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## Editorial.

HE many generations of students which have taken hold of the O. A. C. Review since it first appeared on the battlefield had in view a certain ideal toward which they strove. Accordingly, each year has witnessed a marked improvement, a step onward. Yet, although progress was accomplished, the realization—as is always the case with human nature—fell short of the conception, and a large area of the field which lies! fore us is yet untouched.

But here some one may say: What improvements can you hope to effectuate? Is not a college paper confined within narrow limits, which it would be folly to attempt to pass? That a college paper cannot aspire to become as interesting as certain magazines is certainly true, but that these limits within which prejudiced critics would see it restricted cannot be enlarged—that its sphere of influence cannot extend outside of the College walls is what we deny. We claim that there are possibilities to render our paper such as it ought to be: an organ which all could read with interest and profit. Especially is this true of the O. A. C. Review: An organ founded upon a basis as firm and as true as agriculture—this art of which all sciences are slaves—a paper used as a training school for nature agriculturists—the brightest hope of this country of ours—is bound to progress, and to circulate not only among College students and exstudents, but among all those who take an interest in agriculture.

Yet, while believing these facts, we are fully aware of the difficulties which lie in our path. We know that two-thirds of the average College paper generally consist in facts uninteresting to the outside world, comprehensible only for those who live within the alma mater. We know also that a part of the duty of the College paper is to record all these events, the importance of which can be understood only by those who have once enjoyed College life. But while giving