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## Editoriala.

JOY and sadness are most wonderfully intermingled in this life. While to most of us the christmas vacation has been a time of good-cheer and happiness, to others it has been a season of mourning for the loss of friends. Death is at any time an unwelcome visitor, but when it comes to us at a time when the happiness of all about us is the predominant note, it has a gloomier and more repellent countenance. Accordingly it was with great sorrow indeed that the students heard that during the holidays several of their number had passed away. The many expressions of regret which we have heard will assure their friends that the sorrow of the Queen's students is deep and sincere.

TO think of New Year's is to call to mind the forming of resolutions and quite naturally so. We are always rather conscious that we are not doing our best and we welcome any opportunity for starting all over again.

Coming to college in October we resolve that our study shall be systematic from the beginning; and if (as sometimes happens) it has become disorganized and put to rout by a long series of social attacks in the shape of "At Homes," "Dances" or "Levana Teas," we solemnly determine that from January 5th, 1904, onwards we will be so diligent in our studies that our professors will beg us to not imperil our precious health in such an eager search for knowledge.

Few, however, will assert that the making of resolutions is an unmingled evil. It is harmful only to those who put forth little if any effort to carry their resolves into effect. And even although many of our resolutions are as if they had not been, it must be remembered that without resolution man's activity would immediately cease, without determination nothing is brought to completion. Men, of course, ought to be continually endeavouring to uplift themselves, and should not delay until the first day of the year to make attempts at a higher standard of life. But so long as men will live a mediocre life all the year round with no desire for better things, it is very appropriate and necessary that at one period in the year, at least, they will experience, influenced to a great extent by the new spirit which is abroad, a fresh impulse to try once more what they can do with themselves.

The students of Queen's have also their decisions to make. We have to decide that in college life, as well as in any other life, the sole object and aim should be the development of character. We should be honest and upright. We should possess that characteristic