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Looking down from the perch at the lordly elms and maples that grace the campus and fields which tempt weary editors as they turn for inspiration toward the sanctum window, the Wise Bird thinks of the buds and chirping tenants which spring is soon to bring them. Then he turns, almost sadly, and wonders what faces he will see around the sanctum table when autumn winds have left trees and fields as bare as they now are.

The Owl feels he has done his duty.

Six months ago he determined to secure worthy colleagues for the very few members of the present staff who will be with us in September. Almost every student in the University course, to whom rumor, good standing in class or professors' recommendations pointed as a likely contributor, has been canvassed and urged to do something for the college journal. The editors, as well as several ex-editors, have ever been ready to lend aid by suggestion and by securing data from the University library and the Parliament library on any subject chosen for an article.

The result has been somewhat disappointing. True our table of contents shows more articles furnished by new contributors this year than ever before; some of these are really creditable; others, let no one be offended, are certainly much inferior to what the management would have obtained from editors and old writers had it had no thought of the future or of encouraging earnest effort. Diffidence, real or assumed, has prevented many from attempting anything, and the amount of rejected matter has been very great. Several causes suggest themselves to explain this rather unsatisfactory state of affairs, but it is not proposed to dwell on them here, suffice it to say that the number of efficient candidates for next year's board of editors seems at present very small.

The Owl disclaims any convictions which can give rise to gloomy forebodings. We believe that when, at the end of the academic year, four of our editors and the present managing editor lay down their quills, their places will be taken by men who will deserve the confidence of the Wise Bird's friends. We only pen these lines with the view of tendering a little friendly advice. Let no one be discouraged by past failures. Most of those who have at any time contributed its