

Open Letters.

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The Honor System.

The honor *system*! Are our students then not honorable men? Is it true that the students of this institution need to promulgate a *system* of honesty? Answered in the affirmative what does it imply?

If our eight hundred students could line up before me all at the same time, and if I could point to each in turn in the presence of all of the others and say, "You are a cheat, you are a sneak, you are dishonest," how many would acknowledge it; how many would quietly sit down and say, "You're right, I'm it?" Yet that is just what is being done by every man who clamors for the honor system. He is publicly announcing that he needs to be reformed. The village improvement society is formed to help create a better state of affairs in the village; the reform party in politics is instituted in order to eradicate the dishonesty which is well known to exist in politics in general; the criminal is put upon the honor system when he is told that by means of good behavior his sentence may be shortened. Do you see my point? In all such cases the evil, whether of small importance or great, is there; so then, let the University of Virginia, let Amherst College, let any other institution maintain its honor system, but do not let us be classed with them; they do but proclaim their weakness; they but announce that they have within them an evil which they are unable to control.

I would not try to interfere with any movement which might help to make our college the model institution in the country; it is with the

hope of attaining this end that I offer these suggestions. I am trying to show that the honor system is really only a cloak for the dishonest student who calls to his support a throng of honest men, and that, by the way, is one of the favorite schemes of the devil.

If every student in the Pennsylvania State College would put *himself* upon the honor system there would be no need to call upon the college to institute it.

It matters not whether the professor of architecture, or the professor of language, or the professor of mental and moral science, or the professor of any other subject permits the honor system to exist in his department; honesty is honesty; dishonesty is dishonesty. J.

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Indoor Athletic Meet.

The first of the series of indoor athletic meets will take place on Saturday evening in the Armory. This meet does not favor any one individual who may excel in some one branch of track work, but depends on general all-around athletic ability.

The events to be contested on Saturday are the thirty yard dash, the pull-up, and the running high jump.

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