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AS the next number of the JOURNAL will be occupied largely with the Convocation proceedings, we shall endeavor this week to briefly sum up the session from the standpoint of the sanctum.

Our ambitions were modest, and to some small extent they have been realized, though in many respects we have failed to carry out the programme we set for ourselves. We are richer in experience, however, though it has been purchased to some extent at the sacrifice of our faith in human nature. The miserly beggars who were so lost to all sense of manhood and college spirit that they read somebody else's JOURNAL all year, or who didn't read it at all, are the richer by the paltry dollar they saved, and we hope it will do their sordid souls some good. But we must to say that they not only robbed themselves (that were a small matter) but also every student who did subscribe. As all the work on the JOURNAL is done gratis,

every dollar goes into the paper and if the two hundred odd students who failed to support us financially had done their duty, both they and those who did stand by us would have received twice as good value for their money. As it was we were held down to the bare contract rate for publishing and dare not spend any money for illustrations or other extras which add so much to the value of the JOURNAL. Only once was such expenditure incurred, whereas had we received adequate support from the students, at least six of the twelve numbers could have been thus improved. However, to think of these matters is a vexation to the editorial soul and we pass to other considerations. We are grateful for the many words of encouragement received, and especially for the warm interest in the JOURNAL expressed by so many graduates. These spontaneous expressions of praise and good-will have often lightened an otherwise weary task and made it easy to submit to the adverse criticism which has been sufficiently prominent to steady us and keep us ever conscious of our human weakness.

Speaking of criticism we would say to our successors that there are two lions in the path of the editor who believes the student organ should fearlessly criticise individuals or organizations connected with the college. The first of these is the certainty of being misunderstood and accused of malice or personal spite. However disinterested the editor may be in his criticism, and however anxious to be fair, he may count on being accused of acting from the basest of motives. Scarcely anything in the whole conduct of the JOURNAL has such a deterrent influence on the editor, but he can solace himself with the fact that among his subscribers there is a constituency, larger often than