

mention the important fact that his own physical development—a sound body—is the *sine qua non* of success in life. If the students once become thoroughly interested in the undertaking, it will not be long till all three associations can rest secure in a settled existence. We can look, then, to their combination into one organization, comprising all college sports, and hope to gain some inter-collegiate importance in this respect.

LET it not be forgotten that our columns are open to all those interested. We extend a cordial solicitation for contributions comprized within our field of work. Personal notices from the *Alumni* and ex-students will be gratefully received.

AT this writing the Legislature continues to keep the College in a sweat regarding the long-hoped-for appropriation. Present indications make it almost certain that the bill will pass without much opposition. It is gratifying to see the State beginning to do its duty concerning educational matters. Pennsylvania, the second state in wealth in the Union, has been the least charitable of all towards institutions established by the "National land-grant act." The present bill appropriates about \$75,000 for purposes of building and equipment.

THE new catalogue has at last appeared, and it is with pleasure that we note the strides which have been made towards the front. We see that the College still maintains its energetic and rigorous policy in pushing ever onward and upward. The standard of requirements for admission to the Freshman has been raised; and, by the introduction of new courses, a broader field is left open to the student in choosing a particular line of study and investigation.

The catalogue shows the College thoroughly equipped to give instruction in three general courses, five technical courses, and four short special courses, the number of technical courses being increased from four by the valuable addition of the new course in Mechanical Engineering. This is a move in the right direction, and the strength of the course insures its success, as testified to by the great number who have already chosen it. The department of Civil Engineering is greatly strengthened, and is now a separate and complete course from *alpha* to *omega*, having here-to-fore been identical with the General Science or Latin Scientific through Freshman and Sophomore. All other courses remain practically as given in the preceeding catalogue. The College Library still grows, over five hundred volumes having been added during the year; and the Society Libraries are not at a standstill.