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WHEN the former managing editor laid aside her pen last year she left us as a legacy a column of advice. We read it at the time and remarked that it was all true; we think so yet. Soon after the publication, however, a friend said: "You don't receive much encouragement for your next year's work, do you? You will lose all of your former friends." The last statement sounded somewhat startling at first, as we prize our friends a good deal. But, at the time our only expedient was to fall back on Balzac's philosophy: "Do not be afraid of making enemies, woe to him who has none!" We finally settled the question by deciding that anyone who has dabbled in University politics for three years and then is able to make more enemies by working on THE HESPERIAN, is a genius.

But, be this as it may, as we launch out upon another year and confront the trials and difficulties that must be overcome, we can look back with pride to the past record of THE HESPERIAN. It has travelled a long and prosperous course and to-day is an essential part of the University. It has reached that point which is the ambition of all progressive newspapers, it has been threatened to be sued for libel. THE HESPERIAN is a foe in times of war, a friend in times of peace. But more than this, THE HESPERIAN never threw down the gauntlet but that it came off victorious. It is our intention and purpose, first and last, to stand for good government.

Yet this paper can do other things than "scrap." Its object is to be the heart, mind and voice of the students in general. Our desire is to stimulate the student to literary work, to keep account of the movements of former students and to furnish the fullest, latest and best news around the campus.

The editors fully realize that they have a difficult task to perform; that their work will furnish some of the choicest gossip in the school; but we can bear it. Pile it on, and when it gets too high, be charitable and come to our aid. We shall have some misunderstandings, though we may strive to please. But "we'll know each other better when the mists have cleared away."

Our motto for the coming year is "Be sure you are right and then go ahead." If we think it is right to keep still, we will keep still; but if we think it is right to speak, yell, whoop or start a cyclone we shall do it, and who indeed can stop us?