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With the birth of '88 THE OWL makes its first appearance as a College Journal.

It comes not as a prognosticator, to penetrate into the dim future; nor even owl-like, to fly in the dark. No: its aim is clear — to unite more closely, if such a thing be possible, the students of the past and present to their Alma Mater by furnishing them with short and we hope interesting accounts of her progress in every line.

We have experienced very keenly the necessity of a journal in such an important institution as Ottawa University. The idea of establishing a college paper here has long been under consideration; and it was not without a careful survey of the surroundings that we launched the venture. Vast though the number of college papers be, we feel that the field of college journalism is vaster still, that there is yet a row to hoe, an unclaimed furrow, an unturned sod, and consequently ample employment for another laborer.

We enter upon our self-allotted task with the best intentions; we extend to all co-workers the right hand of fellowship, and hope, by maintaining that dignity in tone and bearing so becoming to journalists, to merit the esteem and approbation of all.

THE OWL has no pretensions to be a popular public paper. It is essentially the organ of the past and present students of Ottawa University: its columns shall ever be open to their contributions, and it is the hope of the editors to be able to offer in the near future prizes for the best essays on various subjects. There is much latent talent in many whom we know, and we hope that this will be the means of drawing them from their inglorious ease.

We beg the indulgence of our readers for the crude and unpolished state of our first number. To those who have any experience in the matter the reason will be evident, and relying on the kindness of all we bespeak a friendly reception to THE OWL.