

Open Letters.

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Editor of Collegian:—

Your editorial of last week on the basketball situation expressed a sentiment that nine-tenths of the fellows in college feel, but what good is the article going to do? Is the matter to be dropped now without any arrangements being made for next season, or is the matter to be taken up in earnest? Whose business is it to see that we have a professional basketball coach? If it is the duty of the Athletic Association to employ such a coach, let us have a meeting now; if it is the duty of the Athletic Committee, let it be forcibly presented to their minds that minor economy does not pay when our athletic reputation is at stake. We meet some colleges in basketball with whom we have no other athletic relations, and naturally they judge all our athletic teams by the one they come in contact with. Can we afford to be judged by such a record as the basketball team made on their trip? We have excellent material and the men are doing the best they can under the circumstances, but they need professional coaching. By all means let us have such a coach next season.

Senior.

Every honest student who takes an examination under the present conditions must feel the sting of the implied suspicion resting upon him, as indicated by the surveillance existing during the examinations. This class certainly includes the vast majority of the student body, and should heartily welcome any change for the better in the method of conducting this important part of our work.

Then again, every fellow with the true interests of State at heart

ought to gladly support any movement which will show to the world that the moral standard existing here is such as to warrant the Faculty in reposing in us the trust that is the basis of the honor system. A Princeton professor says, "I have been to places where Princeton was respected more for its honor system than for anything else." Such a reputation is well worth having, and will be of more benefit to our college than a hundred athletic victories, about which we become so enthusiastic.

If we want the honor system, some steps should be taken by the student body. The Faculty could hardly be expected to inaugurate a system which depends for its success upon the student body, without first having been assured of the active cooperation of the latter. Q.

After-Dinner Speaking.

We desire to call the attention of the upperclassmen to the work in after-dinner speaking that has just been begun by Professor Frizzell. This year's work will be similar to that of last year, in that it will be conducted in an entirely informal manner. The work is to be optional, no attendance being required. Among the topics considered will be a brief history of after-dinner speaking, its origin, and purpose. A careful study will be made of some of the greatest after-dinner speeches in the language, and later on in the work each member of the class will be given actual practice in the art of speaking and story-telling. Little need be said as to the value of this work. It is such work as this that helps to make a college education helpful in other than technical ways. Last year's work proved profitable to the members of the class, and it is likely that the work of this semester will also be interesting and instructive. Notice will be given in the next issue as to the time and place of meeting.

College Men in Demand

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