

I must have instances to point to, I take the organization of committees for the Gazette and for the Athletic Sports. I cannot say how the election for the Gazette committee was managed; for I was not there, not having heard anything of it till a week afterwards. But I can say how it was *not* managed. It was *not* a College movement. Notice of the meeting was *not* posted up. The majority if not the whole of the Fourth Year's men, who should I think be first consulted, knew *nothing* about it. Therefore I say it was *not* a College movement.

As to the meeting about the Athletic Sports, notice of it was only posted up a few hours before it was to take place, giving absentees no chance, and giving men no time to prepare a ticket or to give in their own names to be voted for. The consequence was that about thirty or forty were present. One who had been prompted beforehand proposed three names, another seconded the motion; and before we had time to think whether we preferred any others, and to judge of the candidates, the motion was carried. I confess I was *amazed*, but not liking to vote against the candidates without having fresh names to substitute, voted neither way. Now Sirs, it is this "hole and corner" business that I would see abolished. It is all very well to talk of *esprit de corps*, but that can never be encouraged by consulting the few to the exclusion of the many. "Let everything be done decently and in order".

Josh Billings, who sees further into a brick wall than most, has said that curiosity had twins; one was Invention (I omit his barbarous spelling not of deference to the Faculty) and the other was "Poke your nose into every thing." Now I think this latter twin has been much abused, and needs petting. Our excellent Faculty, I think, showed their affection for this when they drew up the courses of subjects necessary for B.A. But it seems to me when I see one or two names reappearing in every committee list, that these one or two Students wish to be father, mother, uncle, &c., to poor "Poke your nose into every thing," and to allow the *profanum vulgus* to claim no relationship. Now, I think, this is a fatal mistake, for one great virtue of these organizations in schools and

Colleges is the training on a small scale, that they give to the men, in business that they may have hereafter to conduct publicly.

But I must pass on, as I wish to edge in another little growl or two. I am sorry that you seem in your paper to encourage the riotous behaviour in the lobby, by your laughing at the tearing of Freshmen's caps and gowns. I don't pretend to know what years the term 'Sophs' includes, but it is entirely among the first and second year Students that the tearing goes on, and I should like your paper to take a bolder stand, and discourage as far as it can such childish behaviour. I agree with you in thinking the matriculation standard too low, and I think that this rioting is mainly due to the presence among us of boys who should have been at school for two years yet.

I have one little growl more. In your able article on Boarding Houses, you seem to speak of the "Theologs" as running the College a little too much. As the reference to *comfortable houses* seems to point to the Presbyterian students, pardon me if I remind you that they are by no means the only Theologs, though to the uninitiated it might seem as if they were. But I suppose the omission of the word "Presbyterian" was a slip.

My object in this letter is only to point out defects, and to growl, but I shall be happy, on some future occasion, to suggest remedies. Meanwhile, I think, I have made good my claim to the title of

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#### COLLEGE SONGS.

After the University Lecture a procession of students was formed which serenaded the Professors in Arts. The procession subsequently adjourned to Dr. Leach's Class-Room where speeches were made, one of the speakers suggested that the College songs should be published in the Gazette. We will endeavour to carry out this idea, and would request all having copies of such songs to inform us of the fact, in order that we may make the collection as full as possible.