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CUSTOM and our desire to greet our readers lead us to make a few opening remarks. With this number the FREE LANCE enters upon the ninth year of its existence. The past year has been the most successful year in its history. Our predecessors labored hard and we justly regard their efforts to advance and improve this paper with gratitude and pride. We received the journal in a comparatively prosperous condition and we hope to place it in the hands of our successors free from debt and with a standing worthy of our college.

A new staff means new thoughts and new

methods. Our thoughts, we trust, will interest and please, and our methods be of such worth and practicability as not to meet with disapprobation or unjust censure.

The first idea which we desire to present is that we do not expect to accomplish any decided improvement in the FREE LANCE through any ability or efforts of our own. The common fallacy existing in the minds of all, that the literary paper of college merely represents a board of editors, must be done away with. A college journal represents not a board of editors, but the entire student body.

The college men of this institution are individually responsible for the popularity and standing of the FREE LANCE. The columns of this journal are open to all our students and alumni. Avail yourselves of this fact and send in short articles of importance or interest to college men. We want the opinions and thoughts of many and not of a few.

As a board we promise an earnest endeavor to do our part and earnestly ask for the hearty co operation of STUDENTS, faculty, alumni and friends, that we may publish a journal that may be of interest to our readers and a credit to *Old State*.

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THERE are few of Old State's sons who are not enthusiastic in her praise. When you mention athletics to a student of State College his whole attitude changes. He becomes alive at once with interest and will decant upon the virtues and greatness of State College athletic teams for hours at a stretch, but mention college papers to him—his jaw drops, his manner becomes listless and he simply says "we publish one journal the FREE LANCE, but it don't amount to much; we have too much work at State to support a live journal, and very few fellows take much interest in it. The editors hardly ever get an issue out