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**W**E regret the delay in the publication of this the first number of the JOURNAL. It is difficult to say just where the blame should lie. The overhauling of our printing contract, and the decision of the staff to present the JOURNAL in a new dress, are partly responsible. But, after the whole of the matter was in, there was a further delay because advertisements had not been renewed in time. For this we are not alone responsible, and we would suggest that hereafter the A. M. S. permit no change in the JOURNAL staff after the first meeting in October until the first number is issued and all preliminary details are satisfactorily arranged.

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Having had considerable experience in subordinate positions on the JOURNAL staff, we know the un-  
wisdom of setting before ourselves unattainable ideals. The College session is short and every student is busy, and in most cases the staff are among the busiest, hence it were foolish to dream of revolutionizing the JOURNAL and of making it far superior to any preceding volume of the students' organ. Some day when students are sufficiently alive to the value of such an institution as the JOURNAL to make it possible for one man to give his whole time to the work of editing, our Alma Mater will have a

students' publication worthy of the old College. In the meantime we hope for moderate success along lines more or less exploited by the hard-working men who have preceded us. We make no promise except to do our best in the limited time that can be honestly taken from our regular studies. We ask the cordial support of the students, both as subscribers and contributors, and we assure them that notwithstanding all that the staff can do the final success of the JOURNAL rests with them. Our desire is to keep up the reputation for literary excellence that has been achieved in the past, and at the same time to reflect a little more fully the lighter side of college life. We have made our bow and expressed our modest ambitions. We can stand anything but indifference and neglect: abuse us, criticise us, throw bricks at us, come and sit in our easy chair and put your feet on the letter pad on our table, even dip our best pen in the mucilage bottle in your absent-mindedness,—do these, and far more, and in our charity we shall accept your little courtesies as well intentioned; but don't ignore us, that we can never forgive.

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A good deal has been said in the sporting columns of the daily press about the strained relations at present existing between the Executive of our Rugby Club and the Athletic Committee of the A. M. S. The question has not yet come before the students in any official way and we therefore refrain from expressing any opinion at present. In the meantime we would respectfully suggest to the students and the public generally that they suspend judgment until the case is fairly before them. The comments in at least one city paper are written with the evident intention of prejudicing the case and working on the sympathies of the readers. They bear strong marks of inspiration and their logic clearly resembles that of former emanations from Hogan's Alley.

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If students would have more of their mail sent to their boarding houses it would be better. Especially should newspapers and other periodicals be thus addressed. There may be some excuse for a timid