



EDITORIAL.

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We feel assured that at the beginning of this the central year in the last decade of the century, those who are friends of the Magazine and readers of its columns will be kindly enough disposed towards us not only to wish it life and prosperity, but also, through it, to accept, on the one hand, our congratulations for what of good they have had in the past, and, on the other, our good wishes for the days to come. It is not long since the Church, everywhere, while longing to see her Lord in body, and seeing Him but in spirit, remembered, once more, with comfort and with hope, the cardinal fact that makes her existence possible and necessary. To-day the world leaves behind it another year of successes and disappointments, of happiness and woe, and again looks forward, partly in fear, partly in hope, and much in doubt, to the twelve months that are to come. Each Christian man must take his place in this ceaseless procession of souls, taken his place and keep it bright with heaven's gifts of Might and Truth and Love. As we have played our part in the past, so we must have a part in the future. The character of a college is, to a great extent, judged by that of its students; and it is not likely that, as a body, the students of this College, as they assemble session by session in the years to come, shall ever again bear the character that has hitherto attached to them. The incidental cause of this statement is the proposal, a proposal which has ripened into a resolution, to abolish the preparatory department. Hereafter none but graduates and undergraduates in Arts shall be admitted here. This significant and progressive step will, by those who succeed and judge us, be ranked among the prominent landmarks in the history of this institution, and may not, perhaps, at this time, be inappropriately chosen as suggestive for our consideration and comment. The progress of such an institution as this runs along