

candidate, (who, in nine cases out of ten, is a personal friend,) not because he considers him incapable of filling the office properly, but because his opponent has in his estimation a prior claim upon his suffrage.

In the recent elections quite a number of the candidates left their cases in the hands of their warmest supporters, and we are satisfied that their interests were quite as well supported as if they had undertaken to attend to them personally.

Another reform we would like to see introduced is voting by ballot, instead of the open voting as at present. We are of the opinion that if the practice of a personal canvass were entirely done away with, and a system of ballot voting introduced, much of the ill-feeling which too often is the result of the annual Alma Mater elections, would be averted.

THE want of an editorial sanctum in the college buildings is one of the disadvantages under which the members of the present staff of the JOURNAL perform the somewhat onerous duties of their office. As matters now stand, there is no place about the college, outside the class rooms, where an editor may set down to write an article, revise copy, or correct a printer's proof. These, however, are not the principal reasons for bringing our claims before the senate for a small room in the basement, to be dedicated to the service of the knights of the quill, who are endeavoring in their own humble way, through the medium of the JOURNAL, to promote the interests of their *Alma Mater*. But when we consider the fact that not even a file copy of the JOURNAL has been preserved throughout the years of its past history, simply because there was no place where file copies could be safely stored, surely this of itself will be sufficient to warrant a concession on the part of the senate to a request from the board of editors for an editorial sanctum. We understand that in many other colleges a similar request has been

granted, and we are confident that if a small room were placed at our disposal the A. M. Society will see that it is furnished with a writing table and other necessary furniture, including a book-case, in which current and back numbers of the JOURNAL may be safely preserved.

THERE is a very great deal of truth in the well known line, "Better late than never," but we think the rest of the proverb—"But better never late,"—though seldom quoted, has quite as much force. In connection with this we would refer to the very marked change which has lately taken place in the tone of several journals when referring to this University. This change is particularly noticeable in the columns of the *Mail*. Expressions of sympathy and good-will, if given when Queen's was passing through dark days, would have been encouraging; they would have been very pleasing even if given when the university had overcome immense difficulties and was rapidly nearing the front rank among similar institutions; but now when Queen's has attained a position commanding the respect of all, and is recognized as one of the universities of the Dominion, these laudatory notices come just a little "late." Our college has also suffered much at the hands of those whose education should have made them far more liberal. It is quite fit and proper that men should esteem their own "Alma Mater" above all others, but this is no reason why statements quite misleading in their character, and prejudicial to other institutions, should be disseminated throughout the country. If we refer to Central Ontario, it is because that part of the province is best known to us. In the principal town of that section, until within the past year, most erroneous ideas of Queen's have prevailed, and of the students now here from that place, there is not one but expresses the greatest surprise at the extent of the institution into which he has entered. The