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Notes.

TO our readers, to the ever-increasing host of sister journals, to all those who in the past have felt some measure of interest in our welfare, we extend a hearty greeting. We have undertaken the work dropped from the hands of our companions, many of whom have left us for other scenes of action, and, fully occupied though we may be with regular school work, we are yet determined that not at our hands shall the old PORT. suffer neglect. What the school year upon which we have entered has in store for us, how little we know ; but as the uncertainty of the future becomes the actual experience of the present, you will catch within these pages a glimpse of our college life, and will find here an expression of the thoughts and feelings of its participants. We would remind the college students that nowhere is division of labor more necessary to successful results than in the management

of such a journal as this. Let the PORTFOLIO be in truth a students' paper, in the benefits of which all should have an equal share, and to the excellence of which all have an equal pride in contributing. We ascribe the late appearance of this, our first issue, to the confusion inevitably attendant upon the first few weeks of a new term. School work has long ago settled into its accustomed routine, and we are hopefully looking forward to a successful year, as regards both our college course and the literary and financial well-being of our paper. The accounts at the end of June showed an entire removal of debt, so that we are able to begin a new period in the history of the PORTFOLIO quite free from any such encumbrance. To the Alumnae and to all those who have spent any considerable time here, and reaped some of the advantages to be gained, we make a special appeal. For the sake of the old college days, when you yourselves worked so zealously for the PORTFOLIO, show some kindly interest in our success. Any reminiscences of school life, any information concerning your present life and interests, will be most welcome. If at any time you are able to speak a word to the eliciting of a new subscription, rest assured that we will strive to merit, by the increased excellence of our paper, the efforts which you generously exert in our behalf.

ACCORDING to the time-honored custom, the two literary societies (senior and junior) have again inaugurated. The ground of division is that the senior society shall include undergraduates only, while specialists and those below the Freshman year, in what is called the academic course, shall constitute the junior society. The advisability of uniting the two societies is at present demanding our earnest attention. The senior society