

ural adornment. The entire sum could be wisely and economically used in providing for immediate and present needs. When that is accomplished the State College will offer in these departments, as it now offers in several others, all the appliances that any earnest student needs in order to give the most thorough preparation for his professional work.

3. A separate building for the gymnasium. The growth of interest in and attention to athletic exercises in the College has fully kept pace with its growth in other directions. This interest has been maintained in spite of many drawbacks, and while the work of the Military Department furnishes a regular and invigorating physical exercise, it is not sufficient to give the special and extended training required by those who wish to give more attention to athletics. I am heartily and earnestly in favor of whatever can be done by the trustees to promote this important branch of voluntary training. So far as I have been able to observe, few, if any, of our men have suffered in intellectual work or standing by reason of devotion to athletic exercises. On the contrary their influence has been, almost without exception stimulating and beneficial.

The enterprise of two of the college fraternities is worthy of special mention. They have, within the last six months, taken possession of new and handsome cottages specially erected for their use, thus furnishing an important relief to the pressure upon the College rooms and at the same time creating a change in the habit of social and domestic life among the members of those fraternities and, indirectly, among other students, which is, in every way, as far as I can judge, beneficial and healthful.

COMMUNICATION.

MR. EDITOR :—Since in these modern days when educational institutions have at last awakened to the fact that a sound and healthy body is an important adjunct to a strong and vigorous

mind, there is a tendency in the public mind to criticise the course of many of our colleges for apparently giving to much prominence to sports. Those engaged in the busy pursuits of everyday life are inclined to look upon the sports of college life as a mere pastime or simply child's play engaged in only to gratify the desire for pleasure. They hear only the boisterous exhibition induced by engaging in health giving sports. They forget the many long hours of hard and laborious study spent in the quiet of the student's room. They hear nothing of the quiet and often brilliant progress made by the true seeker after knowledge. True students do not herald their learning to the world with shouting voices and the assistance of a brass band. The public hears the noise of the playgrounds and is too prone to judge that because here being where the most noise comes from, here must be where the most attention goes.

The whole fault lies in the superficial judgment of what those out of college call play. They forget the healthful and exhilarating impetus given to the blood made sluggish by weary hours of study. The building up of strong and healthy muscle. The fresh and invigorating influence of the air upon the lungs while engaged in active sports. In fact they forget all that goes to give sports the dignity they deserve in college life. However this is digressing from my original intention. I would speak of our sports at P. S. C. and of our immediate wants for the successful and profitable participation in the same.

With the Fall Term close all outdoor sports. No more stirring scenes on the Foot Ball field for one year. Base Ball is out of the question until spring—i. e. real games. The practice for the coming season of base ball should begin with Winter Term. The armory may be used and there is good material to be developed. But this practice includes comparatively few of the many who need exercise. Winter sports is what we want to turn our attention to. Ask the proper authorities to get the necessary appliances—such