

dents. For the first time in the history of the Monthly no cuts appeared during the year of 1902. The subject matter was excellent and the form improved greatly, however, but it was evident from the issues of this year that the paper was still going through a crisis.

The year's issue of 1903 again introduced cuts and the paper was again on a better footing.

The greatest improvement in the whole paper was noticeable in 1904. Under the most efficient editorship of Ralph Bacon, the paper advanced by leaps and bounds. The print and cuts were excellent and the subject matter was very superior to anything which had been printed hitherto. A novel feature of this year were the book reviews of popular works which were published that year, and criticisms of the plays which appeared at the local theater. The issue, or double number, for December and January was the best work ever done by the Monthly. It was an edition worthy of a much larger paper. Truly, 1904 was the banner year for the Monthly up to that time.

After such a prosperous year it seems strange that through lack of funds it was necessary to discontinue the Monthly in 1905.

It was not dead, however, for in 1906 the paper was again printed with issues which rivalled those of 1904. Under the joint management of Harry Raffety as managing editor, Charles Snow as business manager and Miriam Van Waters as literary editor, the paper prospered wonderfully in the light of the previous year of disbandment.

In 1907, a change of management was effected. There was no longer the offices of managing editor and literary editor, but the work of the two was combined into editor-in-chief. This arrangement was necessary for the welfare of the paper so that all responsibility could be concentrated in one quarter. The change has been an excellent one because the paper has prospered with great strides, as it had never done before.

From all parts of the country, the paper gets recognition, which should be accorded its high standard and excellent form. May all the years to come be as prosperous in an increasing ratio as the year 1907-08.

It is a fact worth attention that the men who are so prominent at the present time for their interest in the welfare of the University through their untiring efforts and work for the appropriation