PREPARATORY SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND ACADEMIES

Latest News of the Life and Spirit Within Academic Walls

IN view of the fact that all members of the S. A. T. C. must be free from extraneous college activities, the issuing of the weekly *Orient* at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me., will be in the hands of men not in the service. Acting Dean Mitchell and Prof. Ham of the Bowdoin Publishing Company have called the following editorial board: Editor in chief, Crosby E. Redman, '21, Corinna; business manager, Kenneth Boardman, '21, Augusta; assistant manager, R. Toyokawa, '21, Tokio; associate editors, Frank A. St. Clair, '21, Rockland; John L. Berry, '21, Denmark; Roderick Perkins, '21, Bartlett, N. H.; George E. Houghton, Jr., '21, Natick, Mass., and Chester E. Clapp, '21, Randolph, Mass.

Neil E. Daggett, '18, who is working with the American Red Cross Ambulance Corps near the front (being ineligible for regular service on account of defective eyesight), has been especially commended by the commanding officer for continuous day and night work under gas and shell fire in the July offensive.

WHEATON COLLEGE.

A rally in the interests of the Liberty Loan campaign was held at Wheaton College, Norton, Mass., last week. The committee in charge of the rally consisted of President Samuel V. Cole, Miss Lucy Nash, instructor in household economics; Allegra Maynard of Providence, R. I., president of the Student Government Association; Julia H. Steere of Winchester, Va., president of the Athletic Association, and Ethel G. Fraser of Monticello, N. Y., president of the Intercollegiate Community Service Association. The campaign is to be run competitively between classes.

Florence Brigham of Fall River, Mass., led the midweek service of the Y. W. C. A. this week. Her subject was "Are You a Christian and Why?"

The Red Cross committee have outlined their plans for the student activities during the winter at Wheaton College. The new members of the committee have been elected and are Constance W. Davis of Gloucester, Mass.; Elizabeth Wolf of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Dorothy Newton of Andover, Mass.; Helen J. Woodsom of Amesbury, Mass.; Beatrice A. Broch of Athol, Katherine S. Kingman of Newton Highlands and Miss Metevier, instructor in French.

Preparations are being made by the vocational bureau of student activities for their annual student conference.

OBERLIN COLLEGE.

OBERLIN, Ohio, Oct. 12.—Prof. G. Walter Fiske, junior dean of the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, summarizes the effect of the war upon America's professional schools as follows: "Since the draft began to take men from the decade of the twenties it cut off the chief source of supply for all professional schools, and now that the decade of the thirties has also been drafted this will take all the rest, except ordained ministers who are exempt and students who are physically unable to qualify for war service.

"It is very evident that during the period of the war all kinds of professional schools must expect a seriously curtailed opportunity. This of course will be purely temporary and after the war there will be a return to normal conditions. Indeed delegates attending the Harvard conference of American and Canadian schools of theology were quite positively of the opinion that the supply of theological candidates would be increased, partly because of the large amount of idealism developed during the war. The first result of the war situation in our line of work, as well as in all branches of industry, is to stimulate somewhat the interest of women and their undertaking men's work. In Oberlin's graduate school of theology there are six women who are preparing themselves to be assistant pastors, a field of work in which there is an increased demand for trained workers."

RIVERDALE COUNTRY SCHOOL.

A plan to encourage thrift in the first few weeks of its operation has elicited the enthusiastic support of the boys of the Riverdale Country School, New York city. It embraces the award of thrift honors every Monday morning. These honors are given to a student in each class who during the preceding week has shown the greatest care for his personal property, including books, stationery and athletic clothes, and as well for the school property. A thrift stamp is given to the winners, and honorable mention made of the boy who is considered next best.

By this means the ordinary waste of stationery by the scratching of a few lines on a sheet of paper or of text books by marring has been practically stopped. These seems a keener consciousness than ever before that waste of any kind is a direct means of prolonging the war, and these thrift honors emphasize the virtue of care.

An interesting practice upon which the opening school has entered is the adoption of a military system as a means of discipline and courtesy. The whole upper school is organized into a battalion of two companies, with a full set of officers in each. These officers now march the classes to and from recitation and to the dining room. The habit of salutes and proper attention is also becoming ingrained. The difference in posture, in carriage and in essential courtesy is really noticeable.

