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Another year has rolled around and the immortality of Spring has brought forth blossom and verdure and fragrance wafted after its kind. When the snow lies thick upon the ground and the waters cease their flowing all nature typifies what man has been slow to recognize and only now partially understands though the Shepherds that kept watch have perished and the Christ has risen for an age. Quiet work is the soul of an infinite immensity. The silent forces of nature intellectual as well as physical slumber though they will in the embraces of an Arctic apparition in the Southern zephyrs awaken and fan the heart with a fervour of activity. The crazy weavers are not absent. Over all memory throws her veil of melancholy. Like the gossamer webs in the early morning a silver strand brings into relief here familiar haunt, a hallowed corner; here a by-way trodden only by the feet of those who are pilgrims to the Sanctuary of Calm. It is no longer to be. It has been and the footsteps of the living linger but faintly in the empty streets of the city of the dead. A fond farewell and the traveler passing another milestone in the valley of existence feels perhaps for the first time the force of what was once only the jarring chords in the wayside revelry,—

Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting
The Soul that rises with us, our life's star,
Hath had elsewhere its setting,
And cometh from afar * *

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With this number the *ATHENÆUM* completes the twenty-third year of its existence. A somewhat precocious child from its birth it has baffled the comprehension of successive parents to determine its growth and predict its maturity. It was with considerable reluctance that the present management undertook its development for the period of one year. Whether it has kept in the paths of virtue or succumbed to the