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THE ATHENÆUM has again changed hands. The editors of a college paper like Methodist ministers, are obliged to abandon their field of labor when the work is fairly begun. It is unfortunate for the paper as it is for the churches, to pass so frequently into new hands, but the editors, no doubt, like the ministers, often feel a sense of relief. With our warmest congratulations we bid our worthy predecessors goodbye, hoping their mantle may fall on us. In assuming the responsibilities of the office to which we have been called, we are possessed, it may be presumed, of the feelings and actuated by the motives of the orthodox editor: the feelings are those of mingled hope and fear; the motives, we trust, purely unselfish. If the paper is conducted to the satisfaction of our subscribers, we shall be satisfied. Our duty to them and to ourselves will stimulate us in the work, and we hope the labor will not be wholly in vain. Thanks to the ex-editors and printer, the ATHENÆUM comes to us in a highly respectable condition. It will be the

ambition of the editors not only to maintain the plane already reached, but to make some advance. Matters will be discussed from the students' standpoint; but if any of our friends wish to tell us how the same things appear from a different point of view, space in our columns, for that purpose, will be cheerfully granted. Contributors will please bear in mind that the subjects discussed will be mainly of an educational nature; but contributions on matters of general interest will not be rigidly excluded.

WE have no apology to make for the general character of the current number of the ATHENÆUM. Those who understand the difficulties attending the first issue of a paper will, we are assured, find little fault. For the criticisms of others we confess to have slight regard. An explanation, however, is due our subscribers concerning the date of issue. Owing to the fact of the college being opened a month later it might reasonably be expected that there should be one copy less this year. But we have decided to issue the same number, the difference being only in date. Hitherto it has been the aim to get the paper in the hands of subscribers by the 20th of each month. But it has frequently happened that they did not receive it until the first of the month following. This has always been true of the May number, which could not be published till after Anniversary. We propose publishing the ATHENÆUM, this year, the first of every month till the close of the college year, beginning with November.

AN examination of our treasury shows it to be empty. This would be discouraging were it not that an examination of our list of subscribers shows a large amount of money due us. We ask those whose names appear on this list to send the amount at once. Please remember the success of the paper depends to a great extent on the promptness