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A GAIN we have been left by the resignation of Mr. Walker and Mr. Bryan, Mr. Walker's assistant, to appoint another business manager. In behalf of the staff we desire to express our appreciation for the energetic and efficient services rendered by Mr. Walker and for the hearty coöperation and liberal management which have encouraged the editors in their efforts to improve the *Free Lance*. Our relations have always been pleasant and we very much regret that Mr. Walker can not continue to hold his position. Mr. George Johnson succeeds Mr. Walker as business manager. Mr. Johnson will undertake his work with enthusiasm and energy, and in this position he deserves and needs the willing support of all.

A NEW feature of work and association is about to be presented to the students who have just come among us this year. The literary societies will no doubt soon be active, offering their advantages for culture both social and literary. Those students who have not been acquainted with this feature of our college life and work are invited and advised to turn their attention to it at once. The work of debate and declamation in our societies are among the most beneficial as well as the most pleasant which the college affords. No student should think of spending his time here in the performance of his class duties without also enrolling with one of the societies and taking active part in its work. This he should do at once whether he be more or less in need of the training to be had; for if he be apt in this direction he will find a favorite and beneficial field here, while if he be slow he can not afford to lose a year of development.

That society training here is the complement of class training needs no further proof than the superiority of that class of students who are active in the societies.

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C LASS day exercises have not occupied a place on the programme of commencement week for three or four years. Why the observance of class day has apparently fallen into oblivion we do not know. By the late classes it has been claimed that the small number was not sufficient to provide for both a class day programme and a programme for commencement to be supplied by the graduating students. This has no doubt been true. But why not give us a class day with a programme supplied by the graduating class, and a commencement programme varied from what has been the custom here? The universal