

are acquainted with the young lady a remark such as was just made would have no weight whatever. But for a stranger to hear it ; what must be the inference he will draw? Either the young lady spoken of is not worthy of respect or the young men speaking so are not gentlemen."

I could but confess that looking at it in that light it was rather difficult to excuse the careless use of a young lady's name. As my companion was quite earnest in his convictions upon this question, he was about to continue his remarks when we were joined by a couple of students, which closed this drift of conversation, and turned it on to a subject they had just been discussing.

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"I was just remarking to C— the probability of our getting the Athletic grounds fixed up. He seems to be somewhat skeptical as to the final results."

"And I cannot help it" rejoined C— "It seems too good to be true. Of course when the committee was here they seemed quite enthusiastic over the place ; but will they carry that enthusiasm into the Senate?"

And I questioned why not? "I, for my part cannot see that it is a question of enthusiasm. It is a matter of plain common sense and business. It is a recognized principle in every college in the land that physical exercise and development is a prime necessity towards the attainment of the best end in education. You can scarce pick out a college now, that presumes to be of any importance, but what has its five or ten thousand dollar gymnasium besides having excellent grounds for outdoor sports. So far we have had scarce a thousand dollars expended on a gymnasium. Our request now for the improvement of our Athletic grounds are comparatively insignificant, and I think most reasonable. We simply ask that our Athletic grounds be fixed so as to provide a place for the promotion of outdoor exercise. Two terms out of the three of the college year, we might say the hours of recreation are spent on the play grounds. Any one looking at the question

intelligently must acknowledge the reasonableness of providing a suitable grounds for such a commendable purpose——"

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Coming down the steps the other day I met a stranger going up the stair-way two steps at a time, and with such an excited look upon his face that I was quite at a loss to understand the meaning of such a sight. I thought I would stop at the foot of the stairs and await further developments, and perhaps find out the cause of the excitement in the stranger.

I had only waited a few minutes until I saw the stranger coming down the stairs with a look of total disgust upon his face, and at a much slower pace than when he went up. When he reached the foot of the steps he noticed me standing looking at him and he remarked :

"I suppose you thought I was mad the way I went rushing up stairs?"

I confessed, I thought something of the kind was the matter.

"Well," he continued "I heard such a racket and a noise up there, I thought surely they must be having one of those class fights we hear so much about in Colleges and I wanted to see one once. But when I got up on the fourth floor they told me it was only the Sopomore class coming from recitation."

"Oh !" I remarked, I heard that noise but we are used to that here, and scarce notice it any more unless we are in class ourselves, and the Professor happens to be explaining something to us, then proceedings are discontinued until the class making the racket gets tired.

"Is that so?" and the stranger started out of the building with a meditative look upon his countenance.

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#### *THE SENIOR ASSEMBLY.*

On Friday evening, April 24th, the second annual college Assembly, given by the class of '91, was held in the College Armory. Socially the