

## Ontario Normal College Monthly

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THE time has come when, in the course of events, the Normal College class of 1901 must "step down and out", and make way for the next batch of recruits for the great army of teachers who are training the rising generation of our Canada. With the passing of the class from the immediate guidance of instructors into a life of more independent effort and larger usefulness in the wider fields of life, comes also the transference of the management of the MONTHLY from the hands of the present staff to those of its successor. While the composition of the latter is from the circumstances of our college course and classes as yet unknown and unknowable, we bespeak for its members a more successful tenure of office and greater achievements in behalf of the journal than ours have been. At the same time we take pleasure in the thought that we have been able to formulate an ideal for the MONTHLY that in our opinion is the true end of its endeavour and to take a few steps toward the attainment of that ideal. We leave to succeeding editorial boards the task of carrying this work forward and of making the organ of the O. N. C. Literary Society a real force in the educational world in Ontario, and a lasting bond of union among the scattered graduates of the college it represents.

The project of a union embracing all the teachers of the Province, designed

to elevate the status of the profession generally, has been broached, and is deemed by many to be quite within the compass of possible realization during the next decade. Should such an enterprise go forward it will require the services of one journal at least, perhaps several, to afford that free exchange of ideas and methods that is necessary to the successful conduct of such a comprehensive organization. Just here the MONTHLY may readily find a niche of usefulness.

The question will then undoubtedly arise as to how far it can undertake this work and still maintain its character as a college magazine, and also as to the extent to which busy students can be called upon to devote themselves to outside issues of this sort. However, much of this difficulty will be obviated by the hearty support (financially and otherwise) of the journal by the graduates. Indeed without this backing all schemes that look towards extension must fail. We would therefore desire to impress upon the members of this year's class the obligation that rests upon them to maintain their interest in the MONTHLY during next year and succeeding years, to forward their subscriptions promptly and to write of their best, as opportunity presents itself, for its columns. In this way the college magazine may become to them a thing of interest for its own sake, as well as a valuable agent in building up their chosen profession.

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DELIGHTFUL task ! to rear the tender thought,  
 To teach the young idea how to shoot,  
 To pour the fresh instruction o'er the mind,  
 To breathe the enliv'ning spirit, and to fix  
 The generous purpose in the glowing breast.

Enthusiasm is the badge of the successful worker everywhere. He who does not feel a pride in the work