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WE BEGIN ANOTHER YEAR

From time immemorial, or so it seems, a publication on its first appearance is referred to as an "infant," a "fledgling," or some other term indicative of recent nativity. In a manner of speaking, the editor on that occasion divests himself of his age and appears new born. Instinctively one conjures up a magazine cover at New Year's.

We assure our readers that it is far from our intention to impersonate a magazine cover. Nor is it necessary. The plain truth of the matter is that long ago the Journal outgrew its swaddling clothes. For two years it has experienced a most vigorous and healthy growth under the tutelage of its able parent and editor, H. S. Bailey. When one considers the difficulties under which the early numbers were produced, the excellence of the editorial bill-of-fare is very remarkable. Probably very few members of the A. O. C. S. are in a position to appreciate how great those difficulties actually were; but each and every one knows the splendid publication which Mr. Bailey gave them.

The JOURNAL carries on. Its editorial Advisory Board still has the same skillful advisers. It still retains the support of the A. O. C. S. in full measure. One positive evidence of this is the number of letters that reached us following the first (January) number. While we thank those readers for their encouragement, we are even more grateful for the occasional advice and constructive criticism some of their letters contained. The latter was deserved and the former will be heeded.

We ask our readers to send their papers to the JOURNAL. A great deal of very valuable work is being done at this time, and the purpose of the A. O. C. S. will be forwarded appreciably by each member making the results of his labors available to the next man.—J. T. O.