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Our Journal.

“Out of evil cometh good” is a well known saying and we never expected that it would apply to ourselves. The Year Book of the Union published in 1911 blossomed into a Quarterly Journal in 1912 and has ripened into a Monthly Journal in 1914. The change from the annual to a quarterly publication was the result of the opinions expressed by a large number of old students that they desired to keep in closer touch with the College. Every body would have been content with the quarterly journal, if such unwarranted delays had not occurred in the publication of almost every past number. The second number of Volume II which should have been published in April and for which the matter was put in the hands of printers in February and March last was not received until the middle of September from them. Messrs. G. C. Loganadham Brothers, the proprietors of the Guardian

Press, Madras, are amongst the best of the printers in Madras and we had seldom occasion to find fault with the printing, but the delay in execution resulted in our risking the chance of losing the sympathy of some of our readers and in their securing an unsolicited testimonial from the public as the most unpunctual of printers in the Presidency.

The delay in the publication caused much annoyance to ourselves and our readers ; and the evil was set right at the last conference by resolving that a smaller monthly journal which could easily be published at Coimbatore should be started in the place of the larger quarterly volume and at the same price. We have entered into an agreement with the proprietor of the Literary Sun Press, safeguarding speedy publication, though at an increased cost. Out of the evil, therefore, of the unpunctual publication of the quarterly printed at Madras, we hope every thing good will result by printing a monthly journal locally, news and notes being published fresh and recent. As mentioned above, the delay which no one regrets more than ourselves, was not due to the management here and was outside its control and we earnestly request that all members and well-wishers of the Union will continue to give their support to us.

That the journal has been a long felt want and has been appreciated so far by those for whom it was intended may be taken for granted, if for no other reason than that the number of sympathetic enquiries from our subscribers during the last few months has been so great. We can only

predict that the monthly journal will be even better received for, apart from the disappearance of stale news, we have received assurances, from all the Departmental officers, of valuable help in the shape of contributions based on enquiry and practical work.

We crave the indulgence of several of our esteemed contributors for our inability to publish all the contributions which we have so far received from them at once. The delay in the printing caused by our later printers has resulted in a large accumulation of matter. For the same reason and on account of the fact that the larger Quarterly Journal has been changed into a smaller monthly, we regret very much that we are unable to publish all the papers read at the Conference in extenso and some of the interesting Munagala Prize Essays. We propose to publish these or copious summaries of these from time to time in the succeeding Monthly issues.

Editor.

The War.

The greatest war which was ever fought on the face of the earth is now raging in Europe; and we, Indians, who are proud of our loyalty to the British Empire and to the person of His Majesty the King Emperor, are gratified at the action taken by His Majesty and by His Majesty's Government that they would rather make enormous sacrifices in men and money than allow treaty rights to be violated and the neutrality of a small independent country encroached upon by the militant German