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✧ Editorials. ✧

Friends of the "PORT." will please be lenient with the editors this month, as we have just passed through the trials and tribulations attendant on senior exams. Now that our thoughts are no longer engrossed with Psychology, Evidences, &c., we have time to devote to our secondary duties. As we so soon give place to others we would not quarrel.

Cramming is the watch-word of the day. Pale cheeks and hollow eyes range the halls, proclaiming the examination's near. Some students have a mistaken idea that they must study night and day a week or two before the close of college. They manage to float along during the year, getting all the enjoyment out of life that can be had and not until the time-table of the examinations are posted up, do they wake from their dreams. The

good students keep reviewing all the time and when the important day comes they are calm and their minds are not distracted, so that if a difficult paper is put before them they are able to give common-sense answers. This "system of cramming," which so many rail against, is generally the result of mismanagement. Too much is left for the close, instead of planning and arranging their work, so that the burden is divided. This requires a determined mind in order to keep away from the attractions that a city offers, and not to give up when difficulties come. Then it is not well to depend on the work used in the class-room, but search up everything that bears on the course of study pursued. This makes the student independent, and she receives confidence in her abilities—which is half way to success. There are very few clever people, and only those who persevere and are hard-workers can claim that name, although they may not be the first to see the point. Brilliant people rarely make themselves known to posterity; but those like Chancer, who worked with aching head and dazed eyes far into the night, that leave any permanent effects of their labors. To go home feeling that we have done our best, and have not wasted our time is a great satisfaction, although no great record be made. It casts a glow over the memories of college days, and spurs us on for the future. As the girl is at college so will she be when in her home. If she loves to gain knowledge, watching her mind expand like a rose unfolding its petals, she will take a prominent stand in society. When we think of the invisible being in us, which depends on our efforts for growth and freedom, we take delight in feeding it with the riches that Nature bestows, with the noble thoughts that God's laws inspires, until we are never alone, but have the pleasure of walking and talking with ourselves. College life,