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IN the kind providence of God, we have been spared to see the beginning of a new Session, and it is now our duty to issue the first number of our Journal for the Session '82-'83. Many changes have taken place in the great world since we last met within the college walls, but it is with deep gratitude to the Almighty Giver of all good, that we remark that death has made no break in our ranks, and that we have been all spared to begin the work of a new Session under such favorable auspices. In the work of editing a College Journal, we bespeak the indulgence and co-operation of all our readers. The pages of this Journal will be always open to the student, the graduate, or to our other friends, and we hope that we shall have no lack of material with which to fill our columns, but that we may rather require to exercise care in the selection of the articles for publication from the abundance of our contributions. The aim of the editors is to make this a College Journal, and their wish is that every student should consider himself bound to do something to make it a success. Let each student resolve to contribute some of the fruits of his toil and industry, and then we shall all reap a true benefit from our Journal. Our aim and desire at all times should be that in the columns of this Journal nothing should appear unless—in the words of Cicero—it is "*perfectum ingenio laboratum industria.*" Let this then be our aim, and our Journal must succeed. Having thus shown the desire on

the part of the editors, and hoping that we may receive a hearty co-operation from all our friends, we make our bow, and hope that the Session "'82-'83" may be in the life of Journal and College crowned with abundant success.

OFTEN, upon entering a rural school-house, the eye is attracted by the simple word "Welcome," written upon the wall in letters of evergreen. No such word can be seen over the doors that appertain to the domiciles of the students. No such word is blazoned in letters of gold over the entrance to the College. Yet, notwithstanding the seeming omission, the editors in their joint capacity take upon themselves the pleasing privilege of echoing forth the word welcome to all the students, from the calm and dignified seniors in theology, to the juniors who are entering college. Welcome to our midst ye veterans who have withstood so far "the battle and the breeze" of the masses of Apologetics, Church History and systematic Theology accumulated in such vast heaps in your note books!!! Welcome, junior men, who are just starting out prepared to do battle with the weight of mathematics, that seems likely to crush a man with its angles, circles, figures and formulæ!! Welcome, all! whether you come from the fair west, with its orchard-covered plains and delectable cities, or from the hoary east, or from the provinces lashed by the Atlantic. Welcome from whatever latitude you have come! Welcome!!

Montreal as an Educational Centre.

NEVER, in the brief but eventful history of our college, did a session open with a more brilliant prospect. Hitherto the theological classes were largely or solely made up of Graduates of McGill University and of students who had completed their literary training in the Preparatory Department. Now graduates of others universities are beginning to see the great advantages connected with a professional training in the commercial centre of the Dominion and are coming from the East and the West to join our classes. Few cities of the world present more attractions to the student than Montreal. Apart from its healthful climate, the almost unrivalled beauty of its scenery, its magnificent churches and beautiful private residences, it has an additional charm to the student, from the fact that its population represents two