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**W**ITH this issue, the business management of THE FREE LANCE changes hands. Mr. Mitchell has been agreeable, and has untiringly done his best. He has rendered efficient services. His successor, Mr. Walker, lacks neither energy nor ability.

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**W**E cannot but condemn certain correspondence to the *Philadelphia Press* concerning one of the departments of our college. The publication of such reports evidently does much harm, personally to the parties maligned, and also to the college. We say *maligned*, and the character of such correspondence is certainly malignant, for whether the charges made against individuals be true or false, there is the same diffi-

culty in finding any motive save malice for publishing such reports. We can only consider the paragraph mentioned a personal attack, and being such, allowance must be made for the manner in which its statements are made, while the whole thing is extremely offensive.

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**F**ROM the condition of our sports it appears that the Athletic Association either is badly operated or is in itself a hinderance. We are aware of the fact that there are many impediments to forbid the accomplishment of anything extraordinary on the grounds very soon, but we believe that the interest shown when we have even a practice game of ball is evidence that our accomplishments are not commensurate with the enthusiasm which is ready to encourage and partonize effort. The rise and former success of the sporting departments seemed to need the organization which it sought in the Athletic Association. The Association has lacked vigor. This has apparently dampened some of that former ardor over which it gained control. Go ahead, make definite plans, publish them thoroughly, and go to work as though you intended to put them into operation "e'er the sun goes down."

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**W**HAT the Literary Societies have done a noble work in the past, is a fact that no one will attempt to dispute. That this good work bids fair to be carried into the future, we may conclude when we consider the general goodwill and earnestness of purpose that exists in each organization. Since the opening of the present college year, with the great increase of students, the membership of the two societies has been greatly increased; so much in fact that individually they cannot derive the practical benefit from