

to these, the histories of our classmates since that day when all stood on that chapel platform together and bade the good-bys before starting, each man for his own sphere, we have the completed picture to incite beautiful thoughts and pleasant dreams.

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WE are led to believe that the students of State College do not have sufficient self-confidence. They are too timid about submitting their ideas and convictions upon a subject, to the public. Their contributions to the student's paper are few indeed. They certainly cannot be under the impression that the FREE LANCE is not their paper. If they place the standards of writings which should come before the public, above their best efforts, they show a serious lack of confidence in their own ability. It is right to place the standard of communication as high as possible; but let it not be so high that it is reached by so few. Let your contributions be the result of your best endeavors, and you subject them to the criticism of a very few.

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ONE of our leading colleges has adopted the plan of taking Monday instead of Saturday as their weekly holiday. At first thought this would seem to be an inappropriate arrangement of a week's work, but where the scheme has been put to trial it is said to effect a needed improvement.

It is a most common thing to hear students speak of Monday as if it, more than any other day of the week, were ill-favored and opposed to his honest endeavors. It may be true that Monday is a blank upon the student's calendar; but whether it is, or not, it all comes from the lack of preparation and this chiefly from lack of opportunity.

Saturday, under the generally existing system is the one day spent in recreation if not in the completion of some work that has been allowed to drag during the week. There are very few instances

in which the recitations for Monday receive the attention which is given to those of any other day. If the work be allowed to pass over Saturday, what time is there remaining for such needed preparation? No student can honestly allow himself to commit such a wrong as to make up on Sunday his neglect of other days. But the temptation is great and experience with students will lead us to believe that there are some who have just such a careless and thoughtless makeup. The scheme mentioned and now being tried in different colleges can do away with this by having Monday's work done at the close instead of the beginning of the school week.

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ONE of the most serious problems that the College has had to deal with during its recent rapid growth, has been how to make suitable provision for its library, which contains nearly eight thousand volumes, half of which are of recent purchase, and the best works obtainable in their several departments. They are catalogued on the "Dewey" system, and thus made available for ready and intelligent use; but the present rooms are not large enough for the books already possessed, and there is no more space now available in the main building. As soon as the new engineering building is completed, it is proposed to use some of the space thus vacated in the main building to relieve the over crowding. While nothing definite has yet been determined upon, it is probable that the Public Documents and such books as are least frequently called for will be arranged in the rooms opposite the Reading Room, as a sort of annex, and the main library converted into a general consultation room, leaving the present reading room for magazines, periodicals, standard dictionaries, encyclopedias etc., and fitting up the general library room in such a way that it will be always available for use. It is not designed to be a circulating library, but to be so conducted as to have all the principal works available, at all times, for reading and research.