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Notes.

"Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring happy bells, across the snow."

Christmas has come and gone with its annual reunions and festive gatherings amid the decorations of holly and mistletoe, which with the Yule log made the Christmas of "Merrie Englande" in the days of long ago.

The Old Year has passed into the silence of the centuries. It is with mingled feelings of regret and pleasure that we write 1892. One more page has been added to the chapter of history and the unwritten record of human daily life with its joys and sorrows, its labors and triumphs too has passed on. To all our readers the Portfolio extends a cordial greeting on the threshold of the New Year.

The New Year brings with it a wreath of laurel for each earnest student. The fact of "something attempted; something done" brings its own reward. Each difficult problem solved is a victory, each new lesson mastered a step onward. Let us press on then remembering that nothing in this world worth the having is ever accomplished, save by long and earnest toil.

"The heights by great men reached and kept,
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night."

Education is necessarily of slow growth. "Rome was not built in a day" and this old adage holds good when applied to our student life. A college course is simply the foundation of an education. The mind has been trained to think, estimate and weigh for itself. The ripest scholars and the most profound thinkers of the day in literature science and art have been and are life long students.

For the student nature unfolds some new beauty day by day. A wild "flower in the crannied wall" contains a world of beauty all its own. Who has not observed the peerless beauty of the snow-flakes as they flutter to and fro, silently unfolding the earth in a mantle of the purest white? Here are crystals of the most exquisite design. Each one is a work of art and the soul of beauty is present in many forms. Beauty is an intuition. The sense is all pervading, surrounding us on every hand. We may have observed common objects, such as rocks and crystals before, but the study of science enables us to view them in a new light, as regards composition and symmetry, thus lending an added charm.

The members of Centenary Church together with a large circle of friends, have sustained a deep and heartfelt loss in the death of their esteemed pastor, Dr. Stafford, who passed away after a short illness.

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