

given that night. Several conditions (not new by any means) and circumstances attendant upon that day made it well nigh impossible to get good work from the students in their recitations. The well known effects of Thanksgiving day upon students were enough in themselves to warrant the giving of the holiday without considering the state of the student's minds in contemplation of the night of gayety.

Owing to the good results which followed we hope the Faculty will try the experiment again.

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IT is surprising to see how prevalent is the tendency for students to avoid recitations when there is the slightest pretext to do so. Among the solid men of all college classes, there are few who do not greet with applause the news when the Professor in charge of some recitation fails to appear. Fully realizing the importance of their time, still they excitedly count as gain that which they fail to receive.

This seems to be one of the weak points of the "Cut System."

It may happen that a student now and then has need of omitting a recitation on account of some necessary absence. But in nine cases out of ten, when does this cut occur? Almost invariably when the student meets with some difficult work, at which time he fancies perhaps that he is not feeling as well as usual, and thus misses that which

is the most important part of his work. Indeed some, especially those who are inclined to be indolent, consider very carefully how they can arrange their cuts so as to avoid the most difficult exercises.

What can be more destructive of one's confidence in himself than the forming of such a habit as this? If we stop to think over these things, we cannot fail to see how unconsciously an evil may spring up from such unintentional beginnings.

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WORK on the Eleventh Census is rapidly coming to completion. Bulletins have been out announcing the more prominent and striking facts relating to our growth. Many who based their estimates on the increase from 1870 to 1880 are somewhat surprised to find that they had put their figures from two to four or more millions too high. On the contrary, if the statistics of ten years ago can be relied on, we have fallen off from 30.08 per cent. gain in ten years, to 24.57 per cent. But considering that we have a foreign emigration of over a half million some years, are these figures really significant of anything if they are correct?

Of two things we are sure: No devastating war has swept any of our citizens away; neither has any pestilence afflicted us.

Why do we wish for a more rapid increase of population? Our once lone-