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QUICKLY, but pleasantly we believe, has the vacation passed, and in the meantime brought about its accustomed changes.

Again we greet the familiar faces of those whose genial companionship and courteous salutations have cheered our hearts, when in a state of despondency, occasioned by the many unwelcome reflections which are constantly forcing themselves upon the student's mind.

We also heartily welcome those, who, for the first time have visited our halls, and wish them unbounded success as they struggle manfully to conquer the difficulties which they must necessarily meet with. And while we encourage others, we are reminded, and forcibly too, of the obstructions the Editor has to surmount. His outlook is by no means pleasant. A confused and disconnected mass of ideas is presented to his mental vision, from which must be evolved a connected and readable article. How this may be done of course necessitates a certain amount of study and anxiety. But other things of equal

moment claim our careful attention. As we hold in prospect the several issues of our paper, and consider that it is regarded as an exponent of our institution, anxious thoughts are awakened.

Heretofore our hearts have been cheered by the kind words of encouragement coming from many of our readers. However, there is another species of encouragement, in the shape of *literary contributions*, which will find a warm reception.

Many of our old graduates could very materially aid us by employing a few of their spare moments on an article for the *ATHENÆUM*. We hope that spirit of loyalty which so animated them at one time in behalf of their Alma Mater and its best interests, has not been extinguished.

To those who have been our predecessors in the Editorial Chair, and under whose guidance our paper was so successfully carried on, we can only say, "We hope you will not forget us."

Items of interest from our friends, and supporters of the Institution, will be thankfully received.

From the experience we have gained in the past, and the generous support of our friends, we hope to make our paper a success. For it we claim not perfection, yet submit it to those who are interested in our welfare, and hope that when we shall have entered upon the more active duties of life, success may more abundantly crown the efforts of our successors, and prosperity attend our Alma Mater, under whose fostering care our literary culture has been conducted.

We shall studiously avoid anything that may have a tendency to breed discussion with other College Journals, knowing that the most of our readers have not the privilege of hearing the opposite side.

SUMMER has flown, and the fallen leaves are being scattered and driven by the autumn winds. Nature has donned her sombre robes. The sun seems to shine, not with the overwhelming splendor of summer, nor with the piercing glare of winter, but calmly, solemnly, as if he were reminding us of Summer past and stern Winter's approach. And, when he sinks behind the