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GRADATIM.

"Heaven is not reached by a single bound—
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit round by round.

I count this thing to be grandly true:
That a noble deed is a step toward God,
Lifting the soul from the common clod
To a purer air and a broader view.

We rise by things that are under feet;
By what we have mastered of good and gain;
By the pride deposed and the passion slain,
And the vanquished ills that we hourly meet."

WITH this number the "ENDEAVORER" completes the round of its first year. Those who have watched the career of young Journals will have to record many brilliant beginnings flashing like meteors, and as soon extinguished, in this line of literary effort. Youth and inexperience are often the

factors which tend most readily to failure, but when a Journal has honorably reached its first birthday, it has generally passed its most critical period, and we now predict for our little paper a long life, blessed with many friends.

The seed contains in embryo the plant and it also contains within itself sustenance until a certain period of its life when it begins to absorb from without, and it occurs to us that this is in a measure an epitome of the history of the ENDEAVORER. It contains within itself the image of what it will be by and by, when in the fulness of time and experience it shall have expanded into a more perfect representation of the ideal, which existed in the minds of its originators, and it sustained itself up to a time when help was necessary to enable it to sustain a larger growth. We think but one class of readers have been disappointed, those who expected too much.

Everything in nature and in the spiritual life as well admits of growth. We do not expect finished work from a child. If it is true with Tennyson, "That men may rise on stepping stones of their dead selves to higher things," we hope in our new volume to leave many things that have marred the work thus far, and with the continued support of our friends, we may celebrate our second Anniversary under still more favorable auspices.

"Fragrant Lives."

Flowers cannot keep their fragrance within themselves. Their perfume must make itself known to the utmost limit of their power. Christians, in this respect, should be like flowers; the fragrance of their lives—their kindly words and good by deeds, should manifest themselves to all with whom they come in contact, to the utmost limit of their influence. Their lives should be as sweet smelling incense, refreshing to man, acceptable to God.

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