

ture, the first year in Mathematics will be Compulsory, and it alone. That this is much easier than the work at present crowded into the junior class is to be assumed.

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There is, however, one difficulty which may possibly arise in this connection. The arrangement for the examinations at present is, we believe, that a pass in the morning paper entitles the student to consider himself passed in the junior class; a pass in the afternoon paper entitles him to exemption from the senior class of next year. All this is very nice. But, what if the student is plucked in the afternoon paper and yet has made enough marks in the two taken together to give him a complete pass on the subject according to the old regulations? Some of the students appear to fear that in this case they will be compelled to take the senior class next year. With all due regard to the ultimate advantage to the boy in that department by the work of another year, the thing is unfair. It is an *ex post facto* law and it certainly should not obtain at this examination.

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The annual conversazione is just at hand, and the instant examinations are over, we hope that every man in the University will turn out and help to make it the best that the University has yet had. Men are wanted on almost every committee, more especially on the committees on decoration, finance and refreshment. We hope also, seeing that the convocation is only three days after the last examination, that every student will remain this year and grace with his presence the greatest day in our college year. Let every man who comes through the present crisis with all of his feathers, be, from the 20th to the 24th inclusive, as a thank offering to the Fates, *plenus laborum* in all that concerns the convocation or the conversat.

✻ ASSOCIATE EDITORIALS. ✻

THE NEW CALENDAR.

WE are glad to see the new Calendar for the year 1889-90, Part I., because it is somewhat later than usual in making an appearance this year. This gladness, on the part of the students, was evidenced by the fact that a great crowd pressed into the library after the boy who brought up the package from the bindery and eagerly awaited the distribution. But alas! they were disappointed. Under the softening-severe tones of our worthy Principal, who said, "Students who have classes at this hour will be kind enough to retire to them," this goodly throng dispersed. Since then, however, the Calendars have been distributed, and we will now take a look at one.

The first thing noticeable is the additional names that have been made to the instruction officers' list, those, namely, of the two new professors, one lecturer and several tutors. We have no doubt that this will add

greatly to the general efficiency of that body. But besides this, we hope that Part II. of this year's Calendar will record additional names still, in the lines of philosophy, etc.

We are pleased to notice the changes made in regard to degrees. Hitherto a man has not been able to get M.A. degree until one year after date of graduation as B.A. with honors, and without submitting a thesis satisfactory to the senate in his honor department. But according to the new plan M.A. will be conferred on a man who takes honors in one department, without thesis, and without having graduated as B.A. We do not mean to say, however, that the degree will be any more easily obtained on the whole than formerly. And B.A. degree will be conferred on one who takes either the pass-course work, or the pass work prescribed and first year honors in certain subjects.

First year work, in all classes except those of the languages, which remain as they were, is now divided into junior and senior and extends over two years. And the work of the old senior class is now made over to first year honor.

This change we note with much approval, as we are sure the present arrangement will be a great benefit to the student. It will give him time to think over and digest the work, which hitherto he had to cram up lest he should get left on the spring examination. In this connection, it might be observed that, in the pass course, junior and senior classes in philosophy, mathematics and physics are compulsory, while junior and senior philosophy are required in every honor course as well, with the exception of two optional courses in mathematics and physics, in which case only the junior is required.

This will, no doubt, be of inestimable value to the student. We hope that, under such a training, there will be sent out from our halls, a large number of thinking men: for that is what is required more than anything else in the world of to-day.

Leading to the degree of M.A. there are thirteen optional honor courses. This course is recommended to students intending to qualify for high school teachers. We, however, take pleasure in commending it to all, for undoubtedly it is a superior course.

Great chances also are afforded teachers and extra-mural students. Certificates, in accordance with certain regulations, will be accepted *pro tanto*. Further a student may complete his college course in three years, provided he has passed three of the following junior classes in Latin, Greek (or its equivalent in French and German) mathematics and English, before attending college. The work for extra-mural students is, in all cases, definitely prescribed, and by complying with the necessary regulations, they will be admitted to the pass and honor examinations without attendance upon classes.

Again the summer session classes, and the proposed classes, where at least ten candidates present themselves, or where a satisfactory sum is guaranteed, afford students