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IN the local department of last month's FREE LANCE some mention was made of the college catalogue with reference to the foundry course, which no student now at college knows anything about. Many other things might have been mentioned which have appeared in the catalogue from one year to another since the time of the Farmer's High School, at least it would seem so, and one feels on looking it over as if he were reading a little ancient or mediæval college history, with here and there a modern idea. College custom is strong and our catalogue is not able to withstand it. The most prominent feature of the catalogue is the space given to the agricultural department. It appears that the agricultural courses are the most extensive and popular in the institution while in fact they are the least. Last year there were four agricultural students in college, while this year there are but two. It is necessary that courses of this character be maintained, but surely they do not merit first place in our catalogues and circulars, to the exclusion of proper space for the technical courses which are at present the leading courses in the college and are being extended more and more each year. Other peculiarities present themselves which space will not permit us to mention, and we might generalize by saying that the catalogue will never do other than misrepresent the college unless it undergoes a complete revision.