

EDITORIAL.

By the time this second issue of our Magazine is in the hands of our readers, it will be a little late to wish them a Happy New Year. But none the less do we desire that God's blessing may be theirs during 1893.

Our first and most agreeable duty is to thank all those who have taken such a friendly interest in our welfare, and accorded to us such a kindly welcome, as well as all who have contributed either of their literary stores, or the subscriptions, without which our finance committee will *not* be satisfied.

Looking back on the half-year that has past, we have much to be thankful for. The total number of students was larger than it ever was, and we have reason to think that the water-mark of the "average ability of man" has also risen,—at least the marks and remarks, which were seen and heard after examinations, augured well for the theory of "the survival of the fittest."

We are glad to think also that the spiritual tone of the college is improving. We hope, however, that the motto on our first page will be more truly that of every member of the College, past, present or future, than before, and that "Christ" will indeed be "the life" of every one who belongs, in any sense, to the M. D. T. C.

We regret very much that a gap was so early made in the editorial staff by the summons home of our associate editor, H. G. Ramadge. The sudden death of a brother made his presence in Ireland necessary. We deeply sympathize with him in his bereavement.

We are glad to welcome Mr. J. A. Lackey as a trusty friend and able ally on our staff.

The Missionary work of the college will be found dealt with at length on another page. We are more than gratified to hear that there is every prospect of our College Society shortly having its own representative, supported by itself, in the Mission-field.

In calling the attention of our readers to a recent work published under the title of "Clews to Holy Writ" (see Reviews), we should like to state that such a circle of readers as is there described, is being formed for the study of the Bible, and bids fair to meet with the success it deserves.

Looking forward to another year, and entering on a fresh term, we do so in the reflected light of past experience, and the bright hopes of continued and increasing prosperity for our College and Magazine. We shall be glad to hear from our country friends, if they can spare the time to write to us, fragments of news, advice, or experience, of general interest to our readers, or calculated to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, and the ties of affection which exist in all colleges.