

of that which will give so much pleasure during the coming spring and summer months. There are many paths cut through the campus and very little inconvenience would come to any one, should we follow them entirely. That however, is not necessary, as any amount of strolling will not injure the campus in the least. It may be indulged in as often as desirable, but let us avoid making paths, and in the spring, the beauty of the campus will fully repay us for any extra exertions that the effort may have cost.

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**I**N the present session, football, popular as it has been during the past season, will play no part in the world of college athletics.

All interest had hitherto been so far absorbed in the game that practically nothing has been done in the other branches. Now the gymnasium and general athletics claim our attention. Can we not enter into them with the same spirit that was displayed in football? Our prospects for success in this line were never brighter. We have plenty of good material and certainly the disposition to train should not be lacking.

No one will regret the little time spent in the gymnasium in profitable exercise, while many who go out from our institutions with health impaired, regret not having done so.

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**A**LTHOUGH the Glee and Banjo clubs have been meeting and practicing all fall, their advance has not been as marked and satisfactory as could be wished. There are several reasons for this, the most potent of which is probably found in the fact that most of the students' interest during the term just passed was taken up by football. Then the breaking in of such clubs is always slow and laborious work and unless careful and painstaking efforts are put forward the results are liable to be discouraging. This was especially true this year, when so many of the members of last year's clubs failed to return to college and their places had to be filled

by new men. Add to this the fact that some of the old men failed to show the proper spirit at first, and became careless of their attendance at meetings, and we have a state of affairs which was not exactly conducive to the best results from the efforts of those who were doing their best. However the organizations are gradually pulling together, and it is to be hoped that on the opening of this term, the members have returned to college to put forward their best efforts to send out on their annual trip, clubs that will well represent and do honor to the institution whose name they bear. Full meetings and hard work is the only way to accomplish this object, and when it is accomplished, in the general satisfaction felt by all, not a single effort put forward will be regretted by the person making it.

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**T**HE mark system ought to go. In this age of educational progression, it is indeed strange that a scheme which is so hostile to self-government, one of the great aims of education, should be allowed to live and flourish. Nevertheless such is the state of things, and in case the question is raised as to how the college government is run, one is obliged to acknowledge that it is compulsion rather than desire that performs half the college duties. That a man seeking an education, concerning the character of which he is best able to judge for himself, should have thrust upon him duties which are both disagreeable and useless in their point of application, is a well defined fact which will tend to reduce the favor in which some of our leading institutions are held. Compulsory attendance at religious exercises, the lecture, the recitation and various other college duties cannot but work harm towards the efforts of a student, although they may at first be urged by the highest enthusiasm. The knowledge that certain things have to be done at stated times and in prescribed ways, and that punishment always hanging over is ready to fall for the first and every succeeding failure, will certainly not tend