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THERE have happened, during this term, facts which have brought forcibly to our notice the need of a committee from among the student body to be known as a sort of "Conference Committee." The duty of this committee is to take in hand those delinquents, who, either from wanton mischievousness, premeditation, or from the feeling of personal spite, commit vagrant acts for which the students innocent of the acts have to suffer and have no chance of redress. These are petty acts upon which the faculty do not feel called upon to act as a body, but which should be noticed nevertheless. Then there are acts of larger magnitude which go unnoticed by that body, through some reason or other. Now what can we do about it? The students ought and must take care of it before it reaches large proportions. We have been thankfully free from the need of any such committee, but the

time may come when its immediate use will be wanted. This committee could consist of members chosen from the student body to act in conjunction with similar members from the faculty; this committee to have charge of investigations of the acts of students who commit petty thievings, wanton destruction of property and similar flagrant acts. This committee to act as a committee of investigation only, except in certain cases, the merited punishment due to be submitted to, and put into execution by the faculty upon their approving the same. There was such a committee here at one time. It has worked successfully in other colleges and why shouldn't it work here? There seems to be just as much need of it here as anywhere else. We, as students, need some way to protect ourselves and we should think *seriously* of this.

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WITH the increase in the number of students there should come an increase in the material available for a competent CADET board. But how can we reach this material? In the past the board has been appointed by the faculty, the appointments being made on the best judgment of the faculty committee, the class standing of those appointed being taken into consideration. In most cases the student did not feel the responsibility which was placed upon him, and the

work that he did was either very small in amount or the quality was not up to the standard at which he was rated; consequently the true value of THE CADET as a college publication was not up to the standard that it should be. While we do not question the judgment of the faculty, still it seems as if there might be some way of putting on the board men who would take an interest in the work. They would feel like working other than from mere sense of duty, and even if their standing was not quite as high, the work they did would be far better than the work of a man whose only interest is that he has to do it and consequently gets out of it by doing as little as he can. A board which takes an interest and is willing to work will find but little trouble to get assistance should they wish it. Such has been the experi-

ence of the present board. The question is "How can we get a board that will take that interest?" Will somebody suggest a way?

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FOR the term just ended, the work of THE CADET Board has been increased owing to the desire to keep it up to the wishes of the readers, still the work has been considerably lightened by the voluntary help of some of the students. We appreciate such help. While to the multitude it is a thankless job, the members of the board are always grateful for any help whatever.

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WHO is going to take the initiative in forming the military society?

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Now honor courses have been introduced, it ought to be an incentive to better work on the part of the students.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

On the death of John L. Pierce, '99, who died at his home in Machias, December 3, 1897.

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has called to Himself our beloved friend and classmate, be it therefore

Resolved, That we, the class of '99, University of Maine, do extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved mother and friends in this, their hour of affliction, commending them to the love of our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the mother of our departed classmate, and a copy be published in THE CADET.

W. B. MORELL,	} Committee.
E. M. SMITH,	
G. W. HERSEY,	
M. B. DOWNING,	
C. W. CROCKETT,	

Whereas, God, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved brother, John L. Pierce, be it therefore

Resolved, That the members of Omicron Epsilon Eta Pi have lost a beloved brother, a true friend and a loyal worker.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved mother and friends.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the mother of our deceased brother, that a copy be published in THE CADET and that a copy be entered upon our records.

ALDEN P. SPRAGUE,	} Committee.
OLIVER O. STOVER,	
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LOCAL NOTES.

Master, Master! News, old news, and such news as you never heard of."

—The Taming of the Shrew,—Act III, Sc. 2.

Good wishes to Captain Webber.

Langstroth, '00, has left college.

Lincoln, '98, will spend his vacation in Boston.

C. L. Small, '99, is teaching at South Harpswell.

H. I. Libby says that "all coons are alike to me."

H. S. Adams, '01, has been assisting the librarian.

G. A. Smith, '98, will spend his vacation in Boston.

Murphy, '00, expects to canvass during the vacation.

Prof. Rogers is treasurer of the Orono Grange, P. of H.

According to Mr. Goodell—"What t'ell" is perfectly proper.

Martin, '01, will work at his father's hotel at Ellsworth.

Hennessey, '01, will be with the Bath Electrical Power Company.

"What is worth doing at all, is worth doing well."—'01 banner.

"It takes a great man to make a good listener."—Senior Geology.

Starbird, '98, returned from Eddington to take his examinations.

Rah! Rah! Rah!—Rah! Rah! Rah!—Rah! Rah!—Rah!—Maine!

The library received on Dec. 7, a complete set of Parkman's histories.

Clarence Stowell, '00, is teaching the high school at Georgetown, Me.

Ralph Hamlin, '98, was in Brewster Dec. 13, doing civil engineering work.

"God helps them that helps themselves" and "there are others."—Buck, 1901.

A piece of unalloyed brass—that Freshman wearing an officer's uniform home.

E. D. Merrill, '98, will work for the natural history department during the vacation.

The library recently received about 150 reports from State Librarian Carver, Augusta.

G. A. Frost, '98, is doing civil engineering work on the Washington County railroad.

Prof. Munson has been elected president of the Orono chorus, Maine Musical Festival.

Prof. Rogers recently delivered a lecture at Kingman. The subject, "Rome and Venice."

President Harris addressed the Athene Club at Bangor recently on the "Church and State."

A. C. Starbird, '98, left college Dec. 11, to teach the winter term of the high school at Eddington.

Warner, ex-'98, is working as a linesman on his father's telephone system in Ansonia, Conn.

Harry McLean, steward at the commons, will leave next week for Boston, where he will remain until February.

Prof. Wallace J. Elden returned from Waterville where he has been spending a few days with his parents.

Fred W. Rollins, '00, while on a recent vacation trapped a good fox at Green Lake besides bagging other small game.

Payzant, '00, left college in December, canvassing for Dr. Chase's Receipt Book. He returned to take his examinations.

C. D. Holly, '00, lost a valuable travelling trunk on the evening of Dec. 4, according to notices posted about the campus.

Manager R. P. Stevens, of the baseball team, attended a meeting of the Intercollegiate Association in Waterville, December 3d.

C. C. Whittier, '99; Maddocks, '99, and Belcher, '99, left college December 1st to do practical civil engineering work at Ellsworth on the shore line.

Walter Dolley, Samuel Clark and George Hersey returned Tuesday from Lagrange, where they had been hunting. They captured two deer apiece.

Mrs. C. P. Barron, matron of the Kappa Sigma House, and her son Wilson were recently in Dexter, where they have been spending a few days.

Edgar Emery, ex-'98, is at present in the advertising business in Bangor. His future intentions include a course in the Maine Medical School, Brunswick.

Among the transient visitors to Oak Hall this term was an enterprising agent who did a fine business by selling steel engravings from famous masters.

Ralph Robinson, ex-'99, is at his home in Machias, working in the plumbing business. He made an extended trip to the West Indies last year.

Military recitations commenced on Monday, Nov. 29, with the seniors in "Art of War," juniors in "Drill Regulations," and the sophomores in "Guard Manual."

H. S. Boardman, Instructor in Mathematics, who has been ill at his home in Bangor, was able to meet his classes again on Dec. 13, after a week's absence.

A party of students including John Swain, '99, Ernest and Will McCrillis, gave a very successful hop at Monitor Hall, Orono, on Saturday evening, December 11th.

The shelving capacity of the library has been increased 2000 volumes by the addition of a stand of three cases. They will be placed at right angles to the other stands.

The chemical section of the scientific society met on Dec. 8, with the following papers read: The Patent Medicine Fraud, Mr. Jackman; Tuberculosis, Prof. F. L. Russell.

Roy Getchell, formerly of the class of '99, having left college on account of sickness, is working for Crosby, the Bangor taxidermist. He will probably enter college again next year.

Several students left early in December to teach school, among them Fred Sawtelle, '98; John Arche, '98, who will both teach in Fryeburg, and C. D. Holly, who will go to Brownville.

