

THE bi-yearly meetings of the Inter-Collegiate Press Association are occurrences that are productive of much good inasmuch as the united interests of the whole tend to lift the individual to a higher plane. By these meetings the exchange of ideas, the discussion of common interests, the acquaintance with men of other colleges, the knowledge of different methods acquired, all go to raise the standard of college journalism.

The only drawback that lies in these meetings is the limited time. They are entirely too short for the business that is to be and should be transacted. Where the meeting is limited to a few hours, or but one session, there is too much of a tendency to hurry through with the work on hand. There is not the freedom of discussion that would exist if the members felt that when they were talking or seeking some further information upon a certain subject they were not delaying or postponing perhaps some more important matter. With more time there would be a greater amount of free interchange of thoughts and methods in reference to questions that are important in themselves and yet not deserving the dignity of being discussed in a paper or by studied preparation. We would suggest that the next meeting be extended in time to at least two full sessions of not less than two and a half hours each.

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WE are glad to see that at last some decisive action has been taken by the Athletic Association in regard to getting an Athletic Instructor. It does not take a person, who inspects our gymnasium, long to see that the apparatus is not kept in proper condition and that it is not handled so as to best benefit the physical condition of users. What we want, is to have a competent man who will have constant charge of the apparatus in the gymnasium, and who will prescribe for the students that kind of exercise which they most need. Again, in past years our foot-ball men have never been properly trained. For a few weeks, probably, at the opening of the

season they will undergo an irregular sort of training, such as a run every morning before breakfast, but in a short time even that usually dies out and the practice games comprise, in the end, all the exercise that the team gets. The reason for the lack of proper training has simply been the want of a man who would have constant oversight over the eleven and keep them regularly at work exercising. If we are to make a creditable showing in the foot-ball and athletic field in the future we must have an Athletic Instructor and whether we shall have one now lies entirely with the Board of Trustees of the college. The petition which has been handed to them, signed by the whole body of the students, contains in it one clause which renders the foundation of a chair of Physical Culture practicable at our college. That clause is an agreement on the part of the college students to pay towards the support of the chair a fee of not less than one dollar a term. This limits the minimum sum of money which can be collected from the students to about \$600 a year, while at the same time, if necessary, allows for a larger fee. As the salaries of good men range from ten to fifteen hundred per annum, this would necessitate the college paying out only from five to six hundred a year. That the petition is reasonable and practical is, without doubt, clear to every one, while merely a careless study of the present condition of our athletics shows the great need of a trainer here.

We hope that the Board will at their next meeting grant the petition, coming as it does from the body of the students, and we predict that as a result the reputation of P. S. C. as a college, will be greatly increased by her having a good reputation in the Athletic Field.

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THE question which has been greatly agitated among athletic men at colleges is,—should the tug-of-war be abolished? The sentiment against the contest had never come much to the front until the recent meeting of the Inter-