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Editorials.

THE officials at present in charge of the JOURNAL have not thrust their own affairs very prominently before the notice of the College public during the session; but it is quite appropriate either now or before the end of the current volume to pass some reflections upon the work of the year. At a recent meeting of the Alma Mater society it was said by a representative of the JOURNAL that no formal or official report, except a financial one, was to be offered. In the past such reports have only been furnished to the Alma Mater society when the JOURNAL had fallen on evil days and the editor-in-chief felt inspired to declaim against the students in general for their failure to support him in his literary parturition. It is not many years since an editor-in-chief even resigned his position upon these grounds. The officials of the JOURNAL at present have no such charges to make and no such upbraidings to hurl at their friends. On the other hand nothing but the most flattering encouragement has come from those who have read these pages during the current year, and difficulties have been made easy by the warm apprecia-

tion which has been shown to those upon whom the task of publishing this paper has fallen. Numerous persons outside the circle of those appointed for the purpose have also offered the results of their observations and reflections to be used in these columns for the entertainment and the instruction of the readers.

Any comparisons of the work done either by members of the JOURNAL staff or by outsiders would be unfortunate if not unkind, but there is no student who will grudge a compliment to at least two persons on the present staff whose work has been especially interesting and thorough, to wit, the editors of the ladies' department, Miss Harriet Smirle and Miss Lilian Vaux. to whom the success of the present volume of the JOURNAL is largely due.

Another of the pleasantest features of the year's work, from the point of view of the editorial functions, has been the modesty with which the various writers have presented their manuscripts. Almost invariably these have been given on the express understanding that they were by no means to be accepted unless they were quite suitable, and that changes and alterations by the editor-in-chief would be welcomed. It is earnestly hoped that the officials of next year will meet the same sympathy and encouragement in the task to which they will devote such pains. In no department of college activity are co-operation and support more essential.

The interim report given by the business manager presents many interesting and hopeful features. Although the books of the JOURNAL cannot be closed for some six months yet, owing to the nature of some of the advertis-