

THE LANCE has a strong bit of advice for every new man in college. By all means join a literary society. It matters not which one of the two you join. For practical purposes one is as good as the other. But join one of them. Do not allow yourselves to be influenced by the laziness and prejudice of some of the older students. Literary societies are, and always have been, one of the best and most beneficial features of college life. They impart to a man ease of manner in public, force in debate, fluency of language, and the ability to speak on the moment intelligently and forcibly whenever called upon, qualities that are of value to all, the technical man as well as the man of business. Unfortunately our societies are not what they should be. Apathy and the ever increasing amount of work are largely to blame, but habit also plays a large part in the question. Still they are of immense advantage, and every student who has taken an active and interested part in the work will tell you so, while many who have passed through college laughing at literary societies and making sport of their performances, come in after years to wish earnestly for the training they might have received from these organizations. Join by all means, nor let it rest there but plunge into society work with a will not only to benefit yourselves but to raise the level of your society. You will never have cause to regret it.

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EACH fall the question is raised—shall we have class football games to count points on the inter-class athletic cup? Numerous very good points are urged on the case pro and con. It is argued that as each class will wish to have its members who are on the college team play in these class games, it is necessary to postpone them till after the regular college season closes. This allows but a very narrow margin of time for anything like a good schedule. Winter is liable to come on with more or less snow a few days after Thanksgiving, making the game very hard on the players. A great deal of ugly feeling

is also liable to grow out of class games, and it often happens that good players, and men that can ill be spared are injured seriously, if not permanently, so that really more harm is done than good.

On the other hand, there are many good points about class football. Probably the chief is the bringing out of good new material. Many men with all the qualities of good football players latent in them, never don a canvas jacket from one end of their course to the other, for the simple reason that they never make a beginning. It is just such men as these that class games bring out and develop. They either are too lazy and haven't the inclination to go out and play on the scrub in regular practice, or they are afraid of showing their ignorance and awkwardness. It is different with their class games. As soon as it is definitely settled that such games are to be played, the classes meet and captains are elected, who immediately make a canvass of their men for possible material. If the fellows are slow in coming out they go and plead with them for the honor of their class. This generally has the desired effect, and several sharp scrub games are played. Some on-lookers may say, "Why there's—I never knew he could play like that. We'll get him to come out and play on the college scrub," and so Mr.—a day or two after plays on the scrub and soon wins for himself a permanent place, and probably the end of the next season finds him playing on the regular college team.

Class games also perform a good office in keeping up interest and life in the student body. This is especially an advantage at P. S. C. The whole life and activity of the place centers in the student body. There is nothing occurring outside to divert our minds, and we accordingly have to furnish our own diversions. These games are therefore doubly welcome as they help to keep up a keen and brisk life among the students. It is probable that there will be a series of such games arranged this season. The Freshmen and Sophomores will of course play as