All of this work is under the direction of Capt. Francis G. Hubbard of the New York State Military Training Commission, who has two hours of military drill each week with the upper school.

Daniel Overton, centre and guard of the Lafayette football team of 1917, has become assistant physical director in charge of the second football squad. This is the first year in which the school has played American football throughout, and accordingly few games will be played with outside teams, but within the school itself the sport is affording the greatest pleasure.

The five new tennis courts have been completed and put into use. Tournaments were held Saturday, October 5. The lower school tournament was won by Herbert Howard and the upper school by Herbert McAneny. The prizes were thrift stamps.

The relief committee of the school, which constitutes the officers of the junior auxiliary of the American Red Cross, are already planning two performances for the Red Cross; the first will be "The Mikado," to take place in January or February, and the second, a Shakespearian production in the spring on the open air stage. The music for "The Mikado" will be under the direction of Jaffrey Harris, musical director of the school, formerly professor of music in the Iowa State College. The dramatics will be under Frank Lea Short, who for many years has had charge of dramatic work at the school.

CLASSES FOR DRAFTED MEN.

The Murray Hill Evening Trade School, 237 East Thirty-seventh street, Manhattan, New York city, offers a free course in surveying to men in the selective draft. Men who desire to enter the Engineer Corps should enroll in this course. The subject studied will include the use of surveying instruments, land, topographical, railroad and city surveying and problems in drainage, sewerage, water supply and road location. Students may enroll on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday evening, between 7:30 and 9:30 o'clock.

VASSAR COLLEGE.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Oct. 12.—The alumnae committee of the Vassar Unit for Service Aboard reports that two units have been organized—the Red Cross unit for civilian work in France under the American Red Cross and a canteen unit under the Y. M. C. A. The funds already in hand seemed to justify forming the second unit, since the Y. M. C. A. promised to contribute $10,000 toward the expenses of a canteen unit of ten members. The alumnae fund amounts to $22,329.26, the fund raised by the students at Vassar last spring to $13,146.47, and members of the unit contribute $60 each to the expenses. The unit committee has therefore elected ten members for each unit, so that at present the numbers are full, with the exception of the fact that a doctor is still needed to go with the Red Cross unit.

The membership of the two units follows:

Red Cross—Margaret Lamble, Vassar 1907, director, New York city; Lida Agnes Little, Vassar 1906, secretary, Pasadena, Cal.; Marion Rose Meyers, 1910, dietitian, Rochester, N. Y.; Ethel M. Riddle, 1906, head social worker, St. Louis, Mo.; Helen C. Bradfield, 1906, social worker, Cleveland, Ohio; Ruth Crippen, 1904, social worker, Rochester, N. Y.; Ruth Cutler, 1912, social worker, St. Paul, Minn.; Helen I. Haight, 1898, social worker, New York city; Gertrude Hodgman, 1912, nurse, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; Elinor Pruden, 1912, social worker, Brookline, Mass.; Ruth Tuttle, 1913, social worker, Hornell, N. Y.

Canteen—Elizabeth R. Van der Veer, Vassar, 1906, leader, Somerville, N. J.; Dorothea Gay, 1911, New York city; Laura C. Hickox, 1905, Washington, Conn.; Anne Howson, 1907, New York city; Elizabeth Maltby, 1915, New York city; Elizabeth Page, 1912, New York city; Mary C. Prizer, 1910, East Orange, N. J.; Gertrude Valentine, 1912, Albany, N. Y.; Mrs. Emily Ward (Mrs. Stanley), 1906, Bronxville, N. Y.; Irma Waterhouse, 1914, New York city.

Vassar's Fourth Liberty Loan campaign is to begin to-day and will continue until the following Saturday. Volunteer stump speakers were called for from the senior, junior and sophomore classes and students were advised to enlist early and avoid the draft. "Tryouts" for speakers have been going on for the last few days and to-day the campaign will open in full swing with stump speakers on various parts of the campus.

The Christian Association has announced that beginning this week the chapel bells will be rung at half-past 12 daily. This is not so much a call to prayer as a reminder to the college of events which should furnish daily inspiration.