S. C. Dillingham, '98; C. S. Webster, '98, and D. T. Merrill, '98,

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represented the Coburn Cadets at the K. of P. military ball in Bangor, December 15. Full military dress was the rule.

Fred L. Garrigues, formerly of the class of '99, has a good position as first assistant operator for the Waterbury Division, Southern New England Telephone Company at Waterbury, Ct.

Probably the story is exaggerated about that timid freshman, whose name belies his actions, in regard to a sudden case of headache developed when his class's honor was menaced in a scrap.

The editors of the '99 *Prism* are hard at work upon that annual, preparing for its publication next March. On Saturday, December 18th, they had a group picture taken of the board in Bangor.

Lieut. M. L. Hersey and Lieut. H. N. Royden were in attendance at the banquet of the "Military Order of the Loyal Legions," which took place at the Bangor House on Wednesday evening, Dec. 1st.

Dr. Alleman, instructor in chemistry, who was called to his home in York, Pa., by the severe illness of his father during Thanksgiving recess, will not return until next term. His place is being filled by Mr. Rogers.

Professor—"Mr. L.—, I have you marked absent for last Monday." L.—"I think I was present that day." But the class immediately volunteers that Monday was a holiday. Only another illustration of a student's memory.

All members of the senior class having the slightest interest in the

military, as manifested by taking the "Art of War," will be required to write a theme on some military subject to be passed in at the beginning of next term.

J. S. Dunn, of the class of '00, met with an accident in the machine shop Wednesday, Dec. 8. He caught his hand in one of the machines, losing the end of the forefinger. The wound was very painful, needing to be dressed by a physician.

President A. W. Harris, Prof. C. D. Woods and Prof G. M. Gowell were present at the meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, Wednesday, December 1, at the Penobscot Exchange. Prof. Woods gave the results of the new law in regard to feed stuffs.

The last debate of the season was in the Y. M. C. A. room, Dec. 9th, on the following question: "Resolved that Hawaii should be annexed to the United States." Aff., Edwards, '98, Peaks, '01; Neg., Wormell, '00, Anderson, '01.

Bishop H. A. Neely of Portland, Rev. A. P. Papineau and Rev. L. W. Fowler of Exeter, and President Harris of the University of Maine, were guests at a tea of Lieut. Royden and family, Wednesday, Dec. 15th.

The foot ball men had their photos taken recently in front of Coburn Hall by Heath of Bangor. Two groups were included, one of the varsity, the other of all men who had played on either the varsity or second eleven.

There has been more or less skating on the Stillwater the last of the term, generally less, though, and many of the students have taken

advantage of it to play polo. Up to the present all of them have kept on the upper side of the ice, which is something rather unusual.

A special meeting of the athletic council was held on Dec. 15, for the football committee report. Mortimer A. Webber, '99, Ft. Fairfield, and William B. Morell, Amherst, Mass., were elected respectively captain and manager of next season's foot ball team.

Student of an inquiring turn of mind to his professor: "Are there three feet in a pace?" "No, Mr. B. Three feet make a yard." But he must have been really joking, for it takes only about two of the average student's pedal extremities to discourage a yard-stick.

The present board of CADET editors went through a painful operation at Chalmers' recently, although the result will not be public until the '99 *Prism* is published. It is hoped, however, that their careful haircombs and general intellectual bearing will be properly reproduced.

Lieut. Royden was in Portland during the second week in December in attendance upon the school of instruction of the officers First Regiment N. G. S. M., before whom he gave an interesting paper on a practice march and camp of instruction of his regiment while serving in Texas.

The funeral of John L. Pierce, of the class of '99, occurred at his home in Machias Dec. 5. In his death the college loses a promising young man. His genial ways and good character won for him many friends amongst his fellow students, and the pleasant associations of his acquaintance will still live on with those who knew him.

Orono singers are agitating the forming of a chorus for the Maine Musical Festival with Prof. H. M. Estabrooke as a director. The professor is certainly competent for the position, being a musician and also a composer of ability, having written a number of selections which have been received with favorable comments in this place and elsewhere.—*Bangor Daily News*.

By authority of the faculty, the following additional appointments have been made: Corporals—Charles H. Lombard, Cumberland Mills; Fred H. Vose, Milltown, N. B.; Wilfred H. Caswell, Bridgton; Frederick H. Knight, Deering; Harry F. Drummond, Bangor; Ernest E. Forbush, Marlboro, Mass.; all members of the class of 1900.

The biological division of the scientific society met in Wingate Hall, Tuesday evening, when the following papers were read, "Plant cultivation under glass," Mr. Shepard; "A New Parasite on Fish," Prof. Merrill; "An Introduction to the Study of Conchology," P. L. Ricker, 1900. These meetings are very well attended and many valuable facts brought out by the open discussion which follows the programme.

That old ball diamond which has for generations, with the aid of freshmen's hoes and natural stubbornness, survived all the attempts of nature assisted by the horticultural department to cover its nakedness, has at last been torn up by the relentless plow and will be made into an attractive lawn. So another *land mark* has gone. We could once point with pride (?) to a gymnasium, grand stand and athletic field all in a bunch.

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"It will not do to be saints at a meeting, and sinners everywhere else."—Henry Ward Beecher.

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Why those guns have not come.

What are they doing about the law school?

If Dunn, '98, is absent from constitution as much as he says he is.

If Buck, '01, is going into the second hand business.

How Don will make it teaching school.

When the gym. will be dedicated.

No visitor to the University of Maine was more heartily welcomed than Lieut. Mark L. Hersey, formerly head of the military department. On his appearance in chapel he was greeted with three cheers, although but the present Senior class knew him personally. After the chapel exercises he made a short speech and then held an informal reception to the Seniors who were much pleased to renew acquaintance with their former popular instructor.

Miss Minnie B. Williams of New York, gave a delightful reading of Shakespeare's, "The Winter's Tale," in chapel on Thursday evening, Dec. 9, before a large audience of Orono and college people. The appreciation by the assembled people was well marked in the manner in which she held their close attention for two hours. Only members of the senior class and Prof. Estabrooke's English Literature class were present from the student body.

The project of establishing studies in Pedigogy, with the other college work, is being considered. No full

course could be established at present, yet a certain amount of work done in that line would be of great good to students who wish to teach; and with the present popularity of the classical and scientific courses a large number may be expected to go into teaching after being graduated.

The faculty voted not to allow the Coburn Cadets to go into encampment this college year, rather preferring to have such only on alternate years. Yet the students in general feel that one week of rest from the weary grind of twenty long weeks in the spring term should be allowed them. More especially do the commissioned officers feel that they should, like all previous cadet officers, have the privilege to display their military knowledge in camp.

Several faculty changes are certain to take place next year. Probably Prof. Rogers will be given an assistant, for at present no member of the faculty does more work than he, with all the classes in history, civics and logic to attend to. Several members of '98 will without doubt remain in college as tutors, if the custom of past years is to be followed out. At present there are several scholarships of that nature, in the different departments, which are usually filled by graduates.

A new addition proposed to be placed on the game laws:—Book agents may be killed from Oct. 1 to Sept. 1; Game bags and fish bags from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31; Spring poets from March 1 to June 1; Scandal mongers from April 1 to Dec. 1; Umbrella borrowers from Aug. 1, Nov. 1 and Feb. 1 to May 1. Other freaks protected the year round. No heads to be mounted except by licensed tax-

idermists, and then only after bounty has been collected. Per order of U. M. Gun Club.

The introduction of the honor system has necessitated a change from the present ranking system of the scale of 100, to one which will be capable of taking into account the number of recitations per week. So that a recitation coming daily will be ranked on a scale of 250, every other day, 225, and so on, thus giving the average and amount of work done. By this method one may get 100 and yet fail to pass, and if he should be astonished at such a proceeding, this ranking system will enlighten him.

