

The manner in which the defeat of our team, with the University of Penna., was greeted by the student body was something most discouragingly disastrous, even threatening the life of foot-ball for the remaining portion of the season, which together with Mr. Haley's resignation from the captaincy of the team, acted in an extreme disheartening manner on the players. But we are glad to say that under the revived spirits of the supporters of the team and the enthusiastic management of the team by their newly elected captain, Augustus Read, they are again in readiness to do battle with whatever may cross their path.

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THE United States *Investor* has decided to offer \$1,000 in prizes for essays of not more than one column each respecting American cities and towns.

We take pleasure in announcing that the following distinguished gentlemen have consented to act as judges to award these prizes :

Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge, of Mass.

Hon. Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia.

Hon. Julius C. Burrows, of Michigan.

The prizes will be subdivided as follows :

For the best essay respecting any American city or town, \$500 ; for the second best essay respecting any American city or town, \$300 ; for the third best essay respecting any American city or town, \$200.

Each essay is to deal with the merits of the city or town chosen as its subject, either as a desirable place of residence ; as affording opportunities for investment ; as a place of peculiar location ; as a place of unusual rapid growth ; as a place in which an unusually large amount of capital and labor is employed in any particular industry ; as a place possessed of great undeveloped resources, such as water power, coal and iron, etc., which is peculiar because it has long escaped attention ; as a place of great historical interest ; or as possessing any other claim to unique interest or special attention.

In awarding the prizes the judges will consider the literary merits of the essays, as well as the merits of the town or city described. They will not, however, go outside of the essay itself for evidence that the town or city possesses any special interest. Any claims which even a well known city may have to distinction within the intent upon which these prizes are offered must rest wholly upon what is said by the essayist within the space of the column allotted to him. This condition, together with the consideration of literary merit, will give the essayists an even chance. All the essays which are intended for competition should be marked as such and forwarded to either of the offices of the United States *Investor*, 19 Pearl street, Boston ; 335 Broadway, New York ; 241 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

#### GÖTTINGEN AND ITS UNIVERSITY.

About sixty-four miles south of the city of Hanover, in the fertile little valley which the river Leine has formed, as it creeps along from its source in the Thuringian Forest until it loses itself in the Weser, is situated the old town of Göttingen. This historic little place was, at the time of the poet Heine, celebrated for "its University, its sausages, and its beer;" and one can truthfully say that it is still worthy of its ancient reputation. The earliest mention of a village of Godling, or Gutingi, occurs in documents of about 950 A. D. The place received municipal rights from the Emperor, Otho IV, about 1200 and was for a long time the seat of the princely house of Braunschweig-Göttingen, holding a high place among the towns of the Hanseatic League. It seems that Göttingen was, in the Middle Ages, a town of much importance, and in consequence strongly fortified, for those days, by an earth wall and a deep ditch or moat. This wall, erected long before the era of artillery, is nothing more than a great rampart of earth completely encircling the town, deflecting here and there from the regular circle because of inequalities in the ground, but