

ed, his faults pointed out, and help given; but the distinct advantage of the whole system lies in the fact that in these talks of a semi-formal, semi-private nature the student feels the personality of the instructor, and the result is that better read and better educated men are going out from Princeton.

To mention another characteristic feature, about ten years ago there was started entirely as an experiment the new well-known honour system of this college. The examinations at Princeton are often conducted without even the professor's presence in the room. Each student writes on his paper these words: "I pledge my honor as a gentleman that during this examination I have neither given nor received assistance"; the honor is pledged and no questions are asked. Were a student detected in cheating despite this pledge he would be tried before a stern tribunal—not of the college faculty, but a committee of his fellows—and woe to the student who has made ill-use of his liberty!

All these things, together with its situation, combine to make Princeton a splendid type of rural university. "Far from the promiscuous converse with the world and the theatre of folly and dissipation," as Aaron Burr described it, there are no counter attractions and a loyalty and good fellowship exists among the undergraduate body, seldom if ever, found elsewhere in a large university. Of course it is inherited that every freshman should from the outset hate the members of the sophomore class, and it has ever been the bounden duty of the sophomore to get amusement out of the freshmen—but these are incidentals. It is just the discipline necessary for freshmen and even this 'horsing' does not take on a severe form, but consists rather in playing jokes on them and making them do very ridiculous things in public. There are, however, certain unwritten laws, which the sophomores do enforce, such as—freshmen must wear no headgear but plain black caps, must not sport college colors, nor own automobiles. There are neither fraternities nor Greek letter societies at Princeton, but even from the freshman year the men naturally form into clubs. All freshmen are required to board at University Hall, a large eating hall on the campus, which is under the supervision of the college authorities: in the second year likewise the eating club system is the basis of undergraduate society—small clubs are formed of from thirty to fifty congenial men who eat at the same house. The two senior years are grouped together under the term upper classmen, and it is a far cry from the sophomore to the upper classmen. One of the outward signs is the laying aside of the little black cap embroidered in orange, which he was so glad to assume a year ago—now as a symbolism of higher authority he may wear a silk hat and carry a cane forsooth! Now he has control of the various college organizations, the dramatic, musical and literary clubs, and manages the college periodicals; in a word, he changes from a period of dependence to one of leadership. The club houses are all built along one street on the campus, and are very beautiful in structure, equipped with comfortable reading rooms and well-stocked libraries.

Even a short sketch of the student life at Princeton would not be complete without some mention of the commencement festivities in June. Senior singing