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## Editorial.

### VALEDICTORY.

This, the last scene of the fifth act, closes our career upon the journalistic stage. The present Board of Managers having made few promises, have few apologies to make for promises broken.

Most of all, have we revolved in our minds the thought as to what should constitute the ideal college journal. Whether it should contain only college gossip, or strive to attain a tolerable degree of literary merit, has ever been a debatable question. We have endeavored to solve the problem for ourselves, by welcoming both elements to the column of the STUDENT. But in so doing we have still been far from reaching an ideal of college journalism. Our articles for publication have not at all times, been the best representatives of the literary ability of the college students. We feel grateful, however, to the press of the state for its encouragement, and to our exchanges for their friendly criticisms.

There have been opportunities for improvements of which we would gladly have availed ourselves. But the indebtedness that, for the last year and a half, has overhung the Association, has, to all appearances, smothered our ambition. Suffice

it to say, that by a rigid economy that indebtedness has been nearly liquidated.

For our literary success we have trusted to diligence rather than to ability and experience. That trust, if it has not deceived us, has brought to us sufficient reward for our labors. Our connection with the STUDENT has been pleasant to ourselves, and, we hope, agreeable to our readers. Our obligations to students in general for their assistance are many; and we ask, in taking this our final leave of STUDENT, that a similar if not greater port be extended to our successors.

### A REVIEW.

The present number completes the eighth year of THE STUDENT. Like every thing else in this world, it has had its ups and downs; sometimes it has been prosperous, then again it has been all its Editors could do to keep it from joining its many journalistic friends on the other side of the dark river. Once only has it suspended; then after the loss of a single issue, it was resumed under the control of a new Business Manager who worked it up to quite a high degree of prosperity. During the first three years of its life it seems to have been a very peaceable child; then for some reason it caused a great