '85, and Geo. W. Mitchell, '85, from Arts, and W. C. D. Clark, '85, from Medicine. The candidates for the Secretaryship were Jos. Foxton, '86, and Fred. M. Young, '86; and H. N. Dunning, '87, opposed J. J. McLennan, '87, for the office of Treasurer. For committeemen, two, A. A. Dame and H. Burdette, were chosen from the Medicals, and A. D. Cartwright, Gordon J. Smith, Salt Richards and E. Pirie from the different classes in Arts. The meeting adjourned, after the retiring President, Dr. Herald, had delivered a short address.

### THE ELECTIONS.

The week between the nominations and the elections is always a busy one for candidates and their supporters. Each interested man has his own little wire to pull. Each candidate, whether he has ever spoken in public before or not, has to stand before that most critical of all audiences, a band of students, and explain just why he wants the office, why he should get it, and why the other man

should not, what he will do with it if he *does* get it, etc. This year, in comparison with last, was not characterized by any bitterness. Early in the campaign, Mr. Brown decided to re-enter the field, and Mr. Spankie resigned in his favour. Mr. Mitchell too, having re-considered the matter, declined to run, and henceforth the contest between Mr. Kidd and Mr. Clark was merely for the position of first Vice-President. Mr. Burdette also, possibly on account of his lameness, declined to enter the race, but with these exceptions, those who had been nominated carried on the campaign. The elections took place on Saturday, December 6th, in Ontario Hall. The voter received his ballot from the treasurer, Mr. Ryan, marked it as it suited him best, and entered the polling-booth, where his vote was recorded by the Secretary, Mr. Carmichael, who was assisted by two scrutineers, Messrs. Storms and Miller from Medicine and Arts respectively. Reports were posted up at the end of each hour.

The polls were open from 2 p.m., until 9 p.m., when, on summing up results, it was found that the following candidates, as reported in our last issue, had been elected:

PRESIDENT.—H. B. Mowat, B. A.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT.—W. J. Kidd.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.—W. C. D. Clark.

SECRETARY.—Joseph Foxton.

TREASURER.—H. N. Dunning.

COMMITTEE.—Gordon Smith, Salt Richards, Edwin

Pirie.

The usual speeches were delivered and the crowd dispersed.

The Society had been unanimous in choosing as critic a man eminently qualified for the position, Mr. Chas. J. Cameron, '85, and so as far as that office was concerned there was no contest whatever. This was the case also with the Assistant Secretaryship, none being found to oppose the daring Freshman, Wm Rankine.

During the evening of the election, an outburst of enthusiasm was occasioned by the receipt of a telegram containing the information that our boys had succeeded in retaining the championship for Queen's in the Association match with the Torontos. A blow was struck while the iron was hot, by some enthusiasts present, and it is more than probable that the victors will receive a substantial reward in the shape of a banquet to be held shortly.

### PERSONALS.

REV. E. D. McLAREN, M.A., B.D., '70, preached the University sermon in Convocation Hall on the 23rd ultimo.

JOHN M. SHERLOCK, '85, is daily adding to his laurels as a vocalist, both at home and abroad. At a recent concert given in Ottawa, he was received with great applause and repeatedly encored.

HERBERT M. McCUAIG, B.A., '84, in the role of Assistant Master of the High School, is endeavoring to bring up the youth of the Village of Williamstown, in the way they should go.

HEW RAMSEY DUFF, M.D., '84, Newburgh, last month took unto himself a true companion and a reasonable wife from among, *mirabile dictu*, the *Strange* daughters of Kingston, that she should share the glories and wealth of his practice. Good luck, long life, and all manner of prosperity be with them.