

WE have often thought during our college course that the time set for beginning the Fall Term was most inauspicious, and have wondered that the student body has not made some move to have it changed. The middle of September is, as a general rule, (this year being a notable exception), the hottest, meanest part of the year. There is no vitality in the atmosphere, it is next to impossible to shake off the laziness acquired through two months of loafing, and professors and students alike take up their year's work with an irresistible apathy which, especially in the case of the incoming class, is a bad way to commence earnest work. Now it seems to us that all things, and all reasons point most clearly to the fact that it would be better for the whole college from the President down to the "Jan," to commence work in October; that beautiful month when nature by her bright warm colors and her bracing air tells us, "Now is the time to be up and doing."

We should like to see this subject discussed. We open our columns willingly to all those who have anything to say in regard to the subject, and invite a general discussion. Let the subject be brought before the student-body so that some action may be taken before the new Catalogue and Calendar is issued. Why would it not be a good plan to give up a week of the Christmas vacation and so recompense for the week taken away in September? This plan suggests itself to us and we have reason to think it would not be distasteful to the college authorities. "Come forward, men, and lift your voices high with glad acclaim."

IF America owes Columbus a debt of gratitude for any one thing in particular it is that he so arranged it that the four hundredth anniversary of his discovery fell on the year of a Presidential election, and the papers have been able to give their readers something else than dissertations on the merits of Mr. H. and the vices of Mr. C. or *vice versa*. But while the spirit of sentiment has penetrated all classes and conditions of men its embodiment has not always been felicitous. Some of the speeches made in Chicago contain expressions creditable to any period of American literature, the fire, the patriotism, the eloquence seemed to permeate everything but