The athletic association was addressed by J. F. Gould, Esq., '82, Oldtown, a member of the athletic council for the alumni, on Friday morning, December 10, concerning the proposition to incorporate the athletic association under the laws of Maine. Mr. Gould very kindly entered into a description of such a corporation and its relation to the law. Remarks were made by Webster, '98, Palmer, '99, F. Armes, '99. It was voted to follow Mr. Gould's suggestion and incorporate as soon as possible after the opening of next term.

The drill hall and gymnasium now nearly completed from the stable near the commons, will, after all, give a good chance for indoor exercise. It measures 30 ft. by 40 clear space and has been completely sheathed in the interior. One corner will be given up to a shower bath and at one end, made by the addition of an outbuilding, is a base ball cage sixty-five feet in length, well lighted, with a dirt floor one-half of its length. These increased facilities for athletics will

give a good chance to train the base ball and track men. Incidentally it may be used for military purposes.

The following item is clipped from the *Bangor Daily News*, concerning a student banquet in Bangor: On Friday evening, Dec. 10, thirty members of the Theta Nu Epsilon chapter, of the University of Maine, held their initiation banquet at the Windsor Hotel. The affair was one of the most pleasant ever held by any college society in this city. The menu, which was presented by Landlord Durgin, was a very elaborate one. The dinner was served in courses and was excellent in every way. The party sat down to the banquet at 9 o'clock and the festivities were not finished until the early hours of the morning. After the banquet speeches were made by some of the students.

Interest in debating received a big increase when the proposition became known that an intercollegiate debating society was a possibility, for information was received that Colby and Bates were willing to enter such a league, and a delegate was appointed to a conference held in Lewiston, just after Thanksgiving. At a special meeting of the debating society, A. D. T. Libby, '98, was elected a delegate. President Harris made a few vigorous remarks in regard to this department of college work after chapel, in which he assured the students of the faculty's good wishes, stating that debating was very good preparation as a mental discipline. The aftermath of it all was that nothing could be accomplished, for Bowdoin declined to participate, interest lagged here and now Colby and Bates constitute the Maine Intercollegiate Debating League.

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Work on the Q. T. V. fraternity house is being rapidly pushed, the building being nearly boarded in at present. It is hoped to complete this building by commencement, so that work will go on during the winter. Their present quarters will be without doubt, remodelled and occupied by one of the local societies, probably the Omicron Epsilon Eta Pi, although it is understood that the question is not definitely settled.

The large field in front of the "Maples" has been ploughed. The ultimate object is to make an attractive park of it sometime in the future. This work together with the big job of grading immediately in front of the campus, has kept the Horticultural department very busy this fall. Another improvement is plank walks all over the campus placed during muddy seasons.

The artillery of which so much has been heard about this year are now in process of construction at the United States arsenal. In preparation for their expected arrival early in January, the artillery company is drilling three times a week, using cadet rifles, although carbines will be procured later. The men who were in the foot ball squad are also learning the rudiments of drilling; this combined with band practice makes considerable field work, although the majority of the cadets are taking recitation work.

The Freshmen class placed a flag upon the staff on the night of Dec. 5, containing an elaboration upon 1901 and its achievements, finally rendering it inaccessible, as they thought, by greasing the pole and tying the halyards above the slippery portion. But 1900 came out in force after

chapel, and with the aid of ladders tore down the Freshmen banner, dividing it among themselves for pocket handkerchiefs. Later, some of 1901 came up and a few private scraps occurred, but as the flag had disappeared, no incentive was left to quarrel over, so the whole crowd dispersed. Many persons are incensed over the fact that the trunk of a sophomore, who was about to leave college, mysteriously disappeared, finally being discovered the next morning upon the roof of Fernald Hall. The Sophomore class find apparent consolation in laying the blame upon '98 men, although it is quite evident that the work was done by Freshmen.

The trustees met in Coburn Hall on Friday afternoon, November 26th, for consideration of routine business and some special matters. Hon. Henry Lord of Bangor, president; William T. Haines, Waterville, secretary; Col. Charles P. Allen, Presque Isle; Hon. B. F. Briggs, Auburn, and Hon. Elliot Wood, Winthrop, were present. The matter of establishing a classical course was discussed, it finally being decided that such a course would be entered upon in the fall of '99. Mr. Lord was instructed to prepare the annual report of the board for the catalogue. The report of a commission appointed to investigate the flats bordering on the river in front of the campus was adopted, although action was suspended for the present. Their session lasted three hours.

The "Conversational" club, a social organization formed from the faculty, met with Prof. Fernald on Friday evening, Nov. 27, discussing among their topics the question of

foods, in which Prof. Woods took a leading part. The average rank taken by students fitted respectively at large city schools, and smaller schools was also considered in which college statistics of 300 students were used. Although no figures can be given at present, the smaller schools lead by a slight margin. Mrs. Fernald introduced an innovation at lunch, each member being handed slips of paper containing a charade, the answer being some person's name, each member being required to find their own before partaking of lunch.

It does not look as though U. of M. would be represented in an inter-collegiate debating league this year for the very good reason that no special interest is felt in such work here. Not that the local debating club meetings are not successful for as a matter of fact they are, many turning out, but the interest is not sufficient to bring into line the very best college material. In spite of hard work by its officers and promoters debating does not at present have the stand that it should have here. Even special inducements, such as having debates count as themes and declamations fail to bring out the enthusiasm so much needed to place debating upon a solid footing of college popularity. Perhaps the absence of all literary programme, combined with a total lack of a feminine constituent which is such an important feature of our neighboring institutions keeps away many, although the extremely small number of co-eds here would not prove a paying investment, even if they would grace the club by their presence, which is rather doubtful.

A large assembly of people greeted the prize speakers of the sophomore

class in Town Hall, Orono, on the evening of Dec. 3, at the first exercises for the Prentiss Prize given under the University of Maine. The programme was considered by many to be superior to that of any previous occasion, all the parts being well rendered. The music furnished by Dr. Wasgatt of Bangor, the popular violinist, and Mr. Libby with his vocal solos was well received, furnishing a refreshing change from the usual orchestra with the hum of voices between parts. The programme was carried out as follows:

Baritone Solo with Violin Obligato,
MR. LIBBY.
Laborer and Capitalist,
GEORGE COLLINS, Athol, Mass.
The Traitor, Lippat
FRANK McDONALD, Portland.
Violin Solo, Concert—Waltz
MR. WASGATT.
American Patriotism, Original
DANA THERIAULT, Caribou.
Tormentum Relli, Hugo
WALTER CARGILL, Liberty.
Baritone Solo, Selected
MR. LIBBY.
Patriotic Address, Ingersoll
FRED C. MITCHELL, Newfield.
Old No. "86," Anon
JOSEPH O. WHITCOMB, Morrill.
Piano Solo, Selected
WILBUR COCHRAN, Bangor.
College Oil Cans,
ROY H. BROWN, Montague City, Mass.
Verres Denounced, Cicero
CLINTON L. COLE, Pleasantdale.
Entering College, Carleton
CHARLES O. PORTER, Westbrook.
Violin Solo, Legardi
MR. WASGATT.

President Harris presided, while the judges of the evening were J. F. Gould, Esq., Oldtown; Mr. Frank Damon, Bangor; and Rev. Donald Frazer of Oldtown. Their decision announced in chapel the following Monday by President Harris, gave the prize to Frank McDonald, Portland, with honorable mention to Charles O. Porter, Cumberland Mills.

A committee of the faculty, Prof. J. N. Stevens, chairman, has submitted the following report in relation to honor courses, which was adopted by the faculty, Nov. 22 :

Honors shall be of two kinds, general and special. In determining the student's rank for the assignment of honors, the several studies shall be given weight in proportion to the time assigned them in the course of study. Honors and their nature shall be stated upon the commencement programme and in the annual catalogue.

General honors shall be granted at graduation to those students whose average rank after the freshman year shall be 90 or more on a scale of 100.

