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THIS number completes our first volume, and is the last issue for the session just closed. It was with considerable misgivings that on January 1st we launched on the sea of journalism. We were fully aware of the serious nature of our undertaking, and would have preferred that some older and abler hands had taken the initiative, but we felt that it was better to strike boldly out at once and issue our first number, rather than wait for others to do so—and this the more, as we remembered, that the propriety of publishing a paper had, on several occasions, been discussed by the Alma Mater Society with no satisfactory results. It is needless to remark that we have not even approached our ideal of what the JOURNAL should be; and, in this regard, we can only plead our comparative youthfulness and consequent lack of ability and experience. We will be unable next session, owing to pressure of other work, to continue our present relations to the JOURNAL, and in retiring from the management we would most heartily thank our many friends, and all who have contributed to our pages, for the warm support we have received. The next number will reach our readers at the beginning of Session 1881-'82, edited and published by a board of students, and we trust that, concerning this venture, the old adage may indeed prove correct, that, "All mighty efforts have small beginnings."

Alma Mater Floreat.

IN OUR first number we inserted an article, entitled "Our Societies," the writer of which inadvertently omitted to make any mention of the Alma Mater Society, which has been in existence about three years (having been founded on the 3rd of April, 1878), and is now in a flourishing condition, as is shown by the large attendance at its last Annual Meeting. It contains the combined and perfected elements of the other two societies, embracing the evangelical, literary and philosophical spirit and culture not only of one session, but also of all the preceding years in the history of the College. The evangelical element predominates whether we regard it in the light of earnest Missionary toil, or in that of devout and spiritual "fellowship in the Gospel." And as to the Literary and Philosophical spirit, there is indisputably no real ground for comparison. The rank and prestige of this Society is, therefore, by law of necessity, the first of our College, and we cannot better state its object than by quoting the words of its constitution, namely:—"The object of the Society shall be to further among its members a spirit of loyal attachment to the College, and to promote its welfare by such means as may be desired from time to time." In other words, it is an organized effort on the part of its members to express their deep sense of obligation and filial love toward their Alma Mater, in response for her fostering and ever-watchful care over them. The spirit by which it is actuated has taken a tangible form in the bestowment of a scholarship of the value of \$50 upon the student who, at the final examinations, takes the highest place in knowledge of the Hebrew Language, and also by giving a banquet or conversazione at the end of each session. May its membership ever continue to increase!

In ceasing to be proprietor and sole manager of the JOURNAL we would express our grateful acknowledgment of the too flattering terms in which the Society has been pleased to signify its appreciation of our efforts. We are delighted to find that, at our solicitation, it now assumes the responsibility of the publication. We feel confident that by the cordial and zealous co-operation of all concerned, its columns can be greatly enriched, and its circulation far more than doubled. The following are the gentlemen appointed to edit the JOURNAL during next session: *Managing Editor*, Mr. J. Mitchell, '81; *Associate Editors*, Rev. J. W. Dey, M.A., '75, Rev. D. L. McCrae, '79, Mr. W. T. Herridge, B.A., '83, Rev. A. B. Cruchet, '78, and J. Harvey Macvicar.