

We admire the pluck of its editors in publishing their paper among discouragements. From this, THE BATTALION'S first issue, we predict a far better career than its predecessor, the Journal, had.—The Reveille.

Many thanks. We are making a strong effort in the direction intimated.

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We have just received the November number of "Alamo and San Jacinto Monthly." It opens with an excellent criticism of Washington Irving. Mr. Fleeming has undoubtedly carefully preserved the works of the "Father of American Literature." "Influence of En-

vironments," "An Oration," "The Divine in History," "An Unknown Southern Poet" are well worth reading.

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Bocaccio was thirty years of age when he commenced his studies in light literature; yet he became one of the greatest masters of the Tuscan dialect, Dante and Plutarch being the other two.

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Sir Henry Spellman neglected the sciences in his youth, but commenced the study of them when he was between fifty and sixty years of age. After this time he became a most learned antiquarian and lawyer.