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## Editorial

### Vale—

Once more the approach of Convocation Day marks the cessation of college activities, and we prepare to vacate the editorial sanctum with mingled feelings of joy, satisfaction and regret. We are glad at the prospect of shifting arduous yet not unpleasantly responsible tasks to others; satisfied, that although our work has been but an imperfect attempt, we have contributed in some measure, towards keeping alive the traditions of St. Dunstan's;

and sorry to leave companions to whose generous co-operation we are indebted for the publication of volume XV.

We hope that next year's staff will meet with the same loyal support, and sincerely wish it every success in its work.

### Books—

Some one has said: "To own books is all right; to read them is good; to study them is better, and to commune with them is best." But, unfortunately, there are scores of people who own an endless number of books and never commune with them, never study them, or never so much as read them, not to mention the thousands who feed their minds on thoughtless novels, or those who read in a haphazard way or out of idle curiosity, books from which they should receive useful knowledge.

Some, and they are the minority, read with an ambition to assimilate the best that is in a book, thinking and meditating well on what they read, and making it a part of their very lives. These have profited, because they have become familiar with things unknown to them before, and they may have acquired, from their association with greater minds than their own, new modes of thought and more accurate systems of reasoning.

In order to master a good book, it must be read, not once, but several times. Many books are not worth the effort, but at least one or a few of those that are should be devoured repeatedly; for one good book, well read and re-read, is of infinitely more value to the reader than a hundred others thoughtlessly scanned.

The success of the great men of old bears out the truth of the well known and oft-repeated adage: "*Timeo hominem unis libri.*" Dante loved his Virgil, Newman made an endless study of Cicero, and, it is said, that St. Thomas Aquinas knew Aristotle better than the author himself. It was by their intensive study of the thoughts

of the great that these men found inspiration for their own greatness.

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Ed. Note.—We sincerely thank our advertisers, contributors, subscribers, and all who have in any way been of assistance to us; we earnestly hope that they will show the same courtesy and consideration to our successors as they have to us.

We ask our patrons to excuse the brevity of this magazine. Due to the shortness of time since the last issue, we were unable to procure further material.

