

Editorial Notes.

WITH the publication of the present volume, Sesame celebrates her fourth birthday. When she was first launched there were those whose trepidity led them to express the belief that she would not live more than one year. But such has been the enthusiasm displayed by the undergraduates who have taken upon their shoulders the trouble and responsibility of carrying the work through, Sesame is, and we sincerely hope will continue to be, a direct refutation of this assumption.

Sesame was the result of a positive demand from the women undergraduates of University College. For some years before its appearance there was a well expressed wish that there should be an effort to publish a popular, literary Year Book. The natural risks attendant upon such a venture and the many chances antecedent to its success, had hitherto acted as effectual deterrents to embarking in such a labor. In 1897 however, some more courageous spirits appeared, who professed their willingness to undertake what at that time appeared to be a risk. Since then Sesame has been building her road to Success. The path has not been entirely rose-strewn, but Sesame had a firm foundation of youthful enthusiasm, hope, and energy, which all go to make any literary founding vigorous. As regards the advertising patronage she has flourished, and we duly tender our thanks to these many merchants of divers wares for their kindness and goodwill in allowing our columns to be mediums for attracting the attention of the general public. And our sincere thanks are also due to the many friends, both the undergraduates, and those who have left the College for a wider sphere, but who still retain a warm spot in their hearts for us, for the contributions with which they have so kindly assisted our efforts.