Because of the lack of labor this fall students have been given charge of cutting the grass on the campus and taking full care of the hockey fields and the athletic circle. From twenty to thirty girls work on the campus every afternoon under the supervision of a head gardener.

HUNTER COLLEGE.

A new section of the Hunter College X-ray school for training technicians for hospital service will open on October 21 and continue for twelve weeks. The demand for technicians has so far exceeded the supply that in order to meet this situation Hunter College has opened a new section of the class.

The Hunter College X-ray school employs only medical school graduates and college professors as teachers. Dr. Elsie Fox, M. D. (Cornell), who is Roentgenologist at City Hospital, has charge of our X-ray class. Dr. Bullwinkel lectures in anatomy and physiology. Prof. Lewis D. Hill gives demonstration lectures in physics. Training is given on the three leading types of X-ray machines. Hunter College is equipped with a thoroughly up to date laboratory. A remarkably low tuition fee is charged to the students. The work of the school is entirely one of service and is much appreciated by doctors and surgeons and those in charge of hospitals. The school has an advisory board of five prominent physicians and surgeons of New York city. Dr. R. B. Earle, Hunter College, New York city, is the director of the school.

America's Chance Is Described by Frenchman

ONE of the accompaniments to this country's awakening to world position is the deluge of self-criticism particularly aimed at our hitherto laggard steps in the competitions of foreign commerce. So oft repeated has it been that we may be tempted to lose patience under the castigations and arise to protest. True, the far seeing leaders of national interests are in most instances beyond the need of prodding; in fact, it is they who are presenting to their fellow countrymen a new vision; but Americans in the mass have far from overcome the national traditions of self-sufficiency and unconcern for interests abroad, although the constructive part which America is destined to play in world affairs has superseded the injunction of Washington, wise in his time, against "entangling alliances."

"Shouting from the housetops" must continue until the whole nation is aroused, and in the meantime those already convinced may console themselves in the knowledge that, while our past insularity deserves rebuke, this apparently repetitious advice is a practical favor rather than mere fault finding.

Let us extend to the European the courtesy of advising us, even to the point of disclosing disagreeable truths, for he generally makes some pertinent observations. When a Frenchman is speaking the truth is characteristically clothed in graciousness of statement.

M. Henri Wilfrid Grosjean is a Frenchman who is here to teach French and is now one of the faculty of the Language Institute, atop the Tribune Building. Besides his accomplishments in linguistry M. Grosjean has experienced the vicissitudes of a commercial traveller in many parts of the world, including Russia and the Far East. It is not only as a patriotic Frenchman that he mentions the Boches but as a business man who knew their methods at first hand long before the war. The obvious necessity of languages as an instrument of commerce is clearly emphasized in his following words:

"The economic strength of a nation does not depend only upon its productive capacity, but also and especially upon the ability of its business men to sell that product and to act so as to continually increase both production and demand.

"The United States of America for the last four years has been going through a 'crisis' of prosperity without equal in the commercial history of a nation. Is it because American business men have achieved their results? Have they gone to Europeans to sell their products? Have they sent representatives to Paris, London, Rome and Petrograd? No. Not at all. The Europeans came to America and brought their money here. The enormous prosperity of this country is not due to American effort toward that goal, but simply resulted from a chance that made America the only market to which the world could come to supply its needs.

"The American business man should have an exact understanding of the situation and not be content to sleep on their laurels, as the Romans said in their figurative speech.

"It is of great importance that the commerce of this country be backed by a business army to man the economic trenches after the war. The end is not very far now and it is necessary to act at once.

"The French market can absorb everything that may be sent to it. France and her colonies represent 65,000,000 inhabitants—that is to say, almost three-quarters of the population of the United States—and these 65,000,000 people need a great variety of raw products and manufactured articles.

"Where lies the road to success? The miserable Boches, alas, have proved to us that the best way of penetrating an alien country is to approach that country's people in their own language, even if speech is confined to the necessities of business. What did they accomplish? They introduced themselves everywhere, and in lands where thirty years ago they were utterly unknown their deeds occupied before the war the first and second place on the statistics of import.

