

EDITORIAL.

THE spring air, so rich in life and music, is also full of farewells. Valedictories are the order of the day. There is sighing and crying on every hand for things that are no more. We feel inclined to believe in the theory of the universe held by a certain Greek philosopher, "everything flows." It is not spring but neap-tide in our colleges, and even editors cannot make time or tide wait for them. And so, as we cross the bar and turn again home, we must send our moan back to our friends from whom we part.

In the first place the THEOLOGUE as a whole must make its bow, as it closes another volume. We hope and feel assured it has been helpful and interesting to many in our church during the past winter. It has sought for another year to fulfil the chief end of its existence, and so has striven to keep our ministers in touch with college life. This is no easy task, and almost impossible without such an agency as a college journal. After graduation from the institution and matriculation into the multifarious cares of congregational life, it is too easy to lose interest in the college. If far away they seldom get to the convocations and hear little about its trials or triumphs. Now the college cannot afford to lose the sympathy of even a limited number of its sons. These two are mutually dependent. As in the physical world, action and reaction are equal and opposite. The College life and spirit is echoed in its graduates and they in turn react upon it, strengthening it by their active sympathy, or sapping its vitality by their apathy. We must pipe to the college if we expect it to dance. Despite our feeble faith the college is bounding along on the highway to success. The church has done her duty in helping it out of the miry pit of debt. However,

"'Tis not enough to help the feeble up
But to support him after."