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THE MONTHLY extends a hearty Christmas greeting to all its readers. The season of home-coming and festivity will soon be with us again. We who are students are looking forward with eagerness to the rest and social joys that will be ours under the parental roof. By all means let the few weeks that remain of the dying century bring us relaxation and enjoyment to the full, but let us not forget as well the deeper significance of all this festive cheer and universal rejoicing. Let us rather draw from the thought a stimulus towards a pure and lofty ideal, that will abide with us throughout the years, few or many, of the new century, that may be allotted to us to perform our life's task. We are to have an influence, we know not yet how great, in moulding the character and destiny of Canada's sons and daughters of the twentieth century. Let us see to it that we are equipped with the requisite qualities of mind and heart, faithfully to discharge the responsibilities we are assuming.

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IN reviewing the work of the past term we cannot but feel that the most significant fact we have encountered in our study of the qualifications of the true teacher has been this, viz.,

that his power lies not so much in the mere formal knowledge he possesses, as in what he *is*. Character-building in the pupil is to be the end; character-possession in the teacher must be the instrument. Lack of space prohibits any extended discussion of this topic; let it suffice to make one brief application. The knowledge which the teacher has failed to incorporate in himself, so that it ever afterwards modifies his thinking and conduct, is comparatively lifeless as material for instruction beside those living truths which he utters with the confident assurance that springs from perfect mastery. We should endeavor to attain such complete command of our subject that we shall be able not only to inform but also to inspire, and we shall have gone a long way towards becoming truly successful teachers.

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WE feel that, out of justice to the members of the football team, we must voice, if only in a few sentences, the feelings of pride and satisfaction which every O. N. C. student experienced on witnessing the favorable issue of the closely fought contest for the football championship. The laurels have again been borne away by the Normal College, but only after a series of matches the final outcome of which remained doubtful to the last, and which was characterized throughout by gentlemanly rivalry and the spirit of true sport. Our thanks are due to the Collegiate Institute representative on the team, who lent such able assistance in all our matches.