"There is no doubt that when the war is over the Boche will strive to regain his former place under the commercial sun. Is it the intent of the generous Americans, who have resolutely thrown their gold and poured their blood into the scale of right to save the liberty of the world, to allow themselves to be beaten by the Germans in commercial and economic fields?"

Panoramic View of Various Activities Throughout the Student World

THE five noted British educators now in this country to strengthen the bonds between American and English institutions of learning will attend a meeting of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, December 6 and 7, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass. The meeting is to further a closer operation between Great Britain and America in engineering education.

The party of British educators includes Sir Henry Jones, professor of moral philosophy at the University of Glasgow; Dr. Arthur Everett Shipley, vice-chancellor of the University of Cambridge; Sir Henry Alexander Miers, vice-chancellor of the University of Manchester; Dr. John Joly, professor of geology and mineralogy in the University of Dublin, and the Rev. Edward Newburn Walker, senior tutor of Queens College, Oxford.

WORCESTER ACADEMY.

WORCESTER, Mass., Oct. 12.—Worcester Academy has opened its eighty-fifth year under a new principal, Samuel Fon Holmes, M. A., '10, Wesleyan, who has been a teacher in the school for eleven years and master of the English department. About sixty more boys are in attendance than last year.

The students have started ten various organizations. The Christian Association is under the leadership of Burton Fisher of Gloucester.

The assistant principal, Clifton A. Fowle, has entered the Army Sanitation Service, and on his departure from school was presented by the old students with a gold watch and chain.

CLASON MILITARY ACADEMY.

At Clason Point Academy, Clason Point, New York city, last Sunday afternoon on responding to assembly call the students gathered in the music hall and were delighted to meet a young French officer who had just come from the American trenches. This officer, Lieut. Gauthier, entertained the boys for an hour with a vivid and interesting account of personal incidents in the great war. On a large, portable blackboard he drew rapidly and skilfully a diagram of the trenches and then so clearly explained their object and the manner of going over the top as to fascinate his youthful listeners. According to the Lieutenant the maze of entangled wire, dugouts and trenches sometimes extended back over vast fields, across hills and valleys to a distance of ten miles. Great suffering, he said, had to be endured from hunger and fatigue; soldiers had to take desperate chances and many a fine young fellow fell on the battlefield to rise no more. Again he asserted that the legions from America had revived the courage of the French and English and turned the tide of victory. With the aid of United States troops Lieut. Gauthier predicted that France and England will surely conquer the Germans.

Lieut. Gauthier is a member of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, being known in the classroom as Brother Dositheus. He has come to the United States at the request of our Government to give American soldiers special instruction in handling the machine gun.

In the fourth year of the high school there was much excitement at the last regular meeting of the Azarias Literary Society on account of the election of officers for the ensuing scholastic year.

The voting showed William G. Howard, president; William Dwyer, vice-president; Victor Costas, secretary; Thomas McLoughlin, critic. At the meeting it was determined to arrange plans for conducting a Cercle Francais. These plans are to be evolved by a committee of the society and will afford the linguists an opportunity to practise French conversation.

A short interval only had elapsed after the return of the students from their vacation when the St. Anselm's baseball nine challenged the Clason Cardinals to play a series of three games to decide the supremacy. The challenge was readily accepted and after each club had won a game, an intensely exciting struggle, the rubber, was played on the academy diamond, and when the last man was out the score showed that the Cardinals were defeated, 15 to 7. A much heavier and older team of boys from the same place, St. Anselm's, came out to the academy a week later to take the measure of the varsity football eleven. The Cadets had been practising faithfully for two weeks under the guidance of Coach Arthur Kearney, and as a result showed their cleverness by outwitting and outplaying their opponents all through the game. The final score stood 37 to 0 in favor of the Clason Academy boys.

MASSACHUSETTS TECH.

About 900 students have already registered for the S. A. T. C. at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. All academic work will begin Monday at 8 o'clock. The great majority of the students already enrolled have been counted and sorted, assigned to their cots, or berths and started in the career as soldiers or sailors. The barracks are all ready and furnished, and to-day at breakfast the great mess hall was opened for the first time. The army unit has required most of the corridor space of two or three floors in the library building, and to give more room the naval unit has taken up its quarters in the civil engineering building in the offices recently vacated by the Military School of Aeronautics.

