



The war is over. Readjustments of domestic conditions have been slowly but surely taking place. School activities and College life have swung back to a pre-war state. And so after the stabilizing effect of the 1920 Cycle the staff of the 1921 Cycle decided that having regained our feet it was our duty to get in step with the world and to continue along the path of progress. We think we have. We accepted last year's edition of the College Annual and with no intent or detracting from it in the least, have injected new ideas into it and in our own way have tried to stay in the vanguard of Progress' march. Of the many new ideas that have been inoculated into volume IX we expect some will be received with much pleasure, while others will arouse severe criticism. We will be gratified to hear the kind expressions of pleasure from our subscribers. Besides we will gladly welcome any constructive criticism of this volume. I say gladly because although the criticism will come too late in order that we might benefit by it, it will be a priceless legacy that we can bequeath to our successors.

In preparing this volume, quite a few hazards made the sailing rough. The present staff was not elected until the middle of October, 1920, and so lacked the impetus obtained by a timely push-off on the opening day of the semester. The second and by far the more painful upset of our plans occurred when our first president, Dr. Frank Wakely Gunsaulus, passed out of this world. His death was a terrible blow to the Institute and to all with whom he had dealings. And in more ways than one has the influence of his death upon the College's affairs been reflected among these pages. The editors of the Cycle consider it a truly great honor to be in a position to pay tribute to such an eminent man. We have dedicated this volume to his memory and realize full well that in so doing, his death will make this a monumental volume. We are proud to be the authors of a monument to the memory of Doctor Gunsaulus but would much prefer that he had lived.