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He that runs against Time has an antagonist not subject to casualties. — Samuel Johnson.

The Daily Program.

There is sometimes considerable discussion as to the manner in which the work is to be done. It is said that not all the time is to be left for athletics, the recreation and laboratory hours covering the whole day. We are to arrive at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and then the drill taking up the hour from five to six; and in a way the complaint is just. Each class, except the senior, is divided into sections, and a full course for each class has to be duplicated on the program. When it is considered that many of the subjects in each class require two-hour periods each day, and some four, it may be seen that the effort of the instructors and the same equipment are to be used, the eight hours of the day exclusive of the drill period are not too numerous for the work of these different sections. It is unfortunate, but it is true, and the writer of this has not been able to see any possibility of a different arrangement.

The question then, naturally arises, are athletics entirely to be abolished? We may not be able to realize the gravity of the situation, yet we do not see that this is the only alternative. If athletics are abolished in all by the athletic men, then surely one possible alternative is to section the athletic work just as thoroughly as the work of the drill is sectioned. If, on the other hand, only a part of the student body take athletics, then a little care in arranging the full sections would bring all the athletes into one section of the class, and so they would remain together on the athletic field.

The arrangement of the daily newspaper, at the present stage of our development, a seriously complicated matter. It frequently happens that the whole staff is in, and the department of drawing, the same equipment must be used for three or even four classes, each divided into not less than two sections. It is really an extremely perplexing problem to know just how to manage the work and we are left with the resultant arrangement, whatever it may be, is sure to be unsatisfactory to nearly everybody, and to nearly everybody interested. The only point we desire to make is that it is no more unsatisfactory to the student body than it is to the teacher. In fact with the teacher it is a question of what is possible, not what is desirable.

These remarks are made with a purpose, and it is this: The coming spring term is the most important to athletics, and the program is yet to be arranged. The writer desires to begin work upon it, so that the best possible arrangement may be hit upon in time. He would welcome any suggestions that might favor the cause of athletics. As fast as possible, the arrangement of last year will be followed: only, as a new class has to be introduced into the sophomore year, considerable change may be necessary. It is possible that overlooked the possibility of transposition, even in the program may necessitate half a dozen other changes. With hours of thought on the arrangement and numerous and repeated conferences.

H. E.

Horticultural Notes.

The Horticultural Club was favored by an excellent talk on the Carrie Carnation last week by Mr. Gingrich. He gave us his experiences with the Chicago Carnation Co.

that week and continued during the holiday season, and according to his account he gained much knowledge about running a greenhouse. He has been doing some valuable work with the carnation (especially with the foliage) in the cold house where he has found a parasite for one of the rusts. After a discussion of the formative nature of the flowers, the instructors took place; Mr. Bennett was elected president, Mr. Moore vice-president, Harry Henderson secretary, and William Smelter treasurer. In the cold house, where Miss Minnie Crosby has for her theme was "The effect of light on seedlings. In this work Miss Crosby uses the double-walled bell jars to set over the soil in which the seedlings are growing. She will use all the spectrum colors in solution, and will note the effects the different colors have on the growth of the seedling. Special attention will be given to the influence of chlorophyll and growth. Colored glass is not used for the reason that it may have a different effect on the colors of the light that passes through. Corn and wheat seedlings will be used for the experiment.

Resolutions of Respect.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to call her last week, Mrs. Daniel Forman; and WHEREAS, Clarence J. Forman, son of the deceased, was a member of the Union Literary Society, be it Resolved, That the members of the University Literary Society, extend to the bereaved family our sympathy; and be it

Resolved, That these resolutions be printed in the M. A. C. Record, and a copy of the same be printed in the M. A. C. Record.


Correspondence.

H. L. Kinball, with whom, who had to withdraw from college and go to Colorado for his health, writes Prof. H. C. Meek, since he got settled. He writes very interestingly about the country and the Bessemer Steel Works near Pueblo.

One coming from the damp climate of the Lake States can scarcely sit still and be pleased over the whole city; walk miles every day and do not become the least tired.

Pueblo is a city of about 55,000, situated about 24 miles from the foot hills, tied up in full view and serve as a protection against the cold winds. Pike's Peak can be seen at almost any time at a distance of 50 miles. Pueblo is a dirty, rough city; none of the streets are paved and smoke and dust are hardly endurable. But it is a busy place and no one needs to lie idle, as there is plenty of work.

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ville a few miles west of here. The pay roll for the month of Dec-
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Merkel Motor-Cycles.
The Mechanical Department has received from the Merkel Mfg. Co., of Milwaukee, Wis., a circular descriptive of the Motor-cycle built by this firm. The firm, as will be surmised by some of our old stu-
dents, includes J. F. Merkel, Vm, W. J. Merkel, VSm, and the father of these young men. The descrip-
tion of the machine they make is attractive. It has a speed of from 5 to 25 miles, is controlled by a single lever which serves three separate purposes, costs for gaso-
line, lubricating, and batteries $0.0029 per mile, is odorless and comparatively noiseless, does not re-
quire an expert machinist to operate it, and weighs complete ninety pounds. The list price is $175.00. We wish our friends every success with their new machine.

Debating Club.

At the meeting of the Debating Club on Jan. 16, several of the young ladies attended, and added interest to the session by their pres-
ence. The question debated was:

Resolved, That the Nicaraguan route is the more suitable for an Isthmian canal. Mr. Bennett and Mr. W. R. Wright maintained the affirmative, and Mr. W. F. Millar the negative. Both sides had made good prepara-
tion, and the commercial advantages of the Nicaragua route to all North American and Asiatic ports; (2) the weight of the Hepburn commission's report in favor of Nicaragua—a report the result of five years of investigation, carried on at a cost of over one million dol-
ars, and adopted by Congress with only two dissenting votes.

Mr. A. C. Millar ably replied to the affirmative, because it alleged, especially in regard to the advantage of distance, arguing that in our day distance is measured by time and not by miles traversed, and that the slow rate through the longer canal coupled with impossibility of passing its sharp curves at night would more than offset any matter of 300 miles of plain sailing on an open sea.

The decision of the judges was in favor of the affirmative.

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