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T is with pleasure we launch, under advantageous circumstances, Vol. XIII. of the JOURNAL. Its age alone is a commendable feature; but when we assert that, owing to the indefatigable energy of our secretarytreasurer, the willing co-operation of the entire staff, and the hearty support of students and other subscribers, the JOURNAL has now attained an established reputation, and has at length a clean bill and a surplus in its favor, we simply state that our college periodical has reached an important stage in its history. It is pleasant to think of financial success; but that which augurs even more for the future of the JOURNAL are the kindly notices of its value which have appeared in contemporaries. And even more than this we might be encouraged to say, for on various occasions we found that prominent prints had not been slow to cull from its pages. According to custom the present

editors and staff must shortly abdicate in favor of others, who will, we trust, maintain the honor of Queen's by upholding the status of the JOURNAL. Meanwhile we note a slight departure from former issues, in the publication of a story, which, it is hoped, will meet with the approval of the readers. It has not before appeared in print, and may prove interesting and instructive, since it is mainly based upon facts in Scottish history. The JOURNAL is specially designed as the college medium, through which students are invited to express their opinions upon subjects of interest. But while this privilege is open to all alumni, the sanctorum staff must reserve, as aforetime, the right of judgment in all cases as to what is fit or unfit for pub-Contributors will, therefore, not lication. take it amiss if on every occasion their productions do not find a place in the JOURNAL. The merits of the JOURNAL are well known, and the editorial staff and committee would in this, the first issue of the series, solicit the support of former readers and commend it to those students who have this year entered upon their studies in Queen's for the first time. As it is a sacred duty in every student to uphold the honor of his Alma Mater, which implies an interest in her institutions, the College Journal surely demands at least a fair share of patronage.

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