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Notes.

Holidays are over, the time for summer recreation is past, and now with renewed vigor, we are settling down to the work of another year. A college year may be filled with a great deal of both profit and pleasure. Our minds may

be stored with knowledge which shall ever be a source of satisfaction to ourselves, and of benefit to others. New trains of thought may be awakened which shall assist in molding our whole after life. Of course we do not intend to transform ourselves into mere book-worms, for then the very object and end of our work would be defeated, unless indeed we selfishly wish to keep all the benefits of our reading to ourselves. We have now an opportunity of forming friendships which may be life long, and what school girl would willingly miss such a pleasure as this?

To some of us, as officers on the Portfolio staff, new duties and responsibilities have come, and although we realize that our work is far from being perfect, yet with Hubert in Scott's *Ivanhoe* we would we would remind our readers that "A man can but do his best."

We are glad to see that our College is taking advanced ground on the subject of reform in our present system of promotion by examination. It is well-known that throughout our schools and colleges generally the standing of the pupil is determined according to the results of the final examinations alone. But the evils of such a system may be readily perceived. A student may have done good work during the year, but on account of undue excitement or physical indisposition may fail to do himself credit on an examination; and woe be unto him if he fall short by one mark of the required $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. or 50 per cent. as the case may be. On the other hand one who has continually neglected his work may take refuge in the thought that, through great effort at the end of the term, he will succeed in reaching the desired goal.

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