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IN PRESENTING the first number of volume
twenty-five to the readers, we trust that they
will accord to the new staff the indulgence
usually granted to novices. In looking over the
personnel of the staff it will be seen that nearly all
are quite new to the duties now devolving upon
them, and at first may manifest crudences which,
it is to be hoped, will soon disappear. The practice
of selecting editors from the different faculties, in-
stituted last year, has been continued with some
slight changes. The editor for Divinity is no
longer a silent partner so far as the consultations of
the staff are concerned, as was the case last year,
but takes his place on an equality with the editors
representing the other faculties. A slightly larger
proportion of the management are undergraduates,
and this fact, we trust, will tend to prevent their
being any reason for a criticism sometimes made in
times past, that the JOURNAL was fast becoming an
organ of the graduates, rather than a paper repre-
senting all classes of students.

Unfortunately, the editor-in-chief has been un-
avoidably detained from college, and the inexperi-
enced staff has to enter upon its duties unprovided
with a head. We hope, however, soon to have him
with us. In the meantime let otherwise unfriendly

critics take pity on our dismembered condition, and
bestow upon us positive rather than negative assist-
ance. It is so much easier to give the latter that
most well-wishers of the JOURNAL content them-
selves with giving advice as to what ought to be
done, but contribute little to the attainment of the
desired end. Let us have your ideas on any sub-
ject you may consider of interest to your fellow-
students; let us have your criticisms, firmly, un-
friendly, or indifferent, in a form suited for publica-
tion, and they will contribute more to the success
of the JOURNAL than a whole session's oral com-
plaints or advice. With one exception we do not
particularize any class of contributors, but ask the
assistance of all alike. That one exception we
make in favour of those gifted ones upon whom the
muse of poetry has let her mantle fall. If Queen's
ever was a "nest of singing-birds," the experience
of the last few years seems to prove that they have
all become full-fledged and flown away. There has
been a sad dearth of original verse in the JOURNAL
during the last few sessions. Therefore if any one
can, by rigid introspective, discover in himself any
trace of poetic talent, we beseech that one to stir
up the gift that is in him and let us have the results.

Finally, we commend to your earnest and careful
consideration the brief, but none the less important,
statement inserted by the business manager imme-
diately after the names of the members of the staff.
On his behalf we promise to all who care to visit
him a most cordial welcome.

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Around the college halls we seem this year to
miss an unusual number of men who have long
stood in the very forefront of our university life.
This is especially noticeable in the meetings of the
Alma Mater Society. Men who take Arts courses,
followed by Medical, Theological, or Post-Graduate
courses, become so familiar with the business of the
Society that they are constantly called upon to solve
difficulties which should have proved Gordian
knots to the less experienced members. True,
their long habituation to the customs and business
of the A.M.S. made them feel so much at home
there that their discussions sometimes threatened