

Editorial.

OUR POSITION.

WITH the present issue the volume of the KNOX COLLEGE MONTHLY for 1885-86 closes. We are glad to be able to conclude our year with a number in regard to which we feel that it is no breach of modesty to say that it is a credit to college journalism. That we can afford to publish a magazine of this size bears witness to the efficiency of our business management. It gives us pleasure to announce as the result of the operations of the past year a good financial surplus. For this we must thank our advertising patrons and our subscribers, though we trust that all of these found themselves more substantially repaid. Our thanks are due also to the contributors both graduate, and undergraduate, who helped so materially to make our journal a success. It is particularly gratifying to notice the increased interest which is being shown in this way. Many encouraging letters of commendation have been received, and many appreciative notices have appeared in various journals. Several of the religious and educational periodicals have done us the further honor of quoting largely from the MONTHLY.

Some of the college papers have found fault with us for being heavy. One of our exchanges was much troubled with the fear that we have lost sight of the true vocation of a college journal. We were informed that the object of a college journal should be to give opportunity to students to exercise their pens. We frankly confess that this has not been our first consideration. We have endeavoured to present to our readers each month articles of real worth, and student contributions, like those from other contributors, were judged and admitted on their merits. We have aimed to conduct a journal which would reflect the thought of our alumni and other friends of the college as well as that of the undergraduates. In doing this, we believe the MONTHLY has an important place to fill. It is this belief that makes us confident that the success of the past is only the beginning of still greater prosperity.