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WITH this number the issue of VARSITY for 1892-93 ends. The editor wishes to express his thanks to those who have so freely and willingly given their time for the benefit of the paper and his sympathy with those who with equally good intentions are not able to point

to any evidence of their individual influence on its columns. We would remind the latter that men with considerable reputation as literary critics have in their capacity of editor rejected manuscripts which reaching the public through other agencies have made the fortunes of their authors. It is not unlikely that merit has been unrecognized and pure, ethereal genius chilled by editorial disfavor during the past few months. If so, let it be granted our misfortune not our fault. We have had but our own small lights to travel by, which ignorance and prejudice have lain in wait to shroud in darkness, and angels may have passed us unawares. To Mr. Biggar, Mr. McLean and Mr. Reeve, outside of the regular staff, our thanks are especially due, and we are pleased to see that the editor-elect has recognised their ability by placing them on the list of associate-editors. Where all have been so deserving it would be unfair to mention individuals, but the chivalrous staff will recognise the fitness of this slight tribute to the exceptionally good work of Miss Evelyn Durand.

We congratulate Mr. G. H. Ling, of '93 mathematical class on his appointment to a Fellowship in Columbia College, New York.

We can never express sufficiently our gratitude that the present fine weather did not occur earlier in the season. We have been saved, as it were, by fire.

In another column will be found a list of associate-editors recommended for next term. There is ability in the lot, we think, with a fair amount of time at their disposal, to run successfully half-a-dozen papers.

With Mr. J. H. Brown as Editor-in-Chief for 1893-94 THE VARSITY is an assured success, and those who hold that one function of the paper is the criticism of all measures in which the interests of the University are involved may rest satisfied that the pen will be in worthy hands. To do justice unswervingly, the editor must not have in his heart the fear of man, and we have all confidence in J. H.'s staunchness and integrity.

In selecting Mr. J. D. Webster as President of the Athletic Association the Directors have paid a just tribute

to his zealous efforts to promote the organization and have secured besides an able and impartial chairman. Mr. Duncan as Vice-President deserves the honour well, and in appointing Mr. Breckenridge as Secretary probably the best available man has been placed in that important and responsible office. What Jim does not know about athletics, from Agamemnon's time down, is hardly worth knowing. Our athletic interests are in excellent hands throughout.

The newly-elected Rugby Committee have initiated vigorous action. A notice has been posted requesting players to return as early as possible and in playing condition. An appeal is made to those who have not been connected with the club to join, and in this we see the beginning of better things. It will take time to retrieve the errors of the past, but there are now prospects that Rugby will be placed on a basis that will eventually secure for that sport the success that has attended similar methods in other games.

It would be news to those Varsity men who find a weekly refresher in Adam Rufus' sparkling columns to learn that, in our comments of last week, we were guilty of publishing untruthful "scurrol," and making statements which are a travesty on proper journalism.

We ask Adam to point to a single statement in the article he referred to, that is not strictest truth; we ask him to illustrate from the same, what he is pleased to call "scurrol." As to his last statement, if *his* articles are to be taken as a criterion of proper journalism (and we think he can not evade the point), then we express our sincere gratitude for his implication that our comments are so different from them in style and spirit as to call down his censure. Truth may be a travesty on falsehood or ignorance, but we shall continue to travesty either when occasion demands, notwithstanding Adam's objection on his own or his friends' behalf.

When Adam fills his column with lists of members elected in various clubs, if somewhat dull, it is at least substantially correct, but when he soars into the realms of criticism we are inclined to think him the original of the story which narrates how a freshman, mixing his Latin and French, read a certain motto, *sans mens in corpore sano*, and did not discover his mistake until graduation, when it was too late to remedy the evils, resulting from seven years' constant effort to render himself worthy of its personal application.

Rufus is presumably possessed of gentlemanly instincts, however, and will see the necessity of explanation or apology.