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## Our Recruits.

The expression is just now quite significant. But it is not of him who in the spirit of genuine patriotism offers himself to defend the national honor that we write, but rather of those who year by year come up to fill the ranks in our college left vacant by each advancing class.

This year more than forty new men are here adding not only in numbers, but also, we are assured, in character to the sum of our life, and for three years the incoming classes have been larger by nearly half than those which came in at any time before. But it may be doubted whether with greatly increased numbers there has come closer approximation to the standard of fitness required by the College of those who wish to partake of her life. Certain it is that some are still coming, with high ambition, it is true, and noble purposes, but so unprepared as to be conditioned in two or more subjects.

The requirements of entrance into our College are by no means excessive, are in fact less, in some particulars, than the highest good of the school imperatively demands. The mere smattering of Classics, for instance, that one entering the first year unconditioned must possess, is barely sufficient to enable him to do successfully the