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The Sanctum.

THE many friends of our College will, we are sure, learn with deep regret of the serious and painful accident on account of which the President, Dr. Sawyer, is laid aside from his active duties. On Saturday morning, 8th February, he fell on the ice near his own residence, breaking his left arm between the elbow and shoulder.

The announcement among the students called forth many expressions of sympathy, while Prof. Kierstead's suggestion that each one, by uninterrupted application to study and carefulness of conduct, endeavour to make the President's trial as light as possible, was heartily endorsed by all.

We are glad to be able to report favorably upon the case. The President has already met the Senior class at his residence, and hopes in the course of a week, to be able to visit the class-room again.

WE are indebted to the *Varsity* for bringing before us in a practical form the question of class organization. The eighth number of that journal gives us the letters from the class-secretaries, '89, of Princeton, Cornell and Harvard Colleges.

Permanent class associations have long been a characteristic of these and other universities, but among us they have never as yet been introduced. Class societies form indeed a prominent feature of our college life. In the first two years they have always been considered indispensable. To secure unity of purpose in anything of general interest, to cultivate the gifts of the class for wider display on the floors of the Athenæum, these societies have been found useful, and in untold ways besides. But in the latter years of the course the classes, as a rule, meet only for the transaction of special business, and after graduation there is no semblance of an organization attempted.

Hitherto it may have been impracticable to successfully maintain these permanent class societies. With the increasing Alumni, however, and the quickened interest taken by their association in the college as shown in very tangible expression last year, with the continuation of study for all the classes till the anniversary exercises and the grand rally of the friends of the institutions which will then take place, especially if, as is to be hoped, the associated Alumni decide to provide for the closing evening an entertainment worthy of the occasion,—with all these things in view, the time is surely near for the larger classes which now throng our halls, to fall in line with this plan, which in older universities has been found so potent for good.

The Princeton letter remarks as to the advantages, that "this system has proved beneficial in every way. It always succeeds in keeping the class together. There is no feature more marked than loyalty to the college. The reunions are always held at Princeton, and this naturally awakens new interest in and zeal for the Alma Mater, &c., &c."

Which of our College classes will have the honor of taking the initiative?