

gree of B. D. from the University by completing the B. D. course of study, as provided by any one of the colleges. At the beginning of the present year our college board made such a change in the B. D. regulations as enables students completing the previous year to avail themselves of the privilege afforded by the University. The Board, however, added that all students thus proceeding to the B. D. must take, in addition to the prescribed course, the mental, moral and political science, and part of the English of the general course. For the great majority of candidates for the ministry this is a wise and helpful adjustment. There is no doubt that the old regulation would be better for young men, who have the opportunity of graduating in Arts early in life. But few of the candidates for the Methodist ministry have that, and since the right to be a minister is conditional, not by choice, but by call, many must necessarily enter the work somewhat late in life. Now, to demand from these graduation in Arts previous to graduation in theology, or to urge them to graduation in Arts before the one required year in theology makes the term of probation so long, and the likelihood of being called out by the conference so great, that the student simply settles down to the conference course. Consequently, there is placed before him none of the inspiration and benefit to be derived from the good of graduation. The provision of the College Board has made this incentive a possibility to almost all students. And, while making it possible, affords a much better grounding than a mere conference could give. And, moreover, enables each candidate to specialize in his life work. The Board acted wisely in insisting upon a certain amount of English. This branch, above all, should receive the hearty attention of all whose success in persuading and teaching men will lie in their power to use the best and purest English.

general subjects, including classics, mathematics, English and chemistry. In the remaining two years each student is allowed to specialize in any one of five departments. The provision for specialization is a good one and in harmony with the tendency of our age. But the best specialization can be effected only on a wise and judicious foundation. One year seems inadequate to secure the foundation in general subjects necessary for specialization. A student only gets fairly initiated into the non-elected course when he drops them. We would not advise less specialization, but more generalization, by adding to the already burdened previous year, and then make two years of it. We feel persuaded that this would add strength to the students and comfort to their work during the period of specialization. We advocate a four years' course by adding to the beginning of the present one.

The football team has this year succeeded in bringing considerable credit to itself and to the college by victories in the intercollegiate arena. The members of the team have received from the faculty and friends of the college every mark of approval and every encouragement possible. From the ladies especially has come the most loyal support. They have faced the fierce nor'-westers, and patiently watched long matches in the coldest weather, inviting bronchitis and all those other dreadful things by shouting continuously for several minutes in the frosty air. Despite these incentives, the members of the team seem reluctant to add further victories to their already large list. In football, as elsewhere, proficiency is attained by hard work. If our football men do not choose to exert themselves they need not expect to win creditable victories. It is a matter of importance to all students, and a duty on the part of the players, that they practice regularly and conscientiously. Even the most loyal of Wesley's friends will scarcely feel called upon to support in defeat a team negligent of the first principles of success.

The present under-graduate course is of three years' duration. One is spent on