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WITH this issue has come the time for the editors to lay down the work which was entrusted to them by their fellow-students nearly seven months ago.

To those who have supported us by kindly words of encouragement, by contributions and by subscriptions, we desire to express our sincere thanks, and trust that, to some extent at least, we have fulfilled the purpose with which we started out. The limited course of our life here, merged as it is into one common channel of daily work, has rendered it more difficult to obtain a variety of college news from month to month and thus the individual contributions have been thrown into greater prominence than some may have thought necessary. But we do not believe that this has proved detrimental on the whole to the character of our journal.

That the MONTHLY has its place in our College we believe few will deny, and in closing the second year of its publication we look forward to a vigorous growth under our successors, and an ever increasing influence in educational affairs.

We are pleased to announce that owing to the faithful work of the busi-

ness managers there will be a surplus on hand, sufficient, we expect, to enable us to publish the Handbook without cost to the Society.

We hope that success will attend every one of the present class in the ordeal of examinations which will soon be at hand, and that afterwards they may find the doors of the educational institutions of this country give a welcome answer to their knock.

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"Farewell! a word that must be, and hath been—
A sound which makes us linger;—yet—farewell!"

The farewell which we have uttered to our readers recalls to us the parting words of wider import which will soon resound throughout our College halls, and make us pause before we speak the word that will mark the end of an association which has proved a happy experience to most of us and whose severance all will feel. Indeed with one hundred and fifty students gathered into one room day after day, and spurred on by common hopes and fears and by a common end in view, it would be passing strange if the bond of sympathy uniting us did not grow stronger with the months, and the familiar faces come to be a part of our life which it will be hard to tear asunder. For this has assuredly been a year of good fellowship, and the seeds of strife, if aught were sown, have never reared their heads.

And now we have come to a parting of the ways. To many, and probably to the most of us, the special