

we trust that they will by the opening of our next college year secure the services of an instructor.

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THAT certain non-society members should have so far forgotten all sense of propriety and decency toward the property of the literary societies is indeed unpardonable. The societies have always been willing and glad to open their doors to all students, and especially to non-members, but when these men went so far, were so thoughtless as to injure and often destroy the papers, magazines and furniture, to use the piano, to dance in the hall and to make the reading-rooms a place for loafing, the societies were finally, for their own protection, forced to exclude them from all the privileges and benefits to be found in their reading-rooms. The societies always want their halls to have a nice and attractive appearance especially as they often have friends and visitors to inspect them. This they cannot do if a few thoughtless ones persist in destroying everything possible.

We are sorry that the societies were compelled to take such action, but it was the only course left for them to pursue. It is to be hoped that these men may be led to appreciate the advantages and benefits they have forfeited by their own actions and that they will reform. If this is accomplished we feel sure that the societies will extend to them all former privileges.

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WHEN we consider that but two or three years have passed since our college first entered actively into athletics, we deem our records decidedly creditable and encouraging—foot-ball with Lehigh excepted.

In base-ball the coming season promises to excel that of any other. With thirty men in training surely we will be able to pick nine men who will bring good additions to our record. At the opening of this term active field practice should be commenced and maintained. During the past years but little work has been done until within a few days of the first scheduled game, and though our men have generally overcome the disadvantages coming from such management, it must be remembered, that our competitors are stronger than formerly and that we can no longer afford such poor training. All depends upon good rigid management to make this a successful season; the students will give their support and the men will do their best.

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WE are pleased to note the overthrow of the ancient and much maligned "Censure Mark" system. With the beginning of this term there is inaugurated a definite and more liberal government. A firm belief that a student may be given a certain amount of liberty with advantage rather than harm leads us to predict permanent success for the new system.

Much has been written in condemnation of rules which compel attendance at chapel exercises, or even at recitations. Much likewise has been said (by themselves) of the wisdom of higher classmen and their ability to decide what they should and should not attend. But does this ability imply that they will necessarily follow as their judgment points? Purely voluntary attendance may be successful under some circumstances, for graduate students, or when the age of students makes