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WITH this issue the ninth volume of the FREE LANCE is completed, but before laying aside the editorial pen, or hanging up the shears, or regretting that the responsibilities and cares cannot rest upon our shoulders always, as some have it, the editor will briefly review the work of the staff of '96.

This volume marks a change in the size, appearance and general tone of the LANCE. Comparison with the journals of other colleges taught us that we were not up to the present standard of college journalism. The matter of preceding volumes had consisted mainly of essays, and the tone of the paper was dull, didactic, and heavy.