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THE harvest is past, the summer is ended, but the work of the JOURNAL staff for the current year is only begun. In presenting to our readers the first number of Vol. xxiii. we trust that it will not be taken as a stereotype matter when we make some attestation to the humility with which we undertake the work. None have been more conscious of weakness than we. When we reflect upon the thought that we are expected to maintain the high standard of our predecessors, and also to keep pace with the progressive spirit of our university, our hearts fairly turn sick with despair. But, since we have set our hand to the plough we do not purpose looking back, and if honest, faithful work will guarantee success we promise to fulfil the conditions.

Regarding the function of the JOURNAL, we do not think that there is any material difference of opinion between ourselves and our immediate predecessors, consequently we have no revolution in view. It is well, however, to have it clearly understood that this periodical is particularly the students' organ and with them rests the determination of its success or failure. It will be our aim to express the spirit of undergraduate life in all its diversity, and when we fail we ask for criticism. No doubt the supply will equal the demand; such negative assistance is generally easily obtained. What is much more desirable is something of a positive nature, whether it be in the way of literary or pecuniary contributions, or both. Without a liberal support from the

students in general, the appointed staff can accomplish little. While we would thus take pleasure in having every one feel at liberty to make use of these columns, we hope it will not seem arbitrary on our part when we reserve the right of judgment as to what is appropriate for publication.

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We have no adverse criticism to make of the old saw, that a man should never be judged by his coat, but at the same time we see fully as much truth in the saw, just as old, "variety is the spice of life." It was therefore with no purpose of enhancing the actual merit of the JOURNAL that we decided to dress it in a coat of another color, but simply to ease the eye by way of change. Fashion is fickle and are we not all very much its slave? We have not been actuated by an old-man-and-his-ass principle in this matter, but it would give us pleasure to know if our action met with the approval of the majority. The coat is on; how do you like it?

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In college courses, as in the world, generation is woven with generation. The doors of our Alma Mater swing in and out, reminding us that many who were our strong elder brothers in the associations of past years have gone out into the larger battlefield of the world, and at the same time bidding us to receive heartily those who enter our halls and corridors for the first time. To do so is a tradition of Queen's. With faith in our Alma Mater and with faith in those who, with her imprimatur, earnestly engage in lifework, we can also have faith in the freshmen. We are glad to note the early evidences of the good quality of the class of '99. We forego preaching to you at present and are well pleased to invite you to a hearty co-operation in the duties and privileges of college life.

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And dear old Professor Williamson is gone. We who knew him only in his old age had comparatively little to do with him personally, and yet we miss him and do not envy those who come to Queen's too late to feel his loss. For it is no little matter to be able to carry with us through life the memory of one who, with the strong mind of a trained and cultured scholar, was to us a very genius of kindness. His expression of itself and his broad, whole-souled smile would increase one's confidence