

Editorials.

The Journal:

The *College Journal* has had a history much in common with that of other magazines organized upon a similar basis. The obstacles, with which the editors and business managers have had to contend, have been sufficiently formidable to make less sanguine men give up their task in despair; and, yet it is gratifying to reflect that the *Journal* has sustained the high literary standing that gained for it, at the outset, the commendation of the public. Those who have ever been identified with such an enterprise, will appreciate the two fold difficulty,—on the one hand, of securing contributed articles of the necessary order, and on the other, of keeping the wolf away from the door of the sanctum. In asking our many friends to facilitate matters by responding to the modest demands made upon them, we hope that by their ready response we may early anticipate a genuine pleasure in fulfilling the duties that have fallen to our lot.

After a financial embarrassment of two sessions, the *Journal* resumes its business upon a solid working basis. In other respects, the outlook for the fifteenth volume is as encouraging as could be expected. Already many well known writers

have consented to contribute articles on a wide range of important questions. Beginning with this issue, there will appear a series of articles on the Bible and the Comparative Study of Religions; and, for subsequent numbers, arrangements have been partially made for contributions on the longer poems of Browning and Wordsworth. The "College Note Book" we shall endeavor to reflect the spirit of our college life and thought so far as it may be of interest to the general reader.

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Practical Theological Training:—

Is the Theological training received in our colleges sufficiently practical? This is a question we often hear asked, and although we do not take it upon ourselves to answer the question authoratively, yet we feel like giving expression to our opinion in the matter. We would therefore answer that it is our belief that upon the whole our Theological training is about as practical as it can well be made in the existing circumstances.

We do not claim that our training is perfect in every respect, seeing that the conditions with which we find ourselves hedged about in college are not, by any means, of the same nature as the conditions which surround us in the actual work of