

## Editorial Notes

**A**NOTHER year is almost gone, and SESAME wishes you the best of all good things for the one to come. 1898 has not been a year all of happiness nor yet of peace. We have had wars and rumors of wars, and tales of sorrow and suffering have been ringing in our ears, but these later days show a brighter prospect. There is more of love and less of jealousy between the nations. Words of peace, as becomes the time of the Child of Peace, are in the air, and may peace come to us all. May the year of 1899 begin with a clean page to be filled with records of noble deeds, and the putting down of all that is small and mean—in very truth a Happy New Year.

A short sketch of "Why Go to College" is printed in this number of SESAME, but, as the editors of the magazine of the women of Toronto University, we should like to add our thanks to Lady Aberdeen and Lady Marjorie Gordon for their thoughtful remembrance of us and for the trouble they have taken. But it has ever been Lady Aberdeen's way to think for others and not to spare herself. . . . We are very grateful, too, to the graduates for their present to us this autumn. We were delighted to hear that a parcel of vases, jugs, spoons, etc., had been sent by them to the Woman's Literary Society. For many years to come it will save our unfortunate friends and relations the embarrassment of refusing or the trouble of having to lend us all sorts of needful things for our social affairs. But this is only one of the many kindnesses which the graduates have shown us and which keep the women of the University, whether they be graduates or undergraduates, so much in sympathy with each other. . . . The chief innovation of the year has been the Hallowe'en social evening, which we hope will become an annual affair, for the good of the First year girls, of course. The plan was suggested only a few days before the magic night, but the enthusiasm shown was so general that the arrangements were quickly made and successfully