Special honors shall be granted for the satisfactory completion of a course to be known as an honor course, in addition to those required for a degree. An honor course may be either a regular or special course, involving work equivalent to not less than 90 hours on the part of the student, methods of work to be determined by the instructor.

Before any course shall be announced as an honor course, it shall be approved by a faculty committee who shall require a full written description of the course, and shall make a thorough investigation of the

nature and grade of the proposed work. A course that has received the approval of the committee shall be reported to the secretary of the faculty, with a full description of the proposed work, and shall be announced by the secretary not later than four weeks before commencement.

Honor courses shall be open to students in the junior and senior classes, who have attained the grade of 80 in all previous work and an average grade of 90 in the department in which the honor course lies, but no student will be allowed to register for an honor course without faculty consent, nor later than the fourth week of the fall term.

Upon the completion of a course, the committee on honor courses shall test the student's work by examination or thesis, and report its recommendation to the faculty. In making up its recommendation, the committee may consider the instructor's report on the recitation or laboratory work of the course, but no student, notably deficient in his final test, shall be recommended for honors. The faculty may grant special honors to those students who receive the approval of the committee, but shall not grant such honors to students whose general work has been unsatisfactory.



HERE AND THERE.

WHO has ever heard of such a thing as an University of Maine pin? It is only too evident that we are lacking in one essential which even the smallest academies possess. True, we have society pins, and class pins; but these do not excuse us for not having one of our college. Not even those alloy affairs so common a year or two ago, are to be seen around, nor can we lay all the blame to our change of name; for a student body that formerly possessed pins galore, to be absolutely lacking a pin now is certainly disgraceful. Last spring of course M. S. C. pins disappeared, but contrary to all precedent, U. of M. failed to show up, even on tin, so that we are to-day totally without a distinctive badge. There used to be a time when pins of all kinds ran rampant around the campus, from fifteen cents to ninety-five cents—from base alloy to solid gold. You could wear the cheaper one on your lapel and if a girl borrowed it, could replace it from your vest pocket, and pin lenders reaped stacks of promissory notes. At present no university pin exists—who will remedy the deficiency?

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During a person's college course many cases of extreme meanness can be observed, but it is questionable if a more depraved case ever occurred than the recent action of a student in the college reading room. It seems that a poor old man, incurably lame, was obtaining his meager sustenance by selling small packages of court plaster on which were these words: "Give me what you can." In the

course of his wanderings he came into Oak Hall; a large number of students helped him, but one fellow, thinking himself unobserved, took a package, removed the plaster, then passing back the empty envelope, turned away without a word. The English language actually contains no term suitable to describe such a refinement of nerve.

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And another case of unadulterated crust, although on this occasion it was mixed up with considerable ver-dancy, was that freshman's wearing home during Thanksgiving recess an officer's uniform, report says sword and all. If an officer allowed his uniform to be so used, it is a pity; at any rate the matter should be investigated. Such a thirst for military glory as that freshman certainly has, ought to be known to the community, for use in time of public danger.

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We hear very much in these days concerning our great increase in college spirit; but if a person takes this hearsay and gives it a proper amount of consideration, he will soon learn that such an increase exists more in name than in fact. Actually the average student's interest in strictly matters concerning the whole body is indifference itself. They feel but for a moment a common enthusiasm, then other interests assert themselves and college spirit is lost sight of. Well might it be said that its entire preservation depends upon our alumni and a few public-spirited students who are willing to work on,

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day in and day out. If our *tout ensemble* is better to-day than ever before it is solely by reason of our alumni interest, of unselfish work by persons who do not ask first "what good it will do me," but rather have the common good of the college always in mind. When a person will deliberately pocket a man of his own class in a race that his fraternity might win out, and society feeling will seek control of athletics for their own ends irrespective of the man fitted for the position, as has occurred in our past, then it begins to be a serious problem whether we are to be a university both as a matter of curriculum and in the division of our students, or be one body in common feeling. Yet often has the sentiment been used among us, which a student made on the day of our foot ball victory over Technology, referring to the celebration(?) after the game: "I would not be seen walking through the streets of Bangor with such rubes," meaning of course men of perhaps his own class, certainly his college. Many of those so-styled "rubes" probably have equal contempt of certain of his ways. With all this diversity of conditions, of opinions, is it to be wondered at that college spirit makes slow progress, and can our victorious teams be blamed if they complain against the lack of celebration after a victory? For who can recall in the last two years a decent athletic celebration? So the students can preach about an increase of spirit, yet it is the great increase in a few rather than a small increase in the many that has raised our athletic standard.

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It really seems as if the debating club does not choose subjects suitable

for a society of its scope and nature. If the great mistake was made in seeking to popularize it by having subjects discussed which relate to the college itself, there is yet time to correct it. Are such topics as "Resolved, that the seniors should speak in chapel;" "That the military department should be abolished," of sufficient value to warrant a debate which will really do the participants good? Surely they cannot call for the best thoughts and attention.

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There was once upon a time a press club organized here. Its membership was always limited; its work is uncredited; it has scarcely enough members to fill the offices. The work started in very promising this term, for truly there is a certain fascination in being a correspondent to a newspaper, even if your proof looks a little unnatural on appearance in print; but after the first few letters were written, more especially by the later members, the new wore off, it became monotonous, and eventually was dropped. As the promoting object was to keep the university in the public mind, it seems that the very small sacrifice of time and brain necessary to write out a weekly letter could be spared, particularly so as the important news were collected in the library. Here is opportunity enough for distinction, especially for men of the lower classes.

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The question of whether the Coburn Cadets are going in camp or not is being seriously agitated notwithstanding the faculty adverse vote in the matter. At an important meeting of the commissioned officers it was thoroughly discussed, and a committee consisting of Maj. Dilling-

ham, Capt. H. I. Libby and Lieut. Higgins appointed to keep the matter warm during the vacation. They were instructed to look up available camping places, determine the cost, and as much as possible look into the conditions by which a week in encampment could be held. It is certain that in the long spring term there should be a week of absence from studies, that the military department ought to have some sort of stimulus to keep up the interest.

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There is a great deal told and written in these days about honor, particularly the high sense of honor among college men. Just how the term is used should alter to a certain extent the circumstance in which it is applied. Now undoubtedly, we have among us a good, strong sense of proper treatment, visiting teams at least will say so, yet there are in our flock a few black sheep and this term has certainly disclosed their color as one of deepest ebony. Does a person possess honor who will deliberately steal and carry away material which he knows his fellow classmates must pay for? Is a person justified for a petty spite to destroy property which other people must pay for? Even if our honor is in some sense unquestioned, why do we stoop to such low things as have occurred this term?

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The athletic association will without doubt be incorporated under the laws of this State as soon as the proper papers can be made out. This move, primarily to give us a permanent existing body, will have the responsibility shifted from the managers upon the corporation. It will allow us to be sued and to sue if occasion requires. In part it gives

a moral and legal standing to an association which handles a great of money during a year and ought to prevent all such bluff, grab games as some of Bangor's cute young lawyers played on us with the illegal aid of a deputy sheriff at the M. I. T. game. Mr. Gould's efforts in our behalf are appreciated by the student body.

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This college is in no sense given up to musical aspirations, yet with an orchestra, band, glee and mandolin clubs, it has not one real typical song. Certainly, we have a few old chestnuts which do duty now and then, but they hardly come in the line of college songs. It seems as if a musical genius had an unlimited field for distinction if he can be produced.

