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IN presenting our readers with this number of "The Academy," we would make no apologies except that, as this is the first effort of the new staff of editors, too much must not be expected of them; and although there may be plenty of room for criticism, we would ask our readers not to criticise us too severely, and perhaps in the next numbers we may be

able to give them something more worthy of their perusal.

As "The Academy" is now entering upon its second volume, of course, we have not so many disadvantages to contend against as the first editors had; yet, nevertheless, the present editors have brought out this number working under many difficulties, chief among which was the very limited time they had in which to get it up. We hope, therefore, that you will regard it in this light, and putting your shoulders to the wheel help us along with our next number, not only by your subscription, but also by sending your contributions to our pages, thus helping us to make the paper interesting and instructive to all.

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