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Editorials.

SINCE the last publication of THE PORTFOLIO, it has passed into new hands, and it is with a feeling of trepidation, which we will not attempt to conceal, that we, the newly elected editorial staff, make our first appearance before the public. The duties pertaining to our office, so ably discharged by the retiring staff, fall heavily upon our more inexperienced shoulders, and we tremble in view of the weighty responsibilities to be borne. Still we enter upon our work with hopeful spirits, knowing that our little paper has friends and supporters not a few, whose kind wishes for our success, and still kinder offers of assistance, assure us of their sincerity. We take this opportunity of thanking those who have extended toward our paper a friendly hand in the past, and solicit their continued support.

We do not expect our paper to revolutionize the world, we do not expect it to make our fortunes, but we do expect that the experience which will come to us with a year's editorial duties, will more than repay us for all our labor. If we can make THE PORTFOLIO profitable and attractive to its readers, and see it prosperous as it has been, under our predecessors, we shall be satisfied.

OUR College halls are again thronged by eager students, some of the old faces are missing but many new ones take their places, and all are rapidly becoming accustomed to their new home. During the short vacation Death has visited our ranks, and it is with saddened hearts that we think of school-mates who have passed away, or of others who have since we last met lost one of those nearest and dearest. We tender them our heartfelt sympathy, and would it were in our power to assuage the grief of hearts that were ever ready to console us in times of home-sickness, to cheer our solitude, lighten our tasks, and brighten in a thousand-and-one ways the lonely hours incident to a new student.

Back again to work! Work, what widely different meanings it conveys to different ears! To us it signifies the complete mastery of the year's studies, the storing of our mind with useful knowledge, the development of every faculty of that mind until the tools in our workshop are fitted to make use of the material supplied by both inner and outer world. In short, it means, whether we wish it or not, the forming of habits which will cling to us through life, and lead us continually higher or drag us lower. With this as the end in view, we feel the importance of conscientious study through the whole term. The enthusiasm inspired by new studies has not yet worn away, but we know by experience the tendency there is to let the energy of the first few weeks give place to indolence in the middle of the term, to be made up by "cramming" towards the end.

Let us revolutionize things this year and work right up to the mark throughout. We mentioned the many new faces and would bid them all a cheery welcome, but thrice welcome she who comes to us after a prolonged absence. Miss McEvers, a graduate of '76, finding no place like home has at last come back to her Alma Mater. Fresh from