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EDITORIAL.

This issue being the first one under the new arrangement of the staff, it might not be out of the way to express the wish that the paper may always receive the loyal and hearty support of the student body and alumni, as well as the faculty. In the hands of Mr. Fleming and Mr. Barnes, it has, in the last year, become an official and accurate source of all important college news. There can be no doubt that this is a desirable feature and one which the new staff will naturally try to maintain.

To publish the best paper, however, we must know just what criticisms are made at present, and for this purpose the Collegian asks for suggestions from any student, alum-

nus, or member of the faculty who has interest enough in their College to help produce the best paper ever made. Suggestions will be welcome for any change in cover, form, or type, all will be considered fully. The box in room 130 Main and the Collegian box at the post office are open always for such matter, and for any college news desirable for publication.

It is a very evident fact that the persons who attend the baseball games on Beaver field with the idea that the games are free to outsiders, do not know just the true state of affairs. Last Saturday's game was witnessed by a very fair sized crowd, and to the students, the large number of outsiders was very apparent. Yet the total receipts from the sale of tickets only reached the sum of \$14. When the fact is considered that the guarantee was \$75, the need of more revenue is clearly shown.

It is only just to the students, all of whom pay an annual athletic fee, that all outsiders who attend the games, should pay for that privilege. The spectacle of the constable forcing payment is not a very pleasant one, but if that is the only way the money can be collected, it will be done in that way.

It is impossible without a fenced-in field, and gates, to reach everybody, and mistakes will sometimes happen, but spectators at any game do not generally go there with the idea of "beating their way" in, and should not be very hesitant when asked to pay for the privilege of seeing the good article of ball that is being produced on Beaver field.

Graduation in June will reduce the staff of the Collegian by three members, and their places will be filled from the present sophomore and freshman classes. The positions will, of course, be filled by competition, but at present the exact scheme has not been decided upon. All those who have had any experience, or who believe that they can make good without the experience, are urged to drop their names and addresses in the Collegian box in 130 Main or mail to the Collegian box at the Post Office.

In another column of this issue the failure of the proposed honor system to gain the necessary signatures of three-fourths of the members of the two upper classes, has been noted. It is not clear just what the ruling objection to it was, as the matter was entirely one of individual treatment and specific reasons are hard to get at.

It is a lamentable fact that such a system, with its very lenient governing conditions should fail of adoption. That some system is necessary is very evident when we consider some of the well known results of the mid-year examinations. We will not admit that conditions here are any worse than at any similar institution, but the fact that cheating exists under the present conditions cannot be denied. The fact that many alumni were interested in the outcome only emphasizes its importance, and now that failure has been its lot, the future course of its promoters is in doubt. It is to be hoped that the matter will be reconsidered, and a very careful and personal canvass made.