

students themselves can scarcely furnish an adequate reason. If any explanation can be given, we might ascribe these occasional outbursts to the escape of a pent-up desire for pleasure from that abnormal *ennui* brought about by severe study. Whether or not our readers understand this explanation, occasional events at least demonstrate the unique inclination referred to, and which attends the college life of most young men. Periodically we hear of the secret political outbursts amongst Russian students; of the snow-ball encounters and theatre disturbances amongst the Scotch; of the bacchanalian exploits of the Germans; and of the "Queen's" melee, in which the freshmen get the best of it. The latest development of college rowdyism, however, occurred at Harvard, U.S., on the 9th inst. It was on an enlarged scale, and resulted in practical and effective proof of the physical high-pressure of the combating youths. Two or three hundred of the boys, we are told, engaged in conflict. The parties contending were sophomores and freshmen; and the quarrel originated over "the nomination of a very small sophomore for the captaincy of the freshman crew." The freshmen and the upper class men came to blows; benches were overturned and broken to pieces, while many of the boys were crowded in a corner of the room and piled on the top of a piano. The fight was continued outdoors. Coats and cravats were torn off, and hats trampled under foot; meanwhile all were yelling, some for '88, others for '89. Several were injured, one somewhat seriously. A little friendly excitement amongst students is healthy, but conduct like this—which is nothing short of rowdyism—is not commendable. It is stated that "the dignified seniors and law men stood apart and frowned upon the disgraceful scene, secretly enjoying it." From the latter clause of this paragraph we infer that theirs

was an undignified frown. When differences amongst younger students go to extremes, we hold it is not only the duty of seniors to frown disapprovingly, but to aid college officials to put a stop to all such unconstitutional conduct.

THE first year's attendance at college is, with all young men, an eventful one. Life's prospects are then brightest. The student lives in the future rather than in the present, thinking more of what he hopes to be than what he is. This is natural, but frequently illusory, and the sooner freshmen understand where they actually are the better will it be for themselves. They ought to know that they have a place to fill in the college as well as in the world. They have obligations to perform towards their adopted Alma Mater and towards their fellow students. But what his particular obligations are the student must in great measure find out for himself. There are, however, general conditions binding upon all students, of which freshmen must take cognizance. For instance, we need not remind them of their relation to the powers that be and their expected recognition of existing institutions in college; we would, however, counsel them to be courteous and obliging to their fellow students. We now, at this our earliest opportunity, welcome the strangers into our midst, reminding them neither to over-estimate nor under-estimate, but to conduct themselves so that their Alma Mater may have nothing but praise to record of them when they leave her classical walls. Further, we would desire them to become regular readers of the JOURNAL and do what they can to maintain or improve its status.

AN imperative order has been issued by the Senate commanding all students to wear gowns and mortar-boards. Without gowns students, when in class, to the pro-