

THE American Protective Tariff League in offering to the student's of senior classes of colleges and universities in the United States a series of prizes for approved essays on "The Advantages of a Protective Tariff to the Labor Industries of the United States," will, no doubt, excite many students to a broader study of the tariff question, an issue which has called forth more discussion in the history of nations, and has been the incident of more political trickery, than any other public problem. Since college professors of political economy almost universally incline to the side of free trade, many a student will enter upon a treatment of the other side with reluctance; but he may find in the growth of American industry along with its actual history as regards protection, ample facts, sufficient indeed to prove the benefits if not the necessity of a protective system in a country like ours.

THE sports of our college have always been conducted in a very loose manner; to be candid, we are obliged to be mute about our accomplishments in line of athletics. Most of our sister colleges are well aware of this deficiency, for they have seldom met us in the field. Nevertheless, the base-ball club has exchanged games with several of our neighbors from time to time, and, if we mistake not, has al-

ways won; a foot-ball team has also frequently asserted itself; last fall the most noticeable thing about the tennis tournament was that we have excellent material for athletes.

Therefore, much needs to be done. A tennis and an athletic association have lately been organized; the base-ball club may grow into an association. These steps are encouraging, and it is sincerely hoped that the present enthusiasm in this direction will survive the novelty of innovation. We have the assurance of aid from the authorities; for they doubtless recognize that, besides being of great service in raising the standard of our college, the existence of a well regulated system of athletics will do much toward securing order among the students. Why forget the necessity of a two-fold development? Nature will assert herself in some way or other, to her own delight, if not always to the satisfaction of those concerned. If students do not have the advantages of systematic exercise under supervision, they will fall to "inexplicable dumb shows and noise," making the halls the seat of rampant boisterousness. As long as this vivacity, a most wholesome quality in itself, is let go unbridled that desired harmony and civility will be absent.

It is the duty, and to the interest of every student to join one or more of the departments of exercise and do all in his power to build them up, not to