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WITH this the last issue of the JOURNAL for the present session, we, as a staff, take leave of our readers. The task of editing the JOURNAL is no light one and if our shortcomings have been numerous we claim the indulgence of our patrons. None of the members of the staff have been gentlemen of leisure but students taking a full year's work. We wish to acknowledge our indebtedness to those who have contributed important literary articles to our pages. These articles have been a feature of the JOURNAL this year.

We have much pleasure in introducing to our readers the gentlemen who will look after the interests of the JOURNAL next session :—

Editor-in-Chief, R. Burton, M.A.; Managing Editor, G. H. Williamson; Editor for Arts, J. A. McCallum; Editor for Divinity, Geo. R. Lowe, B.A.; Editor for Medicine, A. W. Richardson, B.A.; Editor for Science, J. D. Craig, B.A.; Editors for Levana Society, Misses Bryson and MacAllister; Business Manager, R. B. Dargavel; Assistant Business Manager, J. Sparks. We are confident that the JOURNAL is safe in the hands of this staff, and we wish them and their patrons a season of unwonted success.

Now that a state of war exists between the United States and Spain it behooves the editor of the JOURNAL, out of personal self respect, to say what he thinks about it, whether any one cares for his opinion or not. As to the facts of the war the JOURNAL will probably be in time to deal with them when it resumes publication next session. At any rate nothing of much consequence has yet happened. The war hitherto has existed mainly on paper—news-paper. The chief interest to a bystander is in observing how the special staff of war correspondents attached to each of the leading papers manage to whip up into a vast body of froth the very little material which comes to hand. Even the extras consist mainly of “cauld kale het again.”

If Spain continues to maintain a blustering inactivity, which, as the weaker power, it is obviously her policy to do, war news is likely to remain at a high premium for a considerable time, and war correspondents may become accomplished writers of fiction.

The United States has found it necessary to intervene in the Cuban affair because neither side seemed able to get a permanent advantage over the other. It is to be hoped that it may not be necessary some day for other nations to interfere between the United States and Spain for similar reasons. The United States certainly cannot touch Spain itself and without doing so cannot inflict much greater injury upon her than she would have suffered in buying peace by submitting to the loss of Cuba.

The cost to Spain of the new war, in which she becomes defender, cannot be much, if any, greater than the continuation of the old war as aggressor. The cost to the United States, however, must be immense. Hence to simply prolong the condition of war is Spain's easiest method of inflicting severe losses upon her adversary. Indeed, it seems to us that, contrary to the general public opinion in the United States, the task which that country has set itself is likely to be a very costly, difficult and thankless one, unrelieved by any brilliant successes even in the final deliverance of Cuba from the yoke of Spain.