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A VERY general feeling seems to prevail that an important change might be made in the arrangement of studies prescribed for the Freshman and Sophomore year. This becomes all the more apparent as one advances in the course. The subjects of the first year in college are now of such a nature that every well-prepared and industrious matriculant finds the work very easy. In the second year new studies in no stinted measure are introduced—branches which it appears might be assigned at an earlier period with material advantage to the student and increased satisfaction to the professor. For instance, take the Science of Chemistry. This is not touched in the Freshman work. But in the following year it seems to be understood that as much of chemical knowledge is to be acquired as can either be *soaked* in or experimentally discovered. In this age, when a passion for science possesses the general mind, an imperative course covering the first two years would be a desirable change. This would obviate the present evil of *cramming* so much in the second year as almost to rob the subject of its natural charm.

Further the very important subject of Astronomy, for the study of which Acadia has made ample provision, is now left untouched until the Sophomore year, and, as the subject is made imperative for but one year, only a comparatively limited acquaintance with Astronomy can be gained, despite the untiring and painstaking effort of the Professor.

It will readily be seen that these subjects prescribed in the first and second years would be doubly attractive, and the arrangement would be a more just and equal distribution of labor. It is sincerely hoped that attention will be given to this before the course is advertised for next year.