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Editorials.

OUR OWN VALEDICTORY.

With this issue we complete the twelfth volume of THE UNIVERSITY GAZETTE, and transfer the management to other hands. In opening the first number we were under certain disabilities—the Editor-in-Chief who conducted the journal for two years was with us no more, the action of THE GAZETTE in an important crisis was not endorsed by some nor understood by others, and its deliverances on many questions were not received with good nature. But the most serious difficulty under which it lay was the lack of support from one class of students and the open

hostility which a smaller class displayed. If THE UNIVERSITY GAZETTE was not controlled by the undergraduates to such an extent as they would desire, they only were blameable, for they had every opportunity for obtaining even a complete control, and the graduates took a hand merely because no one came forward to fill the place. But it is hard to understand why the interests of the two classes should not be identical, for it cannot be that as soon as a man graduates he is imbued with a spirit of antagonism toward the body of which he was once a member. It is in the interest of THE GAZETTE itself and of the undergraduates that they should have the ruling voice in its management, and we have shown, on several occasions, that they have always possessed this control. But before another year it is probable that they will be called upon to undertake a work which most fully belongs to them, and which others have no interest in performing, except a general interest in everything that pertains to their Alma Mater. In comparing the condition of affairs at that time with that which now prevails, there is some reason for satisfaction. The interest in THE GAZETTE has deepened, all open expressions of disapproval have ceased, it is receiving the sanction and support of the University, and no one is found to deny that it is being conducted entirely in what it conceives to be the best interests of the University. It has been controlled by no person or party, and an effort was made to give every interest the fullest representation. The course has been modified somewhat, and shaped to the needs of the case without submitting to any outside pressure, and the tone has been moderated in some degree to bring it into harmony with the note which its constituents sounded. We have endeavoured to obtain for it a high literary standard, and our contemporaries within and without the college say that we have succeeded. We have been enabled to do this by the aid of men and women who were willing to contribute their best thoughts to our columns, and to them we extend our deep gratitude—to Mr. George Murray, Mr. John Reade, Professor Roberts, Mr. Henry Mott, Mr. Douglas Sladen, Miss Fairbairn, Erol Gervase, Mrs. Curzon, "A. G. G.," Mr. T. MacPherson, and Mr. Curtis. All this has not been accomplished without much thought and labour, but we have freely used whatever of talent we possessed. The work was not