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The Sanctum.

The ATHENÆUM has attained its majority. This year we start out on the twenty-first volume. With some feelings of hesitation, yet with resolve to do their best the new editors undertake the task entrusted to them. The aim of our magazine is to reflect college life in all its best phases, and if necessary lift up its voice boldly against anything inappropriate in our manner of life. It aims to utter the lawful sentiments of the students on all matters of concern to them, and as far as possible be a representative of Acadia to the public. We have one request to make of graduates and students who are subscribers to our paper. Please use the business manager well. If you do not wish your subscription continued, tell him so, and he will not continue to order for you that for which you do not intend to pay. All subscriptions should be paid as promptly as possible, for no one but the manager knows what a trial it is to get along without the cash.

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OUR numbers have increased slightly since last year. There are now about one hundred and thirty students in the University. Most of the old students came back after having spent a pleasant vacation. Chipman Hall presents a lively appearance, being well filled this year with about fifty residents. The outlook for the year is good. All the departments are in a good condition. The optional system, which of course presented its own peculiar difficulties in the way of arranging programmes, etc., has proved capable of being carried out without friction or detriment to any department of study. New and improved apparatus has been procured for the physical department, and a superior course in theoretical and practical physics is now available. The optional system is enabling more attention to be paid to individual students than ever before, and cannot but tend to greater proficiency.