

Thus we find that all vacancies of position and office in the different college organizations are quickly filled with new men. The former occupants are forgotten except as recalled by story or incident. And ere we are aware the illusion that certain men are indispensable to certain positions has vanished, and we are loath to believe that the college community could ever have existed in any other than the present form.

Such a change and adjustment of things has already taken place. And now to those who have assumed these new responsibilities and duties with their opportunities for revealing ability and individuality, *THE LANCE* takes this opportunity of wishing you the best of success. To those old students who have returned to take up the thread of college life again, we bid a happy greeting. We hope you have had a pleasant and profitable vacation, and have returned with new health, vigor, and inspiration. And last but not least, we desire to express a hearty welcome to every new student who has joined our ranks; and in the name of State, we extend the hand of good fellowship and fraternity. You have made an important decision in your life in resolving to take a college course. We trust and hope that you will hold to this good resolution. You have entered a new life, and as you are undoubtedly ignorant as regards many of its unwritten laws and customs, you might accept with profit a few sincere words of advice.

We could of course fill pages in enumerating the positive and negative virtues becoming a Freshman; but we will condense the latter virtues to this,—Don't try to make yourself conspicuous by assuming that you are the greatest acquisition ever procured by State. Time and the unwritten college laws will suddenly dispel such illusions if you do. And, moreover, you need not kick against these laws for you will find them solid, and will only hurt yourself. They are for your best good, and are meant to wear away the irregularities of your character, and thus to bring you into harmony with the true college life. Base your ideas and opinions of the institution upon a broad and intelligent basis; not upon the prejudices and whims of some jealous, cranky, pessimistic student. And among the positive virtues we will make the selection,—Give your intellectual, artistic, and financial support to all the college organizations, especially to your class, to the Athletic Association, to the Y. M. C. A., to the literary society,