

ed in your society. There appear to be a careless indifference on the part of the members as to the pleasure of any but themselves. And also, a tendency to contempt of form seems to be creeping into the Societies. Now all this is wrong, for by avoiding these very things, you are robbing yourselves of the most beneficial influence of a Literary Society.

### THE NEW ATHLETIC GROUNDS.

The ground has been broken for a new track, and everything seems favorable for having our athletic grounds in condition for the foot ball season next year. These grounds will consist of a quarter of a mile track, within which will be placed our foot ball and base ball fields, and three tennis courts at each end. The track will be fifteen feet wide, except on the hundred yards stretch, where it will have a width of eighteen feet. It will be made of a foot of rock on the bottom, with a covering of half a foot of cinders, which will make it second to none in the State.

The area within the track, except that portion occupied by the tennis courts, will be sodded.

Besides having the grounds graded, we will have a fine grand stand with a seating capacity of five hundred. Under this stand will be a room, heated by steam, with a shower bath, and lockers for keeping the suits of those men who train regularly on the field.

Now that the track and good grounds are a certainty, all that we need to make a good standing in athletics in general is a trainer. We have as good material as will be found in any college, which, if under the supervision of a competent instructor, would develop so that no one need be ashamed of the records of his *alma mater*.

The General Athletic Committee is busily engaged in preparing the grounds for Field exercises on Tuesday, June 29. It is, however, a source of regret to all that they have been so hampered by a lack of funds that they have failed to get the running track in condition.

### GRIFFITH JOHN THOMAS, M. D., '88.

Griffith John Thomas was born of Welsh parents and came with them to this country at an early age. During his career at the Pennsylvania State College he became one of the six charter members of the Gamma Phi Chapter of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. After leaving the college when he was graduated he became a student of the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with first honors of his class in April of this year. He was then given the choice of positions as resident physician at either the Blockley Hospital in Philadelphia, or the Mercy Hospital in Pittsburg. He chose the latter and filled it successfully until his death which occurred June 9th, '91, it having been caused by blood poisoning resulting from an operation which he performed upon a patient. Brother Thomas proved himself to be a zealous and careful student, giving great promise of future usefulness that would reflect honor upon the fraternity. He was industrious and ambitious only as a Christian man striving to accomplish work of a permanent good.

The memory of Brother Thomas, as it rests in the minds of many of the present active members of the fraternity, is that of an interesting companion, warm friend, and beloved frater. As an evidence of this the Gamma Phi Chapter has adopted the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That in the death of our Brother, we have lost a true friend much endeared to us by a genial and generous disposition, and the fraternity an ardent and zealous supporter.

*Resolved*, That we extend our sympathies to his bereaved relatives, and that the emblems of our fraternity be draped for a period of one month, and that a copy of these resolutions, with an obituary notice, be sent to the Quarterly for publication and be placed on the minutes of this Chapter.

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