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edge of electrical work as it is applied to-day, one must have a good fundamental knowledge of mechanical engineering, the college has seen fit to add to the electrical course here a post senior year. The schedule of work, as it stands in the new catalogue, takes in the study of many subjects of great value to the electrician, but which hitherto, owing to the shortness of the time allotted, were compelled to be omitted, such as thermo-dynamics, machinery of transmission, differential equations, steam engine tests and a large amount of mechanical drawing. Indeed the work of the first four years of the course is almost identical with that of the Mechanical Engineering.

This will give the student a sound and useful foundation upon which to base his electrical studies in the last and fifth year. The course leads to the degree of E. F. and B. S. In order however that those students who are unable to take the full five years work, may follow a course of electrical studies, curriculum occupying four years and similar to the old course in Electrotechnics has been provided for the graduate in which attains the degree of B. S. This change has excited much favorable comment among the friends of the college and it is thought that the new course will without doubt be a success.

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THERE has been considerable talk among the students lately in regard to the feasibility o starting the playing of La crosse the coming term. The game is undoubtedly a fine one, and has been lately gaining a strong foothold among American colleges. Originating in Canada, it has lately come into high favor in the United States, and will no doubt in time hold its own with base ball and foot-ball. A game requiring great endurance, hard running, and quick work all around, it would be invaluable as simply a means of training our foot-ball team if for nothing else. They could by playing La crosse during the spring, develop their sprinting and indeed their whole muscular powers in a degree that

would be valuable during the coming season and would tell greatly on all their work. Again, there are a number of men among the students, who, not being interested in base ball, might well take up the game and derive much enjoyment and benefit from it. Cricket, owing to the long time required to become askillful player and also to its lack of dash, finds few votaries among students and is never likely to gain any foothold at P. S. C. La crosse, however, which has all the rush and exciting work of foot-ball, can be played in the spring and when once started would no doubt find high favor here. We have excellent grounds to play upon, and a competent instructor to teach us its points, and all we need is for some body to take the initiative. If the students take the matter in hand vigorously the attempt would undoubtedly be a success.

COMMENCEMENT thoughts have already begun to agitate the mind of the Senior. Every Senior class recognizes what an important factor it is in this great yearly event, and each one tries to impress the admiring public with the force of their individuality. One class may take one means of doing this; another will get up a totally different scheme, if possible, to convey the idea of greater originality. So from year to year we get some slight variations in commencement programs.

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The question that is being discussed now in many of the different colleges is how to eliminate the monotonous fogyism of past tradition from our graduation exercises, and yet substantially retain the main outline of the usual commencement exercise. Some colleges have gone so far as to do away with public graduation exercises altogether. This we believe is going a step too far, and we question if it will ever become popular with the larger number of colleges. Parental pride and ambition are strong factors in the existence of educational institutions, and they will not allow such sweeping actions to step in and rob them of the visable

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