

for our requirements have, of late years, been raised to such an extent that they are now on a par with Yale's. We are assured that the good work is to continue. If Princeton continues to take a firm stand in favor of all manly sports, it will do much to increase her patronage from these sources. Moreover, these schools are all warm supporters of athletics. Moreover, the athletic events, as they take place at these schools, are carefully watched by the athletic associations in the various New England colleges, and whenever a man shows marked ability, they manifest a great interest in his choice of college. Then the tie of friendship, after three years of association, is very close, and when one sees a large number of his companions going to a New England college the pressure which causes him to break away must be a very strong one. In order to counteract these influences, Princeton's New England Association was formed, the primary object of which is to advance the interests of the college throughout the New England academies by fairly presenting to these schools Princeton's claims, and by promoting the interests of the New England students here in the literary, athletic and social life of the college.

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College Periodicals in the Library.

ONE would naturally suppose that the libraries connected with the college would be especially anxious to treasure up all the literature which has any bearing on Princeton, and to have it in a form accessible to the students of the college. Inquiry into the facts of the case, however, shows a very different state of affairs.

The college library does not contain bound volumes of either of the two college periodicals, and yet one of these has been in existence for more than forty years. It is difficult to understand why this is the case. The writer, not

long since, had occasion to inquire after a former volume of the *Litt.*, and was told that accession could not be granted to the files, as an effort was being made to complete them, and it would occasion serious inconvenience to have them ransacked. Now this may all be very true in regard to the early numbers of that magazine; there doubtless is difficulty in getting the first volumes completed, but the volume inquired for was the one gotten out by the Class of '75.

There should be no difficulty in completing the later files, and doubtless the numbers were lying in the library unbound at the time, waiting until every number clear back to the foundation of the magazine could be procured. Either such must have been the case, or else it shows a deplorable lack of enterprise on the part of previous library authorities in not procuring copies and having them bound at the time.

The question arises, is there the proper spirit manifested in the preservation of the college periodicals, in either the College or the Hall libraries? If some one in the future should wish to write a history of Princeton College—a popular history, such a one as she does not yet possess—where would he be more likely to read for information concerning the present period than in the college periodicals? We do not mean, of course, information in regard to faculty statutes or trustee deliberations, for those will doubtless be bound in gilt edge and Morocco, but concerning the literature and social life of the college.

The two papers published by the students contain much information that will be valuable in the future. They may display much crudity in their management and contents, it is true, but still they are worth preserving for the sake of those who may hereafter wish to see what sort of things occupied the minds of college students in this age.

Nothing would be more interesting to some of us than to be able to study the social life of the college fifty years ago, and if there are any means of getting at it they should be made accessible to the students. Besides this, there are the

"Bric-à-Brac," and the "Nassau Herald," and "Class History," gotten out each year, containing valuable statistics, and these, also, should be bound and placed in the libraries. There should be at least two copies of each of the college papers in the college and hall libraries. The managers of the papers each year would doubtless be willing to furnish the proper authorities of the libraries with copies of the papers, and the libraries should at least be willing to get them bound.

Editorials.

THE LIT. Prize Story, postponed from September on account of the standard of the contributions then handed in, is due December first. The word limit is 3,000.

THE Prize Sketch awarded to Mr. Paul Matthews was closely contested. Our thanks are due Messrs. Carmen and Durell and Prof. Magie for kindly acting as judges.

THE LIT. welcomes the idea of a course of lectures, as proposed, by a number of the most prominent men of letters in this country. It is an enterprise doubly worthy of our hearty support; for, by lending it our financial aid, we will not only reap much from the words of the lecturers that will materially enhance our education, but also contribute to the welfare of our athletics and Princeton's proud name in the field.

WE DEEM it well to again call attention to the prize of ten dollars to be awarded to that contributor who has printed in the LIT., up to January, the three best short poems. Editors are barred from competition. Two numbers still remain for insertion, and we urge care in writing, for we cannot print poems not up to the required standard.

The Library Again.

IT IS SAD and lamentable that, up to the time of our going to press, nothing has been done toward remedying the system now employed in the library. Overwhelming