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The Academic year is drawing to a close. The midnight dreams of the small boy on the upper flat, as he peacefully blows the clothes off his perspiring carcass by a more than usually vigorous and foghorn-like snore, which makes the watchman on the farther corner of the building wonder, whether the College cow has broken loose, are filled with visions of examination papers with interrogation points as liberally dotted over their semi-indecipherable surface as dandelions on the front terrace, while occasionally through the network he catches a glimpse of boundless landscapes rivers, gardens, suggestive of freedom and—girls. And, if he be not a lunatic, his soul makes joy within him, as is right and usual for the soul of everyone except a lunatic and a few creatures who have not quite enough brain to be lunatics

The College Faculty have seen fit, in their wisdom, to shunt the holidays back a few days out of the regular rut. This will at all events have the advantage of making the examination

period a few days earlier than usual, and consequently, it is to be hoped, a few degrees cooler. A great change has also been made in the nature of the relation between year work and examinations. This change will undoubtedly be an improvement, provided the yearly rankings can be purged of all injustice and fraud. The putting of Prize Day at the end of the school year must however have the effect of creating a still greater press of work during what was already the busiest and most vitally important season. The authorities have also, we are glad to see, done away to a very considerable extent with the old principle of Prize "reversion," which sometimes, often in fact, passed over the first five boys in certain subjects and landed the "reward of merit" (?) on some intelligent youth who might or might not have been foot of his class.

The past year has been marked, in the Residence at least, by a continual and rapid tightening of the reins of government. Strict regulations and instruments of detection have been the order of the day. The character of the school cannot have deteriorated quite so rapidly, or if it has, whose fault is it? And if it has not, either discipline must have been ridiculously lax last year, or this session it must be almost tyrannical. Leave tickets have been added to reduction of leave; extra roll-call has been added to tickets, until now the evil, imaginary or otherwise, ought to be entirely and utterly suppressed. But, in the young at all events, is suppression extermination? We doubt it, and we venture to think that good influences are immensely more powerful than good regulations, particularly when such regulations are suddenly brought into force at the expense of general inconvenience and an admission of distrust in the boys. Furthermore, the Faculty has, we think, erred in another direction. We have previously ventured to suggest, and on account of such suggestions have been informed that the character of our publication was not