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A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers.

With the last issue for 1898 comes the thought that we stand on the threshold of another year. Before our next number appears, the happy Christmas holidays will have been spent, and we shall have returned,-many of us for the last time,to the halls that have grown almost sacred by the associations of years. It is somewhat strange that a feeling of sadness always accompanies this sense of the lapse of time. May it not be due to the fact that in those retrospective thoughts, in which most of us indulge at the close of the year, memory seldom brings back much but the sunshine of the past. rainy days are almost forgotten. "So sad, so sweet, the days that are no more."

During the preent college year Vox hopes to become nearer its ideal of being a true reflection of our college life and a bond of union between past and present. The editors are doing all they can, but they cannot fully succeed without the cooperation of every student and graduate. If you know a good story, or a good joke, or an original idea, write it up, hand in your subscription, and then, "gentle reader," you will have materially assisted in making our journal a success.

Many of the defects in our journal in the past have due to errors in proofreading. We acknowledge that in a late issue the substitution of "cidarn" for "cedarn" somewhat altered the meaning of a passage. But mistakes will happen, and especially if the editors or contributors are poor writers or college graduates. which are the same thing. Daily newspapers are perhaps the most fertile source of typographical errors. We are reminded that "He kicked he under the cellar stairs" was once "set up" by a compositor instead of "He kissed her under the silent stars." A London newspaper once reported that "Sir Robert Peel, with a party of fiends, was shooting peasants in Ireland," friends and pheasants, of course, being meant. A bad "mix" once occurred; parts of two paragraphs having inadvertently become united, read thus: "The congregation was large and respectable and drunk and incapable in charge of a horse and car." In order to avoid similar mistakes, our editors intend exercising greater care in proof-reading in the future.