

paper for the college, in this way leaving the more serious literary work to the Monthly. Unlike some other college papers, the Monthly and the Weekly work together, not in opposition to each other, and each paper has its distinct line of work and purpose.

The Harvard Lampoon was first published by a staff composed of the disagreeing members of the Monthly staff and organized in direct opposition to the regular paper. Such has been the start of many college weeklies. Every college should have at least two papers, one for literary work, the other for newspaper work. In this respect high school papers and those of some smaller colleges are at a great disadvantage. It is most difficult to keep a paper up to a high standard when it must be the means of publishing all sorts of matter.

In the second issue of the first year, the first story was printed. It was a story of real worth and in a way set the high standard in this regard which the Monthly has since endeavored to maintain. After this issue many excellent stories appeared. The first cuts appeared in the last issue of 1897. There were a great many of them, and they must have meant a heavy tax upon the funds of the young paper.

The following year, the paper improved somewhat in subject matter. There was a great abundance of short stories and many articles of more serious nature were contributed by faculty members and students. In 1898 the paper progressed remarkably under the efficient editorship of Miss Bertha E. Slater. The subject matter of this year was excellent and the form of the paper much improved.

It was not until the following year that cuts were inserted generously throughout the issues of the year. Hitherto, only the Commencement number had pictures.

The year of 1900 was evidently a year of depression for the Monthly, as its whole form is cheaper. It is much smaller in size and the print is very poor. Note worthy among its contents, is the plea of the editor, Walter Whittlesey, for more literary work on the part of the students. At all times this seems to have been a great hindrance in the way of the editors. With two papers in the field at this time, it must, indeed, have been difficult to get good subject matter for both of them.

In 1901 there was a slight improvement in the form of the paper. The print was considerably better, but the volume was still small, perhaps on account of lack of support in contributions from stu-