WITH this issue The Tech begins the second year of its existence. One year has been successfully completed, and many of the difficulties naturally encountered in starting a new paper and establishing a reputation have been overcome.

The year was one of experiment, for the work was entirely new to those who undertook it, and only when experience disclosed our mistakes could they be corrected and guarded against in the future. Throughout the year there was continual improvement, and the work, begun in much uncertainty, was left with every promise of success to those who were to continue it.

It is the intention of the present editors that during the coming year this improvement shall continue, and that the experience gained in the past shall help to make the paper a fuller and truer representative of the life and work at our Alma Mater. Our paper was not established as a money-making concern for the benefit of its editors; but being founded and supported by the whole school, it is the intention to publish it in the interests of all the students, and not those of any clique or department.

The question of financial success, beyond paying the actual expenses, is of no moment to the management, though it is hoped that a sufficient amount may be raised this year to provide better accommodations for the editors, and to sustain a new reading-room,—a project that will be spoken of more fully hereafter.

The aim in founding the paper was to afford a means of more general intercourse among the students, the need of which had been long felt. Our students, as they are without the usual dormitory life of college, see but little of one another outside their work in the buildings, and this work in one department is oftentimes nearly independent of that in others, so that classmates in different courses may be almost strangers. It was principally to overcome this difficulty, and bring the students more together, that the paper was established; and once started, many reasons have appeared for continuing and improving it.

THIS being the first number of the new volume, we think it fitting to give our readers a somewhat definite idea of the plan of work for the coming year.

The general appearance and arrangement of the paper in the first volume have proved satisfactory, and will not be greatly modified. Smaller type may, however, be used in some of the columns, and the department notes will be