

sion of particular topics under the personal guidance of Professor or assistant. The number of students admitted here is limited, fifteen to twenty-five being the ordinary run. The members are divided into two classes, "ordentlich" (ordinary) and "ausserordentlich" (extraordinary). Strange as it may seem the former do all the work. Here the work is thorough and the investigation exhaustive. The Professor goes very slowly, entering often into tiresome details, at least so it seems to the listeners. The ground covered is inconsiderable, but what is done is well done. Know all of something not something of everything is the German instructor's motto.

As a result of the German system we find their university graduates foremost among the thinkers and investigators of the world. Though they may be bigoted and narrow in their view, they are usually sincere in their belief. There is also a tendency toward the theoretical to the disregard of the practical. Idealism finds a ready following in their masses, and we find much more preaching than practice from the side of morality.

In the lecture room the boys are models of propriety. Their deportment is exemplary from the time they enter the class room till they leave it. Little or no whispering is indulged in before the teacher's arrival and none after it. The actions of an ordinary American student would be considered beneath the dignity of the average German collegian. Nowhere, on college or university ground, do they show a least bit of boisterousness, there being no noise or confusion in the corridors at any time. They are proud of their reputation, and they seek to maintain it by every way possible.

However outside, as a boy among the boys, the German unbends and can make himself as ridiculous as is necessary. In the city he is as free as a bird, his student-card absolving him from all power of police or municipal authority. All breach of public discipline is reported to the university court, which deals with the offender as the occasion demands. Confinement in the prison of the institution is the customary penalty. Every university has a jail connected with it, being as it is a city within a city. A penalty of this character is little feared by the student body. Oftentimes it is courted and regarded as a big lark. Everyone confined here usually writes or carves his name on the walls, making of it an autograph album on a large scale. Many of the best known public the Fatherland spent some time in this retreat; Bismarck, for instance, having been sentenced there more than once.