

Vacation is over, and the old halls that were clothed in the garb of quietness during the summer months, are made to resound, again, with that joyful melody which cannot but cause a thrill of rapture to pass through the veins of every old student. To the old men the LANCE extends her hand of welcome and wishes you a happy as well as a prosperous year. As we come back we find many improvements and better facilities for work; but, we, also, find new responsibilities. The higher we climb in the pursuit of knowledge, the greater will be the obligation and the duties expected from us. How different college life presents itself now when we compare it to the days when we looked through the eyes of Freshmen. We are just beginning to learn that our mass of learning is but a pebble in the universe of knowledge, and that whatever direction we take, new conditions and new problems stare us in the face. But, with all this let us steer right onward and upward so that we may be worthy representatives of our beloved Alma Mater.

To the new students we extend our cordial greetings and wish you well in the new step you have taken. You have gone out from the protection and influence of good homes. Be careful of the advances you make in your new environment. At no time in your life will it pay to be manly so well as now. Your success and reputation will now depend upon yourself. You may have the best preparatory training that is available, and the best intellectual ability possible, but without a life based upon the true principles of manhood, and the desire to stand by what is right, all the college training in the world will not make you a successful man or woman. Hence your four year's life here should aim to develop in two directions: (1) the acquiring of mental ability, and (2) the continued aim to build character.

Of the first so many men mistake the idea of college training. Education does not consist of the drinking in of so many facts in history or geometry or some other subject,