

creased attendance at the meetings. An engineering society is a most excellent means of instruction to engineering students, and we hope that ours will continue in the good work which it has started this year. We cannot but regret, though, that the college authorities have seen fit to no longer allow them to meet in the College Reading Room, and that as a result they are compelled to hold their meetings promiscuously in the various recitation rooms. Such a state of affairs, as this, alone, is sufficient to greatly discourage its members, as any organization which has no regular and comfortable place of meeting is bound to have about it an element of instability. In a technical institution an engineering society is invaluable and should receive the hearty support of both the students and the college. We hope that our authorities appreciate the value of the work that our own organization is doing and will see fit to furnish them with a comfortable place of meeting, as they formerly did, instead of allowing them to wander around among the recitation and drawing rooms.

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**T**HOUGH our college is pre-eminently a technical school, and makes its special line of work instruction in the several branches of engineering that deal most closely with the development of the great natural resources of our state, yet there can be no doubt that we have great need of a classical course. The institution to-day furnishes instruction in the three leading branches of engineering—Civil, Mechanical and Electrical—and will soon add a fourth—Mining—besides courses in Chemistry, Latin and general science. Would it not, then, be wise to further broaden its field of usefulness by adding one more course of study, the Classics. A number of men are here to-day with the intention of studying for the professions of law or medicine after graduation, to whom an opportunity to perfect themselves in a knowledge of ancient languages and literature would be invaluable, and who are, owing to this one omission in our

curriculum, compelled to confine themselves to the smaller limits of Latin Science. A latin scientific course, in any school, is almost a figurehead. In our own college the few men who take that course of study would undoubtedly take a classical if a chance were given; while many men who now are preparing for the study of latin and greek in other colleges, would grasp the opportunities offered here. As a college, we are notably deficient in literary work, and this is due largely to the absence of that general scholarly tone which the presence of higher literary studies gives to any institution. While the State College is primarily intended to furnish instruction in the science of engineering, yet we maintain, and we think that all will agree with us, that a classical course would be a source of great benefit both to the institution and to the students. We hope that the Trustees will seriously consider the matter, and that they will see fit to give us, in the course of a short time, a first class classical course throughout the College and Preparatory Department.

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**S**EVERAL actions were taken by the Board of Trustees, at their recent meeting, which have been the cause of general rejoicing among the students, whom they so closely affect. We refer to their decision to close the Spring Term several weeks earlier, and to the appointing of a regular physical trainer. The need of closing the college year earlier has long called forth much comment from all sides and we are pleased to note that the Board has seen this need and has decided to take the necessary legal steps toward changing the charter of the college, so that the term will in the future close about the middle of June, instead of in the beginning of July, as in the past. They decided, hereafter, to have the graduation day on a Wednesday in June, which will vary from about the 15th to the 23rd of that month. This will throw the Alumni and Trustee meetings and drills, on Tuesday, and the Oratorical contest on Monday, while the Y. M. C. A. Anniversary will be held on Sunday evening. This