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WITH the present issue the Athenæum enters upon the eleventh year of its existence. Under many discouragements from different quarters, and adverse circumstances of various kinds, the students have continued to publish a college paper whose columns have presented their claims and voiced their sentiments. Whether the ATHENÆUM has ever realized its ideal, or even justified its continued existence, we will not undertake to affirm, but as it comes to us a trust from our predecessors we cheerfully assume the obligation which it imposes, and will endeavor to perpetuate its life and broaden its influence. We are not ignorant of the responsibilities which we thus assume nor of the criticism to which we shall, from time to time, be exposed; but we hope to meet the one with faithfulness and the other with candor. Our paper may perhaps suggest, at times, a lack of experience on the part of the editors, or a want of lively interest among the students, but we believe that time will correct

the fault in the one case, as we hope that a sense of duty and individual responsibility will remove it in the other. Friendly advice will be received with pleasure and followed as far as practicable, but a sensorious spirit will not be encouraged. The opinions of students will be stated with becoming modesty, and a due regard for the more matured views of those in authority. In short we will strive to make the ATHENÆUM worthy of the institution which it represents, and we hope that in this endeavor neither graduates nor undergraduates will fail us, but help to impart a pleasing variety to our columns by frequent contributions.

WE take this early opportunity to thank our subscribers for the prompt and cheerful manner in which they responded to the call for funds from our Secy-Treas. We are pleased to know that most of our friends understood our needs, and by settling their accounts, put us in a better position financially than we have occupied for some time. A few complications have grown out of these demands which we heartily regret. They have been quite as unpleasant to us as they have been doubtless annoying to our subscribers. Where the managers of a paper are changed from time to time, as in the case of the ATHENÆUM, mistakes will occur. But we can assure our friends that we are now in a position to reduce this difficulty to a minimum. Our books have been carefully examined and corrected, a new list of subscribers made out, from which all merely ornamental names have been dropped.

There is still a large sum of money due us from subscribers one and two years in arrears, on whom no demand has been made. Were all these small amounts placed in our hands, improvements might be made in the ATHENÆUM which have been for some time contemplated, but abandoned for want of sufficient funds.