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OUR readers will notice that there has been quite a change in the make up of the FREE LANCE staff, caused by the absence of Mr. Demming and Mr. Holmes from College, and the acceptance of the office of business manager by Mr. W. H. Walker, who was formerly on the editorial board. We were very sorry to lose the services of these men but feel that they have been replaced by competent and worthy members, who will exert every effort to make our journal even better than it has been in the past.

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THE founding of the chair in English by the Trustees of the college was an act for which they should receive the hearty com-

mendation of every public minded citizen of Pennsylvania. Not only have they extended the educational facilities of this institution of the State, but they have filled a long felt want in the establishment of a course by which one can obtain a classical education as well as a scientific one. Some years ago it was felt that all that was required of our college was to give a thorough training in the sciences, so the classics contained in the courses were dropped or given little attention; lately the demand for other than strictly practical instruction, has been so great that it has been deemed advisable to found the chair in English. Prof. Davis, the head of the department, is a man of some prominence and is thoroughly capable of the position he now holds.

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CAN our foot ball team be expected to maintain its good record without having time given it to practice? 'Tis true that this is a military school in one sense of the word, but our standing in athletics demands that at least two elevens be excused from drill during the fall term in order that they may keep themselves in training for games with other colleges. The discipline and training a man receives in one thirty minute half at foot ball is worth far more than a whole week of military drill, and the two teams are made up, with but two exceptions, entirely of old men who have passed through the setting up drill to the satisfaction of our former commandant, so that there would be comparatively little loss of work by the players. In the two cases mentioned men have been chosen for the elevens who are naturally straight and well formed, and who will be made more so by their constant work upon the field: hence