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• WITH the present issue, the O. N. C. MONTHLY begins a new volume, the second of its history. For this first number the Editors bespeak indulgence rather than criticism. In a paper whose staff and readers so completely change each year, improvements resulting from experience must necessarily be slow and limited. And so it is with us. We have set out upon a new and untried path, and to tread it aright demands the co-operation of all. The MONTHLY is published by the students and for the students; it will endeavor to reflect life at the Normal College in all its aspects, intellectual, social and physical. Its articles will not be confined to questions of the lecture room; nor will amusement alone occupy its attention. There is a happy mean and this we shall strive to adopt.

In each issue we hope to number among our contributors, writers of recognized standing in this country, whose messages may prove at once instructive and inspiring.

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IN a College whose prescribed course is completed in eight months we can hardly expect a very deep and lasting college spirit to arise—

yet if a person would pay a visit to any of the functions of the Ontario Normal College he would at once see manifested there the germs of a life which under favorable conditions of time would be sure to produce a vigorous and healthy *esprit de corps*. Feelings of mutual esteem and confidence are shown on every hand, and nothing that would mar the social peace or cause discord to usurp the throne on which sits perfect harmony, dares even raise its head. We are comparatively few in numbers, but we present an unbroken and unwavering front to the cares and vicissitudes that beset our course. Life is not ever a bed of roses, and even here we must expect to find thorns and stumbling blocks, but by boldly facing each difficulty in its turn, and by wisely availing ourselves of the assistance proffered by a competent staff of instructors we may have a reasonable assurance of surmounting all the trials that beset our path, and that from a lofty vantage ground we may view the scene of our late conflict and triumph, still mindful of and grateful for the kindly assistance and heartfelt sympathy of our fellow toilers. May this spirit of union and harmony continue to be a most conspicuous characteristic of the last graduating class of the nineteenth century.

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