

certain extent dependent upon the demand for men of his profession. Of course he can pursue original investigations in his line, but this is not exactly to be desired by one just out of college and depending upon his own resources for a living, as work of this nature requires capital. This should not influence one in his selection of a course. Though the man in classics knows just exactly what he is going to do after getting out of college, he is compelled to work a long time before his worth is appreciated, while a scientific man, if he obtains a position, upon graduation has an opportunity of pushing himself immediately to the front. That this is the case is not only proved by the universal demand for practical men, but by the readiness with which the scientific men who have graduated from our college within the last few years have obtained and creditably filled high positions.

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WE are very sorry that we did not receive the Prize Essay Announcement of the American Protective Tariff League for this year sooner. No doubt some of our men would have sent in treatises on the subject (The Application of the American Policy of Protection to American Shipping Engaged in International Commerce), but as they were to be received by March 1st, and we did not receive the announcement until it was too late for either the January or February issues, it was impossible for them to do so. It will be remembered that Mr. R. P. Swank, '89, was awarded a medal last year for his essay.

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IT is with great pleasure that we note the interest manifested toward the institution by those who have become members of the Alumni in the past two or three years. It has been said that among the graduates of this institution an exceedingly small proportion possess any interest at all in their *Alma Mater*. This was true at a not very re-

mote period, but we feel that it is no longer so. The various organizations of the college have staunch supporters in the later graduates if not in the earlier, and while a very small proportion of those who graduated earlier than four or five years ago manifest interest in the college, a very large proportion—in fact, almost all—later graduates are very much interested in its affairs. It is not natural for a man to feel any great interest in a badly-governed, non-progressive institution and we hardly wonder at the indifference of earlier graduates; but now all is changed, everything about the institution is growing rapidly, societies and various organizations have been formed which fill a long-felt want in the student's life, and there is among the students generally a desire to do all they can to further the institution's interests and not to be constantly antagonistic to the authorities.

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THE FREE LANCE was represented at the recent meeting of the Inter-Collegiate Press Association, at Philadelphia, by editors Walker and Shields. These meetings are becoming the source of much interest and instruction to the journals represented in the Association. The time is spent by the delegates in reading papers on and discussing the various means of improving college journalism suggested by the staffs of the different papers. Intercourse of this kind broadens the sphere of work and tends to break up the narrow-minded ideas of individual journals, which isolation would certainly breed.

The importance of the C. I. P. A. to the college publications of the Middle States is appreciated more and more each year, as the growth of the Association evidences. The recent meeting was full of interesting discussions from which all profited. The steady growth in the organization and proportionate rise in the condition of publications interested show plainly that it is attaining its object