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The Sanctum.

THE pulse of the Canadian people is again throbbing under the excitement of a pending election. Upon March 5th the electors will be called upon to decide at the polls between the questions at issue. The party lines are distinctly drawn, perhaps never more distinctly in the history of the Dominion than in the present campaign; and each party under the direction of able leaders and party organs is doing its best to instruct its constituents and the people at large, upon the importance of its own principles and the weakness of those of its opponents. As a body of students, we cannot help being deeply interested in the vital issues at stake. With representatives from a goodly tract of country, involving great diversity of circumstances and opinions, we should be able intelligently to grasp the situation. As young men, who are to take prominent part in moulding the destinies of this fair "Canada of Ours," we cannot afford to be ignorant of what is going on around us. The man who thinks that a

country can be carried on without government, or who does not consider the matter worth his attention at all, is probably one who will have a proportionate amount of influence in the sphere of work which he has chosen. Let no one be blinded by party prejudice; let us look at the matter fairly, remembering of course that no human institution is perfect, and the methods of government no exception to the rule. We firmly believe that students as a class are fair minded and disposed to give both sides a hearing.

THERE'S music in the air. The seniors have organized a glee club, which already gives promise of success. The first public appearance was the occasion of the late reception given by the students of the Athenæum Society to their friends of the Seminary and village. The hearty greeting which they then received bespeaks for that club the success that such talent, with a fair measure of training, is able to achieve.

THE Juniors, with characteristic energy, have also come to the front and formed a singing class. It was their good fortune to secure the leadership of Instructor H. N. Shaw, under whose tutorship some sixteen of the Junior Class at stated intervals meet to develop their vocal powers. In due time they will no doubt let themselves be heard.

LITERALLY speaking, is it not in order for the Sophomores and Freshmen to take up the refrain? Before doing so, however, it would be well for the Freshmen to enter into a thorough class organization. It is to be regretted that this class has not yet formulated and worked under a constitution of its own. The members of that class are beginning to know something of the advantages of a hurriedly-called class-meeting to discuss questions of immediate importance; but to the benefits resulting from an organization with regular meetings for social, literary and business purposes, they seem to