

Of Harvard's twenty-three honor men this year eleven are distinguished athletes.

The smallest university in the world is in Africa. It has five students and five instructors.

Fifteen Vassar students have joined the Salvation Army as a result of the work of Mrs. Ballington Booth.

Professor Henry Drummond has been called to the presidency of McGill University, Montreal, Canada—*Ex.*

The faculty of Colorado College have taken an advance step. They will hereafter give credit for work on the college papers. The credit depends on the quality of work done.

Yale and Harvard have commenced a good work in their series of literary contests. May the precedent established by them be followed soon by all our colleges and higher institutions.

In the Harvard *Graduate's Magazine*, President Walker remarks: "It will soon be fairly a question whether the letters B. A. in the college degree stand more for Bachelor of Arts than for Bachelor of Athletics."—*Ex.*

In England one man in 5,000 attends college; in Scotland, one in 650; in Germany, one in 213; in the United States, one in 2,000. It would seem that the standing of the colleges are inversely proportional to these members.

The University of Chicago is to publish a magazine similar to the *Century*. It is said that it is intended to be a rival of the *Century* and the representative of the thought and tendencies of the West. It is to be called the *Lakeside Magazine*.

How sarcastic. No doubt athletics are carried to excess, especially in the rivalry between our larger colleges. But college men seem by nature and occupation even more liable to excess than any other class of young people and if it is not excess in athletics, it is excess in something far worse.

President Eliot, of Harvard, who has become so conspicuous before the college world of late, especially on account of his attitude toward athletics, is credited with the following utterance: "The Greeks, who knew more about athletics than we shall learn in a hundred years, held their Olympic games once in four years, while to-day the college students want at least four contests every year."

During the past year Yale University has received by gift \$291,595.43, together with the sum which will have been given for Vanderbilt Hall when completed; and by bequest \$154,000, and also the residue of the estate of the late Martin S. Eichelberger, '58. If old State just had a few rich friends like these how short a time it would take us to erect our Y. M. C. A. building and do so many other things that would quickly advance us to the place of our ambition—a university. But *we* have *only* the state of Pennsylvania to back us.

When you try to arrive finally at a conclusion as to the merits of a popular student you are not at a loss to discover it. It lies in complete forgetfulness of self. He is utterly unselfish, and he shows it by being as nice to the bashful freshman as to the dignified senior—by being as kind to the plain, stupid one as to those more brilliant. In short, he never courts favor for himself nor acts the part of a snob. Moreover, he is conscientious in college work, and never slights it. For love is founded on respect, as every one knows, and no one can respect a dullard. Finally, he is always ready to help a friend in need, or to join him in a gay good time. For the popular student is extremely fond of fun. He is not a "prod," which is short for prodigy, and means a class-room phenomenon; nor is he a "dig." He is, in fact, just what every gay, good-natured student may become, if he tries to forget self and love his neighbor.—*The Ossarist.*