

STUDENTS AND "THE GAZETTE."

A movement is on foot among the students to bring themselves into more intimate relations with THE GAZETTE. And we are truly glad of it, for the journal finds its reason for being, only in their needs, and succeeds only in so far as its interests are theirs. This is a question we have been trying to solve for years, and now that the students themselves have taken hold of it, we may look for a satisfactory issue. Hitherto they have been satisfied that their work was done when they had appointed their editors and directors, and if it is now felt that it should be more thoroughly under the control of Undergraduates, that control must come about by personal effort on their parts, and not from additional representation on the Boards—that is, if the Graduates are to have any part at all in its management. Since the incorporation of THE GAZETTE in 1884, there have been 56 editors and directors, of whom 42 were undergraduates and 14 graduates. In 1884 there were 12 undergraduates and 3 graduates; in 1885 the proportion was 12 and 2; in 1886 it was 11 and 4; and last year it was 11 and 5. The graduates obtained a representation just one quarter as much as the students possessed, while the money they invested in it was more than ten times as great.

If representation was according to capital invested, the position would be more than reversed, and the students will have to put their hands deeply in their pockets to contribute to THE GAZETTE in proportion to the influence they already hold. They can best do this by subscribing more freely and extending the circulation of the paper; besides, by increased subscriptions they would give a moral support and exert a larger influence than if they acquired an increased number of shares.

The whole history of THE GAZETTE shows in whose hands its management lay, and it is now in very bad taste for men, who never contribute an iota to its support, financially or otherwise, to attempt to place it at a false advantage before the incoming students, for whose benefit the present article is written, and these men as well may find some facts by which they can estimate the course they are taking.

In the month of October, 1884, a meeting of undergrads. and graduates was called to discuss the feasibility of forming a joint stock company to run THE GAZETTE, as it was felt by those most interested in the journal that it should be placed upon a firm basis, and not be wholly dependent upon the shifting classes of undergraduates for its very existence. A large number of undergraduates and several graduates responded to the call, and the meeting was held, resulting in the organization of the present UNIVERSITY GAZETTE Co. (since incorporated) with stockholders, all undergraduates with one exception. It was arranged that a board of directors be elected annually, consisting of one or two representatives from each faculty, and such others as might be deemed expedient to appoint, the only condition being that these directors must all be shareholders. It was also agreed that a board of editors be elected annually, consisting of four shareholders, undergraduates or others, together with four other

editors, one from each of the faculties. The result of such elections has already been stated, and if there has been any fault, it was not that the graduates did more than their duty, but that the students did less than theirs.

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