

good sign of the life of our Association is the disposition to make the most of every opportunity to perfect its methods in work. We sincerely hope that it will be felt more sensibly than ever in its influence upon new students at the opening of next year. Take new students by the hand and make it pleasant instead of disagreeable for them. Do not accord them any treatment inconsistent with the Christian gentlemanliness of the Y. M. C. A.

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**S**UGGESTIONS concerning the establishment of a third literary society were made in a former number of THE FREE LANCE. The need of this is so apparent that it does not require discussion to decide that the step ought to be taken. Let each of the societies now existing choose one representative from each college and preparatory class so that these persons may organize to begin the active life of a third society at the beginning of next year. There is a demand for a third society. Its establishment would be an honor, and it would soon grow strong.

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**T**HE awarding of prizes during Commencement week has become a more prominent feature than formerly since the addition of Capt. Roberts' list of military prizes. The results of competition for prizes are not always good, for they sometimes discourage

those who have made worthy efforts. Yet the competition itself is beneficial. The prizes in most cases do not repay for the labor even in the case of the successful student, but the benefit derived from the discipline and preparation connected with contests is common to all competitors, and is worth the effort. We are glad to note that more students intend to take part than usually participate. Congratulations to all the successful and much praise for the honest efforts of all!

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**H**OW would the committees in charge of the various departments of sports answer the question: What have you done to organize your department, and create enthusiasm in it? We see nothing to show for your work if you have done any. Much of the equipage provided last year has not even been seen this year. Whether it be lost or stored away who knows? Shame on a hollow pretense! Last year's Field Day ought to have been greatly improved upon this year, but most departments of our Athletic Association have been heard in these tones: "Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep." We say these things at this late date with the hope that this year's Field Day may be impressed upon the memory of our students, and may serve as an inspiration (?) next year.