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ONCE more the JOURNAL has been roused from its summer slumbers by a new and ardent editorial staff. Of course it is our ambition to become record-breakers and to raise our paper higher than ever in the estimation of its patrons and of the world in general. The delay in its appearance is due as usual to a lack of promptness on the part of the Alma Mater Society in appointing the staff. Now, however, having once entered upon our duties and being impressed with a becoming sense of our responsibilities, the JOURNAL may be expected to appear with due regularity during the remainder of the session. As regards our subject-matter, we propose to give it a somewhat wider scope than hitherto. Since the interests centering in a University must be intimately connected with the widest and

best of society itself, and since we address ourselves to an audience of educated persons with sympathies which we assume to be broader and deeper than those of the average man, we shall not hesitate to discuss, where we are able to do so, anything which concerns itself with the best interests of humanity. Especially is it our earnest desire to make the JOURNAL a bond of union between the graduates and friends of Queen's, and, to this end, a medium through which they may address one another and give expression to their views on those current questions which are worthy the claim to discussion. We hope, therefore, that at least a very considerable number of the graduates will unite with us in the endeavor to make our paper worthy in this respect. Being always open to conviction we are quite ready to entertain and apply to the best of our ability any criticisms or suggestions with which our readers in their wisdom may favor us. Another of our objects shall be to keep our readers posted as to the events of interest which transpire in and around the University; for we feel that no one who has spent his four or seven years at College can ever forget the close friendships, the notable peculiarities of his fellow students, and the many personal incidents connected with that period. And amid all the world's worries and triumphs with which his future life may be o'ergrown, those moments are blessed with a tranquil joy in which he reverts to college days and the lights and shadows of academic life, even though the reverie be closed with a sigh as the gap of years over which he looks back at them grows wide.