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THE next issue of the FREE LANCE will be during the month of October next, under a partially new administration. The present Business Manager will attend to all financial affairs as usual; his postoffice will be Manayunk, Philadelphia, until September 14, the opening of the next college year.

THE lecture delivered by Prof. Reber in the College Chapel, May 25, on "Some Facts Suggested by Astronomy," abounded in information for the uninitiated, and was also pleasing to the advanced student of astronomy. One gathered from his discourse an idea of the rapid strides being made in the science of astronomy.

AS was expected, the athletic boom suffers from the decline of that initial enthusiasm spoken of. We have cause to believe, however, that the undertaking will not die, notwithstanding the change of the first site for the track after being laid out to a remote situation was a great drawback. The life of the association depends much upon the labors of its managing committee, as it is to them that the members look for an effective classification and regulation of the work. After that each member must feel it incumbent upon him to engage in methodical practice. We recommend that he find out as soon as possible what particular branch of the sports he is best suited for and make that his forte, not excluding occasional practice in all the departments.

In default of the track, the contests for this session will be very limited. That the enterprise may prove a reality, the managers have provided for one field-day exercise, to be held shortly before Commencement, excluding such contests as require a finished track. We regret that the exercises come too late to give their result in this issue.

IT has been hinted that the literary department of our journal is small and not proportionately represented. So we wish it. It is not the office of a