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In these days of financial matters, when a person will sign a paper or contract a bill without any regard to when the actual cash can be paid, there has risen in our midst, although perhaps this same species always existed in a mild way, the college dun, or in other words the soul of brass and push, who, walking around like a nightmare after sunrise, with ready account in hand seeks to collect unpaid bills. In athletics, in classes, in societies, in every little venture from a subscription paper bearer to a book agent, is this terrible fiend discovered, in spite of his disguises; the most dreaded, the best known among the fellows. Yet if a person believes this demon enjoys life, he has but to seek for a collectorship and have his person used; for in one day he will hear more lies and get less money than the average mortal experiences in a year's time. As for the victims of this incarnate fiend,

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many of them can't pay and will frankly admit it; strange to say, such cause less trouble, for when they have money they will settle. It is the one that hems and haws, indistinctly muttering about next week or tomorrow that causes trouble, for such generally can pay and won't; for although the fiend grins and bears it, these misguided mortals feel safe and straightway invent some other ingenious scheme for next time. The favorite excuse, worn threadbare by constant usage, is to plead "on the rocks" or "strapped," as local parlance has it, which terms transposed into standard English, mean simply that "money is on hand, but the sad parting is not now to be expected." These terms once meant that such an individual was totally without coin of the realm, but like many other idioms have become twisted by over usage. Another person will tell the fiend that he recently lost a lot of money, which, of course, may be true on the average year about once in twenty-five times, but this year, especially in Oak Hall, it has had fair market value. Then follows the thousand and one excuses of an

untrammelled imagination or a diseased conscience, which would be only adding to the fiend's woes to repeat here, for if the boys would only realize how hard it is for him when collecting for the public benefit, they might treat him more like a fellow mortal and less like an enemy of mankind. Why, some fellows even pity him if he duns them, and whisper in his ear in a jolly manner "come again." But such a being needs no invitation.

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The attention of the post office authorities should be called to Orono, for if they cannot give us an office at the college, they ought to at least guarantee a certain receipt of letters. Many students this term have never received letters which were actually mailed them; in short the evil is becoming unbearable, and should be remedied in some manner. The method of sending up the college mail is extremely lax, for any person has access to the mails at Orono, and at term end, when so much money is received, the risks are altogether too great.



IN THE MIDNIGHT HOURS.

1.

It was midnight ; through the dark and dreary tower
The college bell pealed, till the last echoes
O'er quiet campus and deserted halls found rest.
The weary pluggers on their restless pillows
Tossed, and moaned o'er themes and theorems,
While peacefully on his soft bed reposing,
The shirk wiles away short hours in pleasant dreams.

2.

Then settled over the campus a ghostly hush,
As feathers from an eagle to earth return,
Loosened by his fierce flight, waft softly down.
The searching light of electrics paled and faded,
While the moon in its shrunken old age
Seemed suddenly as if by deep clouds hidden.
Dread quiet increased ; darkness reigned supreme.

3.

Like the silent flight of owls, who swiftly
Homeward to their abode at dawning fly,
Came restless spirits of the college's past,
This night to renew in Alma Mater halls—
An airy throng, lightly pressing their old haunts.
In uneasy flow they have returned again,
Awakening old scenes in Memory's chamber hid,
Under cobwebs gathered by years of mortal ways,
Since they, as students, trod these loved paths.

4.

Here they assembled in dusty museum,
Wondering at mortals enclosing bony shroud ;
Peering at familiar objects undisturbed
During long years of swift-moving time.
In laboratories, experiments but half complete
Were finished by hands ne'er mortal again ;
Strange fumes from long buried arts arising
From chemicals of forgotten combination.

5.

Gray scholars, those bowed, learned immortals,
Pondered again over problems and pet theorems,
On dusty blackboard now carefully solving
Equations of a new life with common chalk,
Until short hours wiling quickly away,
With common accord in chapel they gathered
To renew old friendships in full solemnity.

6.

Here kindred minds, from long separation
Gladly felt each other's valued thoughts again ;
For their immortal shapes could yet retain
The impress and mark of an earthly life,
Even if substance, like an empty shell,
Had gone, leaving but a shadow behind ;
Right glad were they in these precious moments
To pledge good fellowship in but empty air.

7.

As the cold gusts of bleak autumn winds
Stir the leaves and to unknown parts disperse,
So the cock's brazen crow at faintest dawn
To unearthly climes drove these spirits pure
At a flash, and quiet reigned again supreme.
From the rush of souls no echoes arose,
Nor stirred they dust from the wooden floors.

8.

In early light, the janitor on his rounds
Wondered at sights so confusing and strange
Among his well regulated halls displayed.
Thoughtful professors plunged into strange theories,
Puzzling on experiments to their knowledge new,
Nor could mortal mind place the blame.



A WOMAN'S MEMORY.

Sweet was it, on those clear nights in June,
To stroll gaily by the ocean's strand ;
Sweet was it, on those clear nights in June,
To hear my lover's voice and clasp his hand.

Ah ! No future ever reached than ours
Brighter eminence of joys to be.
Never hopes were half so glad as ours
By the cadence of the star-lit sea.

Ah ! I have been strong to bear
This burden my sorrow shapes for me ;
Through long years unshielded by his care,
Wait I the glorious life to be.

Gracia L. Fernandez.

Nov. 19, '97.



YE ALUMNI.

'76.

Hon. W. T. Haines of Waterville, has purchased the Revolutionary soldier's grant of land and will carry on extensive lumbering operations the coming winter.

The many friends of J. E. Dike, will be sorry to learn of his serious physical condition. He is at present at his home in Orono.

'79.

A. L. Moore, who was purser of the steamer Rockland of the Boston & Bangor S. S. Co. during the summer, has been made station agent of the company at Camden.

'84.

Joseph G. Kelley is overseer in U. S. Engineering Department of Fortifications at the mouth of the Columbia River, Fort Stevens, Oregon.

'86.

Bert J. Allan of this town, was formally admitted to the bar at the session of the Superior Court at Plymouth, Monday. Mr. Allan is a graduate of the University of Maine, class of 1886, and since finishing his course there has been engaged in teaching, as civil engineer, and in reading law. He has prosecuted his law studies with the thoroughness which characterizes all his work, and passed a very creditable examination. For the past seven years, Mr. Allan has held the position of principal of the Pratt Free School at North Middleboro, and has met with marked

success as an instructor. He will for the present continue his connection with that institution.—*Marlboro, Mass. News.*

Sidney S. Smith is at present instructor in chemistry in the Fullerton High School, Fullerton, Cal.

'90.

Prof. N. C. Grover of the University, will spend the winter vacation in California.

The marriage of Dr. Francis Wade Sawyer to Elizabeth Childs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ellerby, will take place at Grace Episcopal church, Everett, Mass., on Dec. 29th. A reception will be given immediately after the ceremony at No. 98 Chelsea St.

'91.

Prescott Keyes of the Bar Harbor High School, was recently chosen President of the Hancock County Teachers' Association at the West Sullivan session.

'95.

Walter M. Murphy, University of Maine, '95, of South Norridgewock, who since his graduation has been engaged in various engineering work in Maine, is now contemplating a trip to the Klondike regions in the spring. If he does not go in a professional capacity, he will go as a prospector for other parties who are interested in forming a company.—*Bangor Commercial.*

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Edward E. Gibbs is in the Boston office of the Fawcett Ventilated Fireproof Co. of Philadelphia, at 443 Tremont Building.

Everett G. Glidden is a machinist at Brainard Milling Machine Co., Hyde Park, Mass. His address is 19 East River St.

Roy L. Fernald has gone to California for a visit.

Ralph E. Manter is spending the Christmas holidays at his home in Milo.

E. R. Simpson has a position as

draughtsman with the Metropolitan Park Commission, Boston.

John A. Starr is employed by the Metropolitan Park Commission at Watertown, Mass.

H. C. Farrell is learning dentistry in Machias.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Marston will return to Bangor the last of December, making that city their home for the present.

'97.

John P. Chase has a position as machinist with the Consolidated and McKay Lasting Machine Co., of Salem, Mass. He will be there until Jan. 1, 1898.



Everybody bring back their track suits next term, and be ready to get into them.

Bring enough money to pay your athletic assessment at the beginning of the term.

Now come the tribulations of the Athletic editor—no foot ball, no base ball, no track athletics. If any student has any views in regard to our athletic life which he would like to air in these columns, we would be very glad to publish them.

The executive committee has confirmed the nominations of Webber and Morell to be captain and manager respectively of next year's foot ball team. With this branch of our athletics in such conservative hands we can look forward confidently to a representative team in '98.

