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ALTHOUGH this first issue of the LANCE has been somewhat delayed, the editors promise to have it out on time in the future. The LANCE opens with this issue a new year which it hopes to make one of the banner years of its existence in contrast with the year just closed. Last year marked a crisis in its affairs, and we are glad to be able to state that it has successfully weathered the storm and will, unless we are griev-

ously disappointed, keep on advancing till it has been placed well past the danger point.

To the old men it gives greeting and wishes them another successful and pleasant year. Let this year be one not only of profit to themselves but of earnest and fruitful exertion for the college. Let's put our shoulder to the wheel and help her up a few steps higher.

To the new students the LANCE gives almost hearty welcome. You have as yet not formed your ideas and opinions of college life. Let them be based on broad and intelligent foundations, not influenced by the prejudices and whims of the older students, but permeated by a strong and enduring love for the Alma Mater you have adopted. Among other things, do not let the true place of college journalism be misunderstood. Too little attention is given at P. to that important branch of student activity S. C. It has been regarded with apathy and indifference, while many of the students believe that there is no necessity for publishing a paper at all. This is a hard spirit to fight against, but it is to a great extent in your power to remedy the fault. By your loyal support both from a financial and a literary standpoint, you can do much not only to help out the college monthly, but to pave the way to the further extension of journalism at the institution.

Last year the LANCE found itself very much in debt with a feeling abroad that it would have a hard time keeping its head above water. It was hard work fighting up against these adverse circumstances; but it seems to have ridden safely through the storm, and thanks to her efficient business managers, the debt is being rapidly paid off. And now it comes before you asking for your support and that of the older students, hoping and striving for better things.