

I am very pleased that the Editor of the Gazette has asked me to address a few words to the students, in the last issue of the paper this term.

You have acquitted yourselves well this season. I have observed, with great pleasure, that the library and the reading room have been used almost to capacity since the beginning of the term. Most of you are remembering that you are, first of all, and above everything else, students. You asked for additional library facilities, and you have shown that you were in earnest by the use of the facilities we have been able to accord you. You will be glad to know, I am sure, that the new books, which we shall be able to purchase in the near future with the \$ 3,000 granted us by the Carnegie Foundation, will be accessioned, catalogued, and made ready for your use without delay. You have shown, many of you, the same promptness in making use of the new books, which are being added by the Book Club, housed in the gymnasium building.

With it all, you seem to me to be enjoying life to the full. For some students, I am well aware it is a hard struggle to attend the University this year. But you are cheerful as well as brave. There is nothing down-hearted in attitude or countenance.

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I see evidence of wider interest in games, and of more general participation in them. Why any of you should wish "compulsion", in the matter of taking exercise and the enjoyment of young health, I cannot understand. Surely there are rules and regulations enough in the University? Spates of lectures, which you must attend; examinations, which you must pass. What curious impulses prompts you to crave for more compulsion? You can swim, and row, and skate, and walk, as free almost as the birds of the air. You have the use of a spacious and well appointed gymnasium for boxing, fencing, indoor games. If these exercises are not sufficiently rigorous and disciplinary, there is the C. O. T. C., which offers you excellent discipline. Freedom of choice to play football, basketball, tennis, hockey; or to do none of these things, but to explore afoot the wilderness and the paradise, which is marked on the maps as Halifax County - how many of you really wish to give that up for an iron schedule into which your bodies will be fitted in the same way as your minds are thrust into pigeon-holes of lecture hours and note-taking, into examination hours, and regurgitations? I think I must leave further discussion of the question to the author of "Bunc".

It is very refreshing to know of the many informal discussion groups which gather so often in the term. The Physics Department, I think, could easily prove that the centre of gravity of the University lies pretty close to the heart of these informal groups and clubs. This is a healthy mental reaction from the discipline of lectures. This is where you express yourselves, and are yourselves. And it is a pleasure to your elders that you do not altogether exclude them from these festivities, which are your own. I, for one, wish to express my gratitude that you do not exclude me from them.

Presently, your thoughts will be away even from joys like these. Your thoughts will be turning homeward and holidayward. I wish all of you a most enjoyable holiday and a very jolly Christmas.

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