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AT Lafayette there are forty-five candidates for positions on the first ball team, yet the Pennsylvania State College, with her two hundred students, can scarcely gather to-

gether nine men for her club. And whose fault is it? Surely it cannot be ascribed to the college authorities, for, thanks to those in charge they have at last, fixed up our athletic grounds and put them in a fit condition for using, nor can it be the lack of support on the part of the students, for we can truly say that nowhere is there a club more faithfully championed than here; however, with all this trust in the team there seems to be a shrinking from, rather than a desire to obtain a position on it, and as you well know it cannot play ball without a full complement of players. In the present condition it will be almost impossible to play satisfactorily, the scheduled games for this spring, without borrowed men, a thing which should never be done, and yet it will be necessary unless there is more interest taken in the development of young material. As the higher class men drop out there will be no one to fill their places and our institution will be left without a representative on the diamond.

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THE necessity of the extension of library hours grew so apparent that the time has been extended. By the new schedule the library is to be open from seven until ten in the evening, thus giving those who have practicum and drill during the afternoon hours an opportunity to do thesis and other work. We understand that the extension is only temporary, but as the college library is the only one we have that contains extended works, we think it should be available to the