That our athletic association should be incorporated into a body which will have a legal standing, and be able to do business in a legal and business-like way, is the idea which Mr. Gould has advanced. And the plan is a good one, not only for ourselves but for our creditors also. The closer we get to real business methods, the cheaper we can run our athletics and the better our credit will be. We hope that Mr. Gould will succeed and assure him that the students are grateful for the efforts he is making in their behalf.

In a recent conversation which I had with Mr. W. F. Garcelon about track athletics, it was evident from the first that he was deeply interested in Maine athletics. As no doubt most of the students know Mr. Garcelon by his athletic records, it is

unnecessary to state that he is a graduate of Bates and afterward attended the Harvard Law School, where he won fame as Harvard's foremost hurdler. The principal topic was in regard to coaches. Mr. Garcelon said that it was a difficult matter to obtain a coach who could train a team in all the events. There are a great many men who can coach successfully in their particular line, but it requires a man who has had experience in coaching and who is himself an enthusiast, to bring out a team which will be a credit to the institution which it represents.

Among other things that came up, Mr. Garcelon spoke of the true sportsmanship which we have shown in all our athletics. He said he believed in clean athletics and was thinking of paying a visit to the different colleges of Maine, in order to arouse enthusiasm in the coming intercollegiate contests. Such a visit I am sure the University of Maine students would appreciate. He wishes to see the contest next spring an even one, and believes that if the other three colleges would develop their material they could give Bowdoin a good rub. It would certainly add greatly to the interest if such were the case.

Perhaps nothing will better illustrate his impartial interest in the Maine colleges than the following statement: "It is natural, being a Bates man, to wish Bates to win, but I want to see the standard of all the colleges equal to Bowdoin's, so that everybody will have only an even chance to win. I give it as an open secret, that I shall coach Bates principally on the events in which you are weak, and you can draw from this that the point is, to watch

the other teams. I told Bates that you were their strongest opponents for second place."—*H. H. O.*

Few of the fellows in college have correctly estimated the amount of good to be obtained by playing class games of base ball and foot ball and outside games of foot ball by our minor teams. We all know that there are men in college, who, if they were once introduced into athletics would add greatly to the strength of our teams, and that the only way to do this is to play them in class games. Four men on this year's foot ball eleven had never played before entering college and they would never have been developed but for class games.

Yet with these facts plainly before them, there are fellows in college who oppose playing these games. Perhaps because they believe the games are really hurtful, but that seems hardly possible. It looks, rather, as if they were afraid to lose. Now losing is no disgrace if your team has worked as hard and honestly as the opponents, and anyone who really wishes to better our standing in athletics can afford to lose if by so doing he can help the varsity to win.

The same spirit is not shown in regard to the games played by our minor teams with outside teams, probably because the boys have never taken the interest in them which they merit. The power for helping our athletics and our college, too, that the members of these teams have when they meet and make friends of the players on fitting school teams seems to be entirely overlooked. On mature thought we must all admit that we can have no better advertisement and in no better

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place than these teams can give us. Then why not, while we are trying to improve our athletics, give firm root to the custom of playing class games and establish a precedent by sending our class and second teams to play the high schools and seminaries? If the results shown by other colleges who adopt this plan are any proof, then we may safely follow their example.

W. L. E., '98.

BASE BALL OUTLOOK FOR '98.

Probably not for many years, if ever before, has the base ball outlook seemed so bright, but with everything coming our way we cannot help but thinking that there is such a thing as over confidence, such a thing as self conceit, and probably this is not lacking at the University of Maine.

Never was a team so good but what it might have been better, never was a team captained so well but what it might have been captained better, and never was a team managed so well but what it might have been managed better. The captain and manager have taken the team this year with that idea in mind and those interested can be assured that those who have charge will do all in their power to make the team a pennant winner and the season a financial success.

There have been seasons at this institution when over confidence has done more toward losing the pennant than any other thing, and then again the teams have lost games because they have not been confident enough, but one thing is certain, the team cannot be too good, and the harder each one works a corresponding

increase of interest will be taken and the team will be a greater success.

Last year we started in with a number of new men, which, together with the fact that the season before had not been the success we had wished it might be, the followers of the team were naturally a little down hearted. In fact, they expected nothing, but hoped for the best. In the minds of the students, the team had everything to gain and nothing to lose, but the team did not think so and started in with a determination to win and did win in fast clean base ball by making the best of what they had, which proved to be as good as could be found in the college league.

This year presents a little different aspect at the beginning of the season. The students expect the team to win, and naturally they should with the material there is at hand, but the team cannot win without their earnest support, so let every one try for the team and enter the game with the idea that we have the hardest season ever before us, as if we had to make the most of every little opportunity, and take every advantage to make the team not only what it ought to be to represent an institution of this size and standing, not only the best team in the state, but a team able to compete successfully with the larger colleges of New England, which it will very soon have a chance to do.

We have this year, in W. W. Bustard, pitcher and captain of Brown '95, one of the best base ball coaches in the country, a man who has coached a number of the larger colleges with great success, a man who knows base ball from beginning to end, probably the best coacher for batting in the country. Mr. Bustard is a man who takes great interest in

his work and it is the duty of every student who ever played ball, or who thinks he can play ball, to get out and put enthusiasm into the work and help the coach to turn out the successful team he desires.

You all know what success the team had last year. We lost no one, but with the material that is in the freshman class that is or can be easily

developed, we will probably have a team to be proud of.

With these facts before us, and knowing what we have to work with better than for years before, let us all unite with the coach to make the season an enthusiastic and successful one and one we can look back to with pride.

R. P. S.



DRIFTING OR ROWING?

I HAD a friend with an idea—a kind of special idea, the growth and development of which was interesting to me. This may have been the reason I did not call him a crank, as we so often do people with intensified ideas. Another might have thus accused him upon a speaking acquaintance, but I had known him as a friend. I need not describe his personal appearance in the conventional manner, for you would know no more of his idea than of the central thought of a novel, had I told you it was bound in white and gold. I never attempted a psychological study of my friend or I might have found out sooner the trend of this idea. You see he was not one of the fellows who are continually crowding within the horizon of your mental view their own subjects of thought with a background of self.

I recall an evening that he and I, together with another companion, attended a concert. The latter interrupted a selection by the orchestra several times with criticism. Once, "I would like to be able to show that second violin a thing or two." I turned to my friend at the end of the

selection and asked him his opinion. He was thinking. The second time I asked, and he looked at me with hardly a sign of recognition on his face. Then as the orchestra began again he grasped my hand, with an odd light in his eyes—"Do you suppose a fellow could learn to coax out such sweet strains as that first violin does?"

My friend was always thinking. He used to tell me so. That was how I arrived at the notion that he had one big idea. He was never a brilliant conversationalist, yet I was many a time fascinated by a certain gleam in his eye as he asked for an opinion, which I gave freely, tempted to believe that I was on the point of a discovery in him. I had grown to look upon him as a sort of friendly mystery and, I believe, when with him I partook somewhat of his thoughtful mood.

I had always seen much of him. When we were at school I envied him, for he then used to enjoy what seemed to me an easy sort of life, with plenty of pocket money and without care. He got along so well with his studies with apparently so

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little effort, that to us others, less favored with money and genius, it seemed that all social opportunities and all honors were scattered in his path of life, to be had for the mere reaching out for them. When school was over I saw him often, for though I went to see him but once a year, he had time to visit me whenever he pleased. His time was yet as free to spend as his money.

It was on one of my earlier visits to his home that his mode of thought became apparent to me. I was there a day and a half, but all of our conversation could have been put into half an hour. In showing me the town he made very little comment. It was a fair sized town with municipal aspirations and a hurry and bustle contributed by a number of large factories. As we were passing one of these, that other fellow—the would-be second violin—who was with us, remarked upon the dirty appearance of the workmen and the unsightliness of the building. My friend had stopped in thought before a window of the engine room. We called to him as we passed on but he seemed not to hear us. We waited until at last with slower step he rejoined us. "I would like to know an engineer" he said.

