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**N**OW that the first issue for '97-'98 has been sent  
on its way to rejoice the hearts of freshmen  
and alumni, it is the fitting period for the  
Editor-in-chief to appear and secure the honor of  
managing the staff. Perhaps the best plan to  
secure the good work of the various members was  
the initial step, viz., that the editor should keep in  
the dark until, by compulsion of circumstances,  
every man took up his allotted task. The first num-  
ber shows at any rate that none have been idle.  
All necessary excuses have been made already for  
the editor's late arrival, except his own. We might  
explain by saying that your humble servant spent  
the summer on the western prairie, and found the  
remark quite true that "nothing moves in Manitoba  
till the wheat crop begins to move." Another  
consideration was that we were already, at that  
point, half way to the Klondyke and were open to  
all the enticements drawing one to that ice-bound  
Golconda. However we resolved upon serious con-  
sideration to let others dig ice and thaw sand if by  
so doing they pleased themselves, while we should  
be content with ordinary stamped paper and the  
much-abused silver. We are all here now anyhow,  
except two members of the staff whose places are  
being well-filled by assistants. We promise our

readers a good JOURNAL for '97-'98, for though most  
of the staff are greenhorns in journalism, their  
fighting powers have been only too well made known  
in the past, and we believe they will be just as  
ready to fight failure in any line. Our news columns  
should be well-filled, for we have had our corres-  
pondents not only at the Diamond Jubilee, and  
travelling in Scotland, Germany, and the Southern  
States, but we have a representative even in  
Klondyke. From all these we expect to hear during  
the term, as well as from old friends who have so  
kindly contributed articles on literary and other  
subjects heretofore. This, for material from out-  
side sources; and within the University we depend  
upon the patriotism of every student who finds a  
scrap of news or a bit of humour to see that it  
makes its way to our columns. Freshmen and even  
Sophomores we would advise to peruse the JOURNAL  
with exceeding great care, for though a man may  
construe Latin to please a Fletcher, or read Greek  
without a wrinkle on his brow, yet if he know not  
the JOURNAL, the Calendar, and the Bill-board he is  
of all men most miserable, and may at any time be  
thought worthy of chains or of death by the ven-  
erable Concursus.

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The remarks made by the Principal on Monday  
evening concerning the loss sustained in the death  
of John Cormack will be felt by all to be exceedingly  
appropriate. John was held in the highest esteem  
by every student of the University, not only because  
of his dignified bearing and his willingness to make  
himself helpful everywhere, but because of his strong  
patriotism to Queen's and his knowledge of all that  
had occurred within her halls for so many years.  
He was second only to Dr. Bell in information re-  
lating to any point in her past history, and was  
never happier than when engaged with one of the  
fellows in a good long talk over the incidents of  
college life 25 or 30 years ago. We shall miss both  
these men sadly for they seemed to have grown up  
with the University and to have known its life only  
as they could who had made it their home for many  
years. We hope and believe however that the men  
who have taken their places will always exhibit the