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LOOKING FORWARD.

Annually, in the month of September, every college journal delivers itself of an introduction. This year it would please THE OWL to depart from this venerable tradition, did not special circumstances seem to call for a few remarks regarding the future. The founder and eminently successful managing editor of THE OWL, Rev. J. J. Griffin, has no longer the direction of this journal, and of his loss we are keenly sensible. We fully realize in how large a measure the past success of THE OWL is attributable to him, and what powerful aids are lost to us in the absence of his great energy, splendid taste, and practical knowledge of journalism. He has given THE OWL a position which its editors aim, by unceasing efforts, to hold, and, if possible, to improve. To reach this end a few aids are necessary.

THE OWL requires the liberal and constant support of the alumni. In the past this was not accorded as freely as was ex-

pected, but the hope sustains us, that, in the immediate future, contributions, both literary and financial, will swell the mail of THE OWL far beyond its ordinary size. In the next place, surely, a college journal successfully and satisfactorily conducted, deserves the unqualified approval of the students of the institution it represents. It should be a matter of principle with every student to support THE OWL by pen and purse, as he would consider it a question of honor to defend his *alma mater* on every occasion.

Furthermore, THE OWL needs the cordial encouragement of the Professors of the University. It is, in a certain measure, the exponent of the work done in their classes, and much of its interest and usefulness depends on the Professors' direction of the thought and energy of their students. A word judiciously addressed might work more successfully in drawing a host of latent geniuses from their inglorious retreats, than would an army of editors.

After a careful survey of the situation, we feel justified in saying that the enthusiastic determination of the present managers and editors, joined to the above mentioned assistance, should keep THE OWL to the fore in the world of college journalism and increase its influence among its contemporaries.

CHANGES IN THE UNIVERSITY.

As we ourselves and the world about us are ever changing, it would be strange if the College should remain exactly the same old college which through many years we learned to love. Yet we find it hard to accustom ourselves to the absence of some very familiar faces from the professional staff this year.

Father Balland, the late Prefect of Studies, was so intimately bound up in the history of the College, so deeply attached to it, and so unsparing in his