

not shown that regard for sports they ought to, yet we think the boys are more to be blamed than any one else for the present inactivity.

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THIS number of the FREE LANCE appears under a partially new administration. It is to be hoped that our readers and reviewers will be lenient with us until we have gotten accustomed to the general routine of the work. The enviable reputation built, in so short a time, by the last administration, we shall endeavor to maintain. But this cannot be done single-handed. The co-operation of students and faculty is essential, and the hearty support of Alumni and friends very desirable. In this connection let us repeat the injunction of last year: *Pay your subscription in advance.* The business manager assures us he would be pleased to be surprised with an occasional V. By that means we would be able to occasionally illustrate some of the funny scenes which frequently occur in and about the "old stone pile."

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THE long contemplated yacht race has come and gone, and America still upholds her own against a nation, which, though her senior in years, seems to have less inventive genius. The contest was one of great interest, as it was thought, before the trial, that the Volunteer had a contestant of no

mean ability. Previous to crossing the ocean, the Thistle had left all the principal English yachts astern in trial races and was considered to be far superior to the Galala, last year's contestant for the cup. Her fall was great and sudden and enough to prove that it will be some years before the America Cup goes to England.

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WE are glad to note the efforts made by the Y.M.C.A. to widen their circle of influence in this institution. Of all organizations intended for the upbuilding of young men there are none which do it more efficiently than the Y.M.C.A. Having its groundwork in the teachings of Him who spoke as never man spake, it moves on unswervingly in its magnanimous mission of bringing young men to Christ.

The religious work of our college has not been strikingly manifest for some years past, but we feel a revival in the air from the enthusiastic manner in which the members of the Association have begun their work this year. The reception held on the 1st instant was a grand success, and from all indications impressed upon the boys the nobility of Y.M.C.A. work. If the zeal with which the year's work has been begun continues, of which we have no doubt, there will be reaped a rich and abundant harvest.