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THE A.M.S. elections are over; not, per-  
haps, to the satisfaction of all of us. But  
only one can win in a fight, and even those  
who did not vote for a single victorious candi-  
date must surely admit that the officers of the  
Alma Mater for the ensuing year will be faith-  
ful workers, inspired with a sincere love for  
Queen's and the A.M.S., and that if they make  
mistakes they "will do so with the very best  
intentions." Now is the time for the unsuc-  
cessful candidates to prove that their love for  
the Society is superior to any personal char-  
grin. Let our "men of ability and foresight"  
not wait outside till called upon to assist in  
some season of great peril, but let them  
rather attend our meetings and help to obviate  
difficulties; and not merely find a way of es-  
cape when these have come upon us.

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The voting seems to show that the Meds.  
went pretty solidly for their candidate and the  
Arts men for theirs, though we do not think  
that this argues that either followed a leader  
like a flock of sheep. Men naturally prefer the  
candidate of whom they know most, and to  
whom they may be bound by ties of friendship,  
and of course in most cases the Meds. have a  
more intimate acquaintance with the Medical  
candidate, and Arts men the same. This, we  
think, is the explanation of what is usually

known as "the Y.M.C.A. vote." The accusa-  
tion made against the Y.M.C.A. of being a  
political organization is in nine cases out of  
ten unjust. A member of that body naturally  
knows more of the man who attends their  
meetings regularly, and has a better opinion  
of him. But to denounce the Y.M.C.A. as a  
party machine and a clique is absurd.

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The one unpleasant feature of our A. M. S.  
elections is the attempts, sometimes success-  
ful, which is made at impersonation. Things  
have gone a little too far when two men, one  
a candidate, the other an influential worker,  
openly boast of the number of "plugs" they  
have "run in," and treat the matter rather as  
a good joke than anything else. It is not for  
us to say which side is to blame, though most  
people know pretty clearly. The man who  
consents to impersonate, and the candidate  
or agent who persuades him to do it, are guilty  
of the most despicable crime a student can  
commit; though of the two the latter is the  
worse. As our constitution now reads, though  
ample provision is made for scrutineers, yet  
seemingly there is no provision whereby it is  
possible to swear a voter. Why could not a  
clause so providing be inserted in the constitu-  
tion? At a slight cost we could obtain the  
services of one qualified to administer the oath  
and we would then be in a position to proceed  
legally against offenders.

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Some one kindly pinch the concursus to see  
if it's alive! Turn the gas on, John, for fear  
it gets away before it dies! Wail after wail  
comes to our ears from the curators of the  
reading room; magazines are disappearing,  
bill after bill is passed by the senate, electric  
bell wires are being mangled and torn. The  
voice of the JOURNAL staff is heard in the  
land, for in these latter days budding beard-  
less youths who know not what a college paper  
should be begin to criticize and complain.  
And worse than all there are specimens of  
modesty in the Freshman year who actually