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THE JOURNAL of '97-'98 has already established
itself, so that even the members of the staff
do not expect it to be an utter failure. There
is a difference, however, between merely living and
living successfully. The preacher or teacher who is
merely endured for the time being, because a better
substitute cannot be found, is not in an enviable
position. Now, a mere threadbare, pinched, half-
starved existence is not what we wish for the
JOURNAL, whatever our readers may want. So long
as our college paper continues to exist and fulfil
certain necessary duties as a chronicle of events,
the majority of its readers seem to be contented.
We believe it would be almost better for the
JOURNAL to die for a session or two, so that the
fellows might rally round it and give it the support
they ought. We are not complaining at all, under-
stand; we have probably been given more assist-
ance by the student body in general than any staff
has received for some time. But the point is that
this help comes from only a small circle, who realize
the efforts it takes to make a college paper any good.
The trouble is, too, that nearly all contributions of
any length or importance are received from post-
graduates or alumni. We are certainly thankful to
them for the good things they give us. One of these
contributions occasionally is quite fitting, and shows

that our graduates do not give up their interest in
their Alma Mater once they have finished their
course. But if a college paper is to be what it
should be, if it is to interest students and touch their
life closely, most of the space in its columns must
be occupied with the thoughts and ideas of the men
and women who are still round the halls. Now we
venture to say that few have any idea how little we
receive from under-graduates, either ladies or gentle-
men. Scarcely anything worthy of mention so far
has been received from this source, save reports of
meetings and such like.

Now, that is not as it should be, and with all
courtesy we would beg the, under-graduates, both
ladies and gentlemen, to give the fact some con-
sideration. Perhaps if we made a personal canvass,
as Alma Mater candidates do, we might reap a rich
harvest, but our editorial duties are already so
numerous that we can scarcely afford that, without
an increase of salary. We invite contributions on
every conceivable topic that is of interest to them
from men and women of every year in the college.
And we make bold to say that if we receive an
abundance of such, even though they be not marvels
of literary style, or fathomless in their depth of
thought, our JOURNAL will be more up-to-date and
more in touch with the actual life of the students.
We think, ladies and gentlemen, it should be rather
galling to your pride to know that the editor and
his assistant must sit down sometimes and write up
half the copy for want of anything better (or worse).
That is apt to grow monotonous to both writers and
readers. In inviting contributions so urgently, we
give a few points of information that may not be
known to members of the junior years.

In the first place a contributor has only to drop
his contribution in the sanctum box to ensure its re-
ception, not to leave it with the Postmaster General.
Every contribution of whatever character *must* be
signed. The contributor has the privilege of saying
whether he wishes his initial signature or any at all
published with the contribution. Again, all contri-
butions of any length should be in by Monday morn-
ing of the week the JOURNAL is published. They
will be received however as late as Tuesday evening.