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Already part of the way has been traversed and never before has the outlook been better and brighter for State than it is for the coming year. It is true that at first we missed the well known characters and individualities of last year's graduating class, on returning to college, expecting every moment to see the well known figures

and recognize their familiar voices, but time, the healer of all such emotions, is working his wonders ful remedy, and they are fast passing into the college traditions, only to be followed too soon by the present undergraduate classes. Rapidly the new men settle into the grooves cut out for them and the wonder then is that the community could ever have existed in a different form. Thus time passes swiftly along and as little is lost in the adjustment of things as possible. The vacancies in the different college organizations are quickly filled with new material, easily dispelling that frequent illusion that certain men are indispensable in certain positions. The former occupant is forgotten, except when accidentally recalled by story or incident, and the advancement of the new man is the engaging topic.

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Such is the endless chain of college life, and it is such competition and variety that gives it snap and zest. At the beginning of this year we find many applicants for the glee club, and the banjo club bids fair to double last year's membership. On the foot-ball field a strong second team is never lacking, while our first eleven faithfully represents the student body, thus giving a fair field for all who may wish to strive for a place on it. With such a beginning, let us hope that every department in the college will advance equally, and upon the realization of this hope we can look back on this year with pride and profit.

In the various colleges throughout our country, it is customary for each class, upon its advent to the junior year, to publish a volume of some three or four hundred pages containing a record of the chief events of the college year. At some institutions this book is published by the Greek letter societies, while the large universities publish two or more. Whether published by fra-

ternity or class its contents are practically the