

IT is to be hoped that the Central Inter-collegiate Press Association Convention held in Philad'a, Nov. 1st and 2d, has proved very beneficial, both as to the plans proposed and adopted for the advancement of the work and the enthusiasm diffused among those present. Few branches of college work have made equal strides of progression with that of college journalism. It has grown within a very few years from an infant movement to a great and profitable success. From being sickly, insignificant, struggling sheets, depending for their support upon the generosity of the students, they have become large, newsy, well edited journals, actually paying for themselves, and in some instances having a small credit balance over. We prophecy for our college papers a bright future. The time is not far distant when their editing and publishing will constitute by no means the least part of college education and training. And not only this, the editorial and literary productions of many college journals already put to shame those of some of our largest and most prominent newspapers. In the day when college journalism will reach the height of prosperity which it deserves and which it surely will attain, who can estimate what ponderous ability will be displayed within its columns; and who can limit the vast influence of that same ability, in a land where college sentiment is already becoming such a powerful factor?

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THE subject of dancing has been again brought before the students, and this time with double force on account of the recent indulgence of this pleasure by most of the college men. If the trustees could justly

appreciate the many pleasures cut off from the students on account of the location of the institution we are sure they would no longer withhold their consent to the occasional use of the gymnasium (?), or rather, the armory for dancing. 'In ye olden time,' it is said, dancing was allowed and produced the worst imaginable results on the morals of the students. It is also said, by equally as good authority, that the moral tendencies of the students was so bad at the time that none, who thoroughly understood the character of the institution, would allow their sons to attend. It is to be hoped that the authorities will make a thorough investigation since the matter has been brought before them so persistently by the body of students.

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WHY is it that we are not using the gymnasium? Why is it that, after so much talk, nothing has been done? We desire to remind those in charge that the students are becoming impatient about it and as winter approaches, with no better prospects for it than we had at this time last year, all are more or less concerned. The money, twelve hundred and fifty dollars, was appropriated by legislature to purchase and place in the armory the Sargent system for athletic training. The appropriation was made in the spring but nothing has been done with it. As the bill, as passed, specifically mentions the manner in which the money was to be expended we cannot see what has caused the delay. There is no more pressing need of the students than the use of gymnastic apparatus. The physical self cannot be kept up without it, and the mental powers are entirely dependent upon the condition of the body—as strong or