During a warm, clear, October week, one of those autumn seasons when there almost seems to be odds and ends of summer slipped into some of the days, he came out to see me. The time had seemed to pass pleasantly with him even during the part of the day that I was away. I was therefore exceedingly surprised one afternoon on coming in, to find him getting ready to take the next train home. We had planned a pleasant little home party for the

evening, which I was sure he would enjoy, whatever mood he might be in. I hardly knew his step as he came to the door. What could I say? There he stood buttoning up his coat with such an air of decision as I had never observed in him before. His face expressed a determination with such an enthusiastic light that altogether there seemed to be the most surprising mystery somewhere. Indeed he gave me no chance to venture my usual question in stock—"What are you thinking about?" "I have been out rowing this afternoon," he said, "let me tell you about it;" and he pushed me into a chair.

"You see it was so warm that the thought of going out on the river seemed agreeable to me, so I slipped down to the bank and stepped into the boat, thinking I would row up a mile to see one of my friends. After rowing for five minutes perhaps, I stopped, and such a restful feeling came over me that I laid the oars across the thwarts for a minute and drifted along with the current. But this was not getting toward my destination. Well, what matter after all, so long as I might as well be out there for the enjoyment of it. So I gave myself up to the gentle motion of the current, slowly carrying me down the river. It was almost a drowsy air that came through the yellow leaves of the birches along the banks. Now the current carried the boat close to a bank where a rabbit stared with open-eyed wonder at me, then was gone like a flash as a partridge whirled out of a clump of alders close by. As I swept out into the main current again, I could see in the distance a range of genuine October-colored hills. What was beyond. These lines came to mind:

Beyond the purple, hazy trees
 Of summer's utmost boundaries;
 Beyond the skies, beyond the seas,
 Beyond the range of eyes like these,
 And only within reach of the enraptured
 gaze of memory;
 There lies a land, long lost to me—
 The land of Used-To-Be.

I fell into a reverie as I drifted along. But reveries are not brilliant, and of this I will say only that it came to an end as the boat entered a place of swifter current and I felt a chill breeze coming through a pine-covered bank. Could it have been that breath of pine which brought the solution of a question or gave definite form to an idea? *I had been drifting—I must row.* I seized the oars and it was with a thrill of pleas-

ure that I found myself pulling up the river. I saw the beauties this side of the hills. I seemed to share in the joy of the busy squirrel scampering about his autumn work. I reached my starting place with a feeling of something accomplished. Do you ask why I am going home? Because I must now go to work on the idea for which, until now I have only been wilfully groping."

The idea of my friend has now become a realization. He is like a new friend of whom I am proud. I am really surprised at the interest I find myself taking in the many plans and projects of his every day business and social life—a busy, useful life.

—J. W. B.

A STUDENT.

BY PRESIDENT JOSEPH SWAIN.

THE ideal student is not a snob in any sense of the word. He is not dependent upon his good or bad looks, on the part of his hair, the style of his eye-glass, the cut of his coat, the size of the head of his cane or the shape of his boot. Neither is he dependent upon the size of his muscle, the distance he can jump, his speed in running, the curve of his ball or his agility and strength in football. He does not take pride in the number of young ladies who have fallen victims to his wiles, nor in the number of parties and receptions which he attends and in his general popularity. Nor does he become a bookworm, spending all his time and energy trying to make excellent grades, thereby becoming a mere machine and drudge. He is not quick to point out the faults of his

fellow-students, nor decry their work in order to exalt his own. He does not flaunt in the face of others his new religious discoveries; nor does he propose to reform the world at a single stroke. He is not a dyspeptic, mentally nor physically. He does not allow any habit to become his master, nor anyone to own his conscience. He is not a flirt, a shirk, nor a dude. "The best thing about genuine youth," says Hall, "is that it cannot and will not interest itself in what it feels to be formal, trifling, dry, insincere, or of less than the highest worth."

These and many more things which might be mentioned he is not, but he is not wholly a negative creature. There are many positive points in his character. He is neat in dress and easy in manner. He enjoys the best

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He is fond of outdoor sports, but looks upon them only as a means of recreation, in order to put himself in condition for the more serious duties of life. He is systematic in his work, having regular hours for study, pleasure and recreation, and allows nothing to interfere with his work. He has high ideals of morals and does everything in his power to make the moral standard of the university higher than it has ever been before. He has high

standards of work, always a higher standard than he has been able to reach, and becomes higher with each day and year.

He is independent in thought and action, without being dogmatic and self-centered. He is a severe critic of himself and charitable toward others. He is always seeking favors for others, and prefers to honor a friend rather than receive honor. He is interested in church affairs and in the study of the Bible. In a word, he uses every means at his command to cultivate to its highest capacity every good and precious gift with which he has been endowed. "Every healthy, youthful soul has a strong and eager curiosity which bad pedagogy alone can kill. It circumnates like a vine to find some Jacob's ladder up which it can climb."

Indiana University.

CHOICE OF THE CADET EDITORS.

A SUGGESTION THAT THEY BE CHOSEN BY THE STUDENTS THEMSELVES
RATHER THAN BY THE FACULTY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CADET:

The time seems ripe, in the opinion of some of the alumni at least, for a change in the mode of choosing editors of our university publication—placing the authority for the selection with the student body where most properly the choice belongs. THE CADET is essentially a student publication. It seeks its support from the university authorities along with such aid as is given by the alumni, together with student subscriptions and outside advertising, but its management is in the hands of the students and to the student body, now that the publishing association has been allowed to lapse, its editors

and business managers are responsible.

There seems to be need, however, of some more material organization in whose hands the publication of the periodical shall be placed. An incorporated body ought, really, to be behind those who represent the students on the board of editors. The responsibility which this would entail ought to be placed upon those in charge and along with this responsibility should come the incentive to increased efforts which might be given were the pecuniary returns to management.

It is my desire, however, in this go to those most concerned in its

communication to open up an agitation which will result in the choice of the board of editors and business managers by the students themselves, rather than to leave the selection to one member of the university faculty, subject to the ratification of that body, as a whole. The method in vogue has been, under the circumstances, a necessary one and one authorized by the student body when the publication of *THE CADET* was begun, but it seems to me that the time has arrived when the students themselves can make the selection of a board of editors and hold them responsible for the proper conduct of the affairs of the publication.

But the question arises as to how this can be done. The choice of editors must so be arranged that equal justice be done all students and in such a way as to insure the selection of students best fitted for the work and willing—yes anxious to enter upon the undertaking. Until the financial affairs (which for the past two or three years have been most commendably handled) get where a profit, rather than a loss, will be shown, the work upon *THE CADET* must necessarily be a labor of love. This ought not to be as it is, for with the right start and proper work *THE CADET* might be made a profitable venture.

But to come to the point of selecting the board of editors. A feasible plan might, I think, be evolved by which the student body would be equitably represented and sufficient pride manifested in the selection of editors to insure the best men for the leading places. A good plan seems along the lines adopted for the class annuals in the choice of the boards of editors. With this plan applied to *THE CADET*, however, the three

upper classes become the available ones from which the board must be selected. It would seem that a board made up of representatives of each of the fraternities or local societies in the university, which I believe would include the female students; of the non-society students, and of one or two members, preferably from the senior or junior classes, selected by the faculty; the selection being based upon their impartial judgment as to fitness for the places, making them honorary positions to be striven for by the members of the classes from which they will be selected. It might then be arranged so that the selection of senior, junior or sophomore class representatives would be chosen in turn by the societies and it be arranged for or generally agreed upon that the editors shall succeed to the important places on the staff according to their fitness and training,—the assistant business manager of one year to be business manager the next and the assistant-editor-in-chief succeed the retiring chief of the staff. Along some such lines I believe a plan of succession to the more honorary positions on the board could be arranged, which would have a tendency to obviate to large extent all society jealousies and squabbings over the choice of officers of the board and division of the work.

