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EDITORIAL.

Out of the press into the Press we come!

THE ACADEMY is not vain enough to suppose that its appearance will be attended with any unusual phenomena in the sky above us, the earth beneath, or the waters under the earth; nevertheless it believes that its arrival has been awaited with interest by not a few. Into these hands it drops with confidence, believing them to be friendly. These pages are opened for friendly eyes; others we have no ambition to serve or please. Love is not blind, as the old proverb has it, but many sighted, piercing through surface defects, to the good that lies deeper and more real. It shall be the endeavor of the editors of THE ACADEMY to maintain the standard of excellence, which it has already attained; and to promote to our utmost the interests of the students which it directly represents, and the time-honored institution with which it is connected. We believe that with favoring breezes and a willing crew, we shall make a successful winter voyage. Perhaps you object to the use of the figure, but it is a favorite one with poets, you know. We insist on the importance of a good crew.

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We intend to be moderately sparing in the use of compliments. That is, we will try and not be extravagant in praise, altho' anxious to give honor to whom it is due. We are not insensible of the help of appreciative words, but that they may count for anything, we shall not give indiscriminate praise. Consequently if you find it yourself favorably mentioned, you may take it for granted that we mean what we say.