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It is always well to assume responsible and honorable positions in a spirit of humility, especially when predecessors have established a standard of excellence which can with difficulty be equalled but certainly never surpassed. Under these conditions, your success will stand out more brilliantly because you did not proclaim an ability which had been insufficiently tested. On the other hand, your failure will be robbed of disgrace since at the outset you made no vain-glorious promises.

Not only from policy but from a genuine feeling of the heart, we proclaim at the outset that we assume the arduous and responsible position of Editor-in-chief of this COLLEGE MONTHLY with fear and trembling. We are strengthened however by a three-fold inspiration: (1) The Associate Editors and Business Managers are all that could be desired. (2) The capabilities of the MONTHLY for influencing the highest element of educational thought and experience in a manner to be subsequently explained, are practically unlimited. (3) We have a deep interest in the work in all its fullness.

Our predecessors have begun wisely and well, the work which in our opinion the MONTHLY is designed to accomplish:

(1) The MONTHLY in the past has been a repository of articles of high literary merit. In most of the large colleges on this continent, it has been felt that really excellent papers and addresses should be preserved. The college paper historically had its origin in this good purpose, but at the same time other important ends are subserved.

(2) This periodical is also historical. The various positions held by the Normal College graduates are recorded step by step. This phase of the work is not the least important. We are led into grander and nobler achievements by the example of those whom we know and have learned to revere. Can anyone estimate the power of example? Extraordinary circumstances connected with the college, with the city and with intellectual thought generally are also recorded. Frequently a personal item reminds us that the night cometh when no man can work.

(3) The companionship of the MONTHLY prevents professional loneliness. Man is a social being and rises to his highest development under the most suitable environments. When a graduate of the Normal College enters upon his duties in practical life he finds that by reason of his past