While I have not elaborated upon this plan of a choice of editors or expatiated upon the method of procedure, I trust the general idea presented will suggest itself to those who have an interest in the matter and call forth other suggestions along this line. I trust that some feasible plan may be arrived at before the next board of editors will have to be chosen and suggestions voiced through *THE CADET* will, I presume, be welcomed by the present board of editors.

Edw. H. Kelley, '90.

BANGOR, Dec. 30, 1897.

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LIFE IN RUSSIA.

PROF. MERRILL'S INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF HIS TRIP.

PROF. GEORGE P. MERRILL, head curator of the department of geology, National museum, has just returned from a trip to Russia, whither he had been to attend the international geological congress, held in St. Petersburg, says the *Washington Star*. These congresses are held triennially, one of them having been held in Washington. The one held in St. Petersburg was the seventh. The next will convene in Paris, in 1900, the year of the exposition. Prof. Merrill left Washington June 30. He has been back but a short time. During his visit to Russia he travelled over a considerable portion of the country, under the frank of the Czar, and returned to Washington greatly pleased with the result of the trip. One of the excursions in which he took part was to the biblical Mt. Ararat, where the ark is said to have been landed after the flood. One member of the party on the Ararat expedition met with an untimely death, being frozen. Many features of interest were inspected by Prof. Merrill, including the manners and habits of the people, the mode of living, resources of the Czar's dominion and other points. He did not go there merely to study the geological formation of the country. Ample opportunity was offered for this, however, especially in the Caucasus mountains. Mt. Ararat is most interesting, Prof. Merrill declared, viewed from a geological standpoint as well as from others.

"The excursions were prominent features of the congress. The Czar could give free passes to all delegates traveling on any Russian railroad, as the roads are under the government. There were about 1000 delegates at the St. Petersburg congress, who came from all over the world. Three excursions were given before the congress and three after it took place. Those prior to it were in Esthonia, Finland and to the Ural mountains. I was included in the Ural excursion. It was most successful, and we were most handsomely treated. Those who went on the Ural excursion arrived in Moscow July 28. We passed two or three days there very pleasantly. The night of July 31 about 150 of us started on the trip. There were two trains, one for the excursionists and the other composed of the cook-

ing and dining and other cars. We were enabled to travel in the night and make our investigations in the daytime. Some of these investigations were made in carriages and others on foot. From Moscow we went southwesterly to the eastern side of the Urals, to a place called Tcheliabinsk, in Asia, a portion of Siberia. There we went out on the celebrated convict roads, and visited the gold mines. We went indirectly to Perm, where we took a boat and went down the river Kama to its junction with the Volga. We went up the Volga to Nijni Novgorod. At Novgorod we took a train for St. Petersburg, where we arrived Aug. 28.

"All through the trip we were received most cordially by the people, who tendered us a number of public banquets. There seems to be no limit to the hospitality of the lower class of Russians everywhere. They always drink a liquor before dinner, much like the cocktail in this country. It is colorless, with no aroma, as is possessed by the whisky of America. Before dinner a little lunch called a *szaukouski*, is set on a separate table in the dining room. There are dishes of caviar, smoked fish and bottles of vodka. The custom is, on going into the dining room, to take a few bites of this and a glass of vodka. The most common bill of fare for the banquets is cabbage soup; then either sturgeon or sturlet fish, followed either by chicken or game bird; then cauliflower and some form of dessert. Of course, many of the banquets are much more elaborate than this. There is no stint of wine. We always drank the Czar's health in champagne.

"After the congress there were three other excursions, all having Vladikavkaz and Tiflis as their destination. I went on an excursion down the Volga to Vladikavkaz. At Vladikavkaz we remained one night, and then took a trip along the Caucasus mountains by means of the celebrated military road to Tiflis. The trip consumed three days, and our party was transported in carriages resembling large phaetons, four horses abreast. The military road is one of the finest I ever saw, being macadamized. It puts to shame even our own Aqueduct road. It runs directly through the mountains, but the grade is something wonderful, and two carriages can

go abreast at full speed on any portion. We stopped on our way to see Mt. Kazbek, the highest of the range, the altitude of which is about 16,000 feet. We arrived in Tiflis Sept. 20 and remained three days, until all the excursionists had come in. We were treated most hospitably there, and the city was most attractive to us, as it was the ancient capital of Georgia. We visited the Baku oil fields. We left the party at Baku and went to Axtafan, where we went through Delijan to Erivan. The first day at Erivan we visited the famous monastery, which is the head of the Armenian church. We were given a banquet by the Catholicos, who is much the same to the church as the Pope is to the Catholic church. He sat at the table with us, and the monks waited on us. The monastery was founded 300 years after Christ. We were shown interesting relics, among them a piece of wood from the ark, and an iron head with which the Roman soldiers pierced the side of Christ on the cross. We returned to Erivan and rode out to a military station on the other side of the Araxes. We slept on the floor that night. The next day our baggage was strapped on camels and we rode to a Cossack camp.

"We visited the two Ararats. There are two of them, by the way, a fact which is not generally known. One of them is Small Ararat and the other Great Ararat. The smaller one is about 14,000 feet in height; Great Ararat is about 17,000. The perpetual snow line is just above the top of Little Ararat. They are connected and form a range together. From Little Ararat we went to a Cossack camp on the ridge between the two summits. A party of nine determined to climb to the top of Great Ararat, which is continually covered with ice and snow. Some of the party returned, and it was discovered that one man was missing. He was a chemist, a Russian, who had joined the party at Vladikavkaz. A return was made to the Cossack camp, and search was made for him. He was discovered frozen to death about half way down from the summit of Great Ararat. He had stopped between two lava blocks, broken his leg, become unconscious, and in this way met his death. It was due entirely to foolhardiness on his part,

and our guide was in no way responsible. He had wandered off from the rest of the party. We had returned to Batoom, on the eastern side of the Black Sea, before we learned of the accident. We knew the man was missing, but thought probably he had been captured by the Koords and was held for ransom.

"The Ararat mountains are most interesting from a geological point of view. We visited a landslide on one of them. It seems incredible how the ark could have landed on Great Ararat, and that story was probably not to be taken literally. The whole district about there was called Ararat, and the interpretation was that the ark landed on a mountain of Ararat, which probably means some mountain in that district, of which there are a number. It is comparatively of recent date that the story has been attributed to Great Ararat, probably from the fact that it is a prominent peak. We went to Erivan, then to Armi, the old capital of Armenia, which was destroyed by an earthquake, and from which it never recovered. We paid a visit to Alexandropol, where we inspected the new railroad being built, examining the tunnel. We went to Tiflis, then to Batoom, where we took a boat for Constantinople. The Caucasus is a wonderfully interesting region, geologically, and we were immensely pleased with what we saw there.

"What impressed me most on my visit were the great agricultural resources of Russia. We were there after harvest time, but we saw many evidences that grain had been raised in large quantities, principally of wheat and rye, I believe. Garden truck is also produced largely, especially cabbages. I did not see any suffering among the peasants, any more than I would in this country. The method of living, of course, is not the same as here, but in the matter of animal comfort it is just as far advanced. Most of the peasants live in log houses, specially constructed, which are warm in winter. My visit took me to only a small part of Siberia. On one of the railroads I saw a few of the convicts, or reported to be such, and did not notice anything of extraordinarily bad treatment about them. I did not have my eyes focused for them, however, but believed that the accounts of brutality toward them have been greatly exagger-

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"The railroads there, considering the extent of country covered, are excellent. They run through thinly populated districts, and could not have been so excellently well built except under governmental control. The roads are constructed better than through the same class of country in America. Trains do not run fast except the through ones from St. Petersburg to Moscow, and are much like the German trains."

Prof. Merrill stated that the impression given him on his visit was that for the greater prosperity of the Czar's dominions the existence of a middle class is needed. There are aristocrats and peasants, with no link between.

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