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WITH this number we close the first volume of the *Astrum Alberti*. It was with us an experiment, and we can say now after the issue of six numbers that we are gratified with the success that has attended our efforts. We do not wish to convey the idea that we have reached our ideal of perfection, but the expressions of sympathy which we have received encourage us, and the support furnished proves the right of the "Astrum" to exist. We have been able to pay all debts against us during the past six months and lay a small amount by for use, and so long as we are able to do this it is all we ask. We have long felt the need of something to bind the graduates of Old Albert to their *alma mater*, and believe, that so long as they are informed of her workings they will be loyal to her. From the interest already manifested in our journal we think that our belief is well founded and feel encouraged to continue our efforts to furnish the needed information. We were somewhat severely criticised for beginning so confidently, considering the fate of the last effort in this line "The Aurora," but we endeavored to place ourselves on a good financial basis at first, and trust to the assistance of

graduates for literary contributions. We think that our constituency is now large enough to support a good college journal, and expect that at the opening of next year to receive the co-operation of all old students.

### CLOSING EXERCISES.

As the day for closing approached, the students began to have an anxious look and small groups could be seen at almost any time of the day discussing the likelihood of this or that one being plucked, or of this or that one leading his class. At last a small notice appeared which set the Matriculants' minds at rest and showed that all but three had been successful so far as to be admitted into the University, but the returns were incomplete and there still remained a possibility of being supplemented.

The Conversazione Committee commenced their decorations early, and before the closing exercises began, the buildings and grounds began to present a holiday appearance.

### THE BACCALAUREATE.

On Sunday, June 17th, at 11 A.M., the Matriculants and Undergraduates and such of the Senators as were in the city, proceeded in academic costume to the M. E. Tabernacle, where the Rev. Wm. Blair, B.A., delivered the Baccalaureate sermon. He took for his text Matt. vi. 33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God." After a brief introductory, in which the benefit of prayer was set forth, the speaker said that the Saviour was preaching in the text he had read: 'twas well to listen to the Divine voice and hear his proclamation, "Seek ye," &c. The Saviour was a good preacher, earnest, faithful, kind, not afraid of college students or professors, and able to tell them the truth. He preached sharply, for instance—"Unless your righteousness exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees," &c., or "Woe unto ye Scribes," &c.; then again he said, "Come unto me ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."