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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS and home are twin ideas. During the week prior to the vacation there are no doubt more thoughts homewards than bookwards. Nothing is more natural. It is also morally and spiritually healthy. May home sickness amongst our students long continue. College has its many attractions and associations, but even these must give place to the more natural cravings of kindred fellowships. After all mankind believes that "There's no place like home." And home, during the Christmas festivities, becomes doubly attractive, as much perhaps because of the happy prospective dreams the boys have of what awaits them there than of the actual realities. At such times as these how prompt are all necessary arrangements completed. A week previous the railway authori-

ties are asked to stretch to the utmost their generosity, and the request of the boys in general is not in vain. In passing we extend our thanks to the Grand Trunk and Kingston and Pembroke Railways in granting reduced fares and an extension of time. And how busy are the city stores attending to orders, which must be completed "not later than Friday evening." The shoemaker, the tailor, the hatter and the haberdasher are all called into requisition. Gentlemen must appear in presentable form when they visit their friends. Stationers and booksellers are likewise patronized; for there are small brothers and sisters at home who value a little present from their big brother who has been at Queen's. And railway conductors and others in the cars are not long in finding out that there are special passengers aboard. It does not even require the college colours to announce the fact. There is usually a little jocular noise, which the most dyspeptic are forced to appreciate; and, as one by one of Queen's men disappear at the various roadside stations, their fellows left behind send after them "A Merry Christmas!" and "A Happy New Year!" which we now heartily extend to all the boys, and wish them a safe return in due time to their Alma Mater, refreshed and stimulated for further studies.

PRINCIPAL GRANT, last Saturday evening, at the usual meeting of the Alma Mater Society, severely and justly condemned the existing system of canvassing for votes at the general election of the Society's office-bearers, and recommended consideration of the matter. We trust the