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THIS is the last issue of the LANCE that will be edited by the present staff, but before we take a final leave of all our duties, there are things which must be said and done, and for which this is the fitting and proper place. We lay aside our work with regret, but not with misgivings. It has been a pleasure to place the LANCE before the students every month, and if they have been satisfied with the manner in which it has been managed, the staff has been amply repaid for its efforts. At the beginning of the present college year, the LANCE was almost compelled to suspend publication on account of financial dif-

ficulties, but through the work of an active and intelligent business management, secured in that trying time, the danger was tided over, and during the remainder of the year the paper has more than paid for itself.

The new staff will have comparatively easy sailing, and they have our best wishes for success. We have no misgivings, as we know that we are turning our work over into competent and willing hands. May they receive the same, if not better, financial and literary support of the student body. Before stepping down and out we wish to thank all those who have aided us in any way whatever, and especially those who have been constant contributors to our pages. The honor has been equally shared.

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THIS has been a term of inactivity in college athletics. The rush and excitement of the track and field have given place to a period of rest and preparation. Our chances for a winning team on the baseball field in the near future depends largely upon the faithfulness of the practice that has been done this term. The interest that is already taken in this sport shows that baseball will probably be more popular this year than ever before. Who is there who would not like to represent the college on our next baseball team? It is still not too late to make at least a hard fight for a position. The captain and manager want every man who has ever played ball, or who thinks he can play, to come out and practice, even if he has failed to train in the gymnasium. Come out and try for some one position even if there are several candidates with equal chances as yourself. Above all make an honest attempt. Those who are entering into the sport for the first time, perhaps, should not be discouraged if they fail to make the team. Many have had to play two or