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WITH the beginning of ninety THE FREE LANCE hopes that many of our college and preparatory students have formed new resolutions which will not only benefit them here but whose effects will follow them through all their after-lives. There is nothing quite so destructive as the making of petty resolutions which one does not mean to keep. It is a thing that weakens and shatters the will. A habit from whose injuries one never recovers. If you turn over any new leaves, let them be ones that are beneficial to you and then keep them faithfully.

We hope that the work of this year may far surpass that of the last and we bespeak, for the future, a continuance of the prosperity that has attended our institution for the past few years.

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OUR prospects for base-ball during the coming season are unusually bright just now, with a large number of applicants all hard at work to compete for positions on the first nine, we bid fair to add more victories to our already long list. The facilities for training the men, though somewhat limited, have been arranged so as to strengthen the points at which we were weak last year. Base-ball has always been our leading sport and the one in which we excel, so we hope that with the hearty support of the students our club will be enabled to play and win more games this season than it has during any previous one.

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THE introduction of the new system of grading was at first looked upon by the students with much disfavor. The idea that they were not to know their exact standing in the different branches appeared rather grewsome to leaders in class work, while by the lower standing men it was first approved and then condemned as tending to cause less studying and as they said: "A man who on the average makes 85 under the old system and is now marked "B" for it will not keep up his work, because he receives the same