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in medias res.

Harvard University includes the College, Scientific School, Graduate School, and six Professional Schools, four of which are in Boston. Besides the schools proper, the working equipment of the university includes libraries, botanic gardens, laboratories and museums. The buildings are over 40 in number and occupy 80 acres of ground. The Museum of comparative Zoology alone covers four acres of floor area. *Gore Hall*, the Library, contains almost 410,000 volumes, with a nearly equal number of pamphlets. About 13,000 volumes a year are added. The number of teachers is 253; of students this year, between 2,800 and 3,000, of which 1,800 are under the faculty of Arts and Sciences. The Senior Class this year is over 300 in number, the Freshman Class nearly 400.

The College year begins the last Thursday in September and ends the last Wednesday in June. 'On entering College,' as Secretary Balles succinctly puts it, 'the student deposits his bond with the Bursar, secures a seat in Memorial Hall, registers in the moving of the first day of the term, and enrolls himself in his classes. Thenceforward his duties are clear'—unless he runs against a snag, when he is warned, and if the warning be spoken in deaf ears, one sees him, in a Hogarthian series of

pictures, admonished, placed on probation, cut off from privileges and honors, and finally, expelled. There are two short vacations during the year—at Christmas and at Easter. Examinations are held twice a year, at the end of January and in June, written, of three hours each. Besides these, there are one hour subject exams at intervals during the year. Formerly the students supplied their own stationery, as I did at my first hour exam; now, by a new regulation, paper is furnished, but pens not. Students are ranked in five grades A—E; E being composed of those who have failed. A year's work consists of four courses of three hours class-work a week each, in addition to home work, except in the Freshman Class, where 16 hours a week are required. Matriculation examinations are classed as *Elementary* and *Advanced*. The subjects are the same in both, viz. English, Classics, Mathematics, German, French, History and Physical Science; and for admission a candidate must pass all the elementary and two advanced, or the equivalent of such work. To graduate a student must pass in all his courses and stand above Class D in one fourth. It is possible to get one's degree in three years but it means hard work. Lectures are given in the college in 240 courses in 26 departments of study. In addition to these, there are courses on teaching and methods of instruction,