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EDITORIAL.

Nothing has ever stirred up the College athletic world to so great an extent as the present football agitation. This has been so thorough and rapid in its advance that, although started but a short time ago, it has already brought college football to a stage where we may expect a radical change for next year. For a long time there has been complaint about several phases of the game; brutality and professionalism were the chief faults. Magazines and newspapers took up these various subjects and discussed them; President Roosevelt suggested that changes be made; the University of Pennsylvania sent out requests for opinions and suggestions to a large number of colleges and universities; Columbia abolished football, Harvard did likewise; and now the faculty representatives of the large Western Universities have agreed to abolish football unless the proper sort of legislation is made. New York University issued a call for a conference at which were representatives from about 75 institutions.

The conference voted that changes were desirable and appointed a com-

mittee to take active charge of the work. The committee was lately amalgamated with the original rules committee, and the first definite step toward the reformation of football was made in New York last Saturday by this body. From now on, the action of this committee will be watched with interest by the College world as well as by others who follow the game. That quick and reformatory action is necessary is shown by the attitude of numerous colleges throughout the country.

Once more we breathe easier—the exams are over. What we several weeks ago dreaded as future, we now rejoice over as past. We found out how much—or how little, as the case may be—we knew about things in general and several subjects in particular. And although we did find out that our knowledge of some things was amazingly small and that consequently we flunked, we are glad nevertheless that we did our best and best of all, that the exams are past.

We heartily congratulate those who passed everything. But to those who flunked, don't think that because you fell down in several studies you will not eventually make a successful engineer, or bug hunter, or potato grower. That is not the right way to look at this matter. You know how State plays when she is being defeated on her home ground. Well that is what has happened to you—you have been licked on your home grounds. Think about that when you study for your re-exams and everything will be easy sailing.

Those fancy columns at the Allen street entrance to the grounds look very nice but after the slightest shower the mud which accumulates at this spot makes walking to the Engineering Building very difficult and unpleasant. It is a question as to whether the college, or the bor-

ough is responsible for the crossing at this point. In either case something should be done. We think we are justified in registering this "kick."

New Department.

At the annual meeting of the State Board of Agriculture in Harrisburg on Wednesday last, Col. John A. Woodward made public announcement of a change in the organization of the agricultural work of the State College which, it is understood, has been in contemplation for some time. The investigations in animal nutrition with the respiration calorimeter which have been carried on by the Experiment Station for the past seven years in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture are, under the new arrangement, to constitute a separate department of the College, to be called the Institute of Animal Nutrition. Dr. Armsby is to be the Director of the new department and is to be relieved of executive duties so as to enable him to devote his entire time to this special line of work.

The duties of Director of the Experiment Station and of Dean of the School of Agriculture are to be combined and the dual position filled by a new appointment. No definite time was announced when the new arrangement is to go into effect, but it is understood that the Trustees expect to be able to announce the appointment of a Dean and Director in the near future.

Cornell students are rejoicing over the abolition of "black week," a ten-day period of examinations which formerly came twice a year. The university faculty voted that any college might abolish these examinations. The faculty of Sibley College of Mechanical Engineering, the largest department in the university, immediately abolished the examinations and other colleges are expected to follow soon—The College Signal.