AMHERST COLLEGE.

AMHERST, Oct. 12.—Students at Amherst College have been forbidden by the college authorities to leave the limits of the town of Amherst, and other restrictions have been put into effect to prevent an epidemic of influenza among the student body. President Alexander Meiklejohn announced to-day that only one case which might be influenza had developed. The housing and feeding of students has been under careful restriction. The students, who on October 10 will become a part of the students' army training corps, will be kept much in the open.

Following the formal induction of 300 Amherst undergraduates into the Students' Army Training Corps, announcement was made by Capt. Eaton that owing to the special conditions a temporary organization would be effected, to remain in force until the epidemic situation should be improved. Under this arrangement, contrary to previous plans, the men will continue to occupy their present quarters in dormitories and fraternity houses for a time, subject to rigid inspection twice daily. Of the four platoons into which the corps has been divided the first two are made up of combinations of the fraternity groups, the two remaining divisions being formed from the enlisted men outside the fraternity houses. Temporary acting sergeants have been appointed for each of these groups, with full military power to enforce observance of sanitary regulations.

A temporary daily schedule for the newly enlisted men was announced, which will operate so as to leave the hours from 11 A. M. to 4 P. M. free for drill and outdoor exercise, study and class hours being set in early morning and late afternoon periods, the evening being mainly free for study.

The following appointments are announced: Sergeant-major, Charles C. Reed, 1920, of Waterloo, Ia.; Quartermaster's Clerk, Alexander H. Mossman, 1920, of Brookline; Color Sergeants, R. Percy Barnes, 1921, of Washington and Frederick A. Parker, 1920, of Washington; Personnel Clerk, Walter B. Brown, 1920, of Brooklyn; Buglers, Justin D. French, 1921, of Portsmouth, N. H.; Elbridge C. Whiting, 1922, of South Sudbury; Samuel Fein, 1922; Alfred A. McCullough, 1921, of Ashland, Ky.; Thomas H. Johnson, 1920, of Syracuse, N. Y.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 12.—The Trinity College paper, the *Tripod*, which it was feared would have to be given up this year, will be published as usual, and the board which will get out the first issue is headed by E. L. Skau of Hartford as editor-in-chief.

The freshman class numbers ninety-three and is the largest in the history of the college.

MARYMOUNT.

Marymount School, Tarrytown-on-Hudson, N. Y., opened on September 26. The enrolment of new pupils was the largest in its history.

Military drill is daily practised on the athletic fields during the fall term and will be continued in the gymnasium during winter not only on account of its disciplinary value but also for its beneficial physical effects.

Interclass athletics will play their usual important part during the term; the hockey teams are in process of formation.

Several war service courses, e. g., first aid to the injured, food and dietetics, general bacteriology and conversational French, will be maintained during the entire scholastic year.

The new Marymount College Butler Hall was formally opened on October 3. At a special meeting of the trustees and faculty the following minute was recorded:

"The trustees and faculty of Marymount desire to express their deep sorrow in the irreparable loss they have sustained by the death of their dearly loved spiritual father, friend and benefactor, John Cardinal Farley.

"As a permanent testimony of our grief and respect we order this minute to be inscribed in the records and a solemn requiem mass to be annually celebrated on the anniversary of the death of Cardinal Farley."

To the assembled college students the professors of scripture, sociology, chemical science, philosophy, Greek and Latin made each a brief address outlining the course of study for the year, inciting the students to earnest zeal and emphasizing the changed conditions which will obtain in the future as a result of the great war.

SMITH COLLEGE.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Oct. 12.—It is stated at the office of the president of Smith College that the number of influenza cases among the students is decreasing. No date has yet been set for the reassembling of students and resuming classes. Meantime every effort is being made to avoid as much as possible of the boredom necessarily accompanying the conditions of a quarantine. A faculty committee on entertainment has been appointed and members of the department of music and the department of spoken English offer evening and afternoon entertainments at the various houses. The Northampton players have also volunteered their services. Miss Helen M. Dauncey of the department of hygiene and physical education is holding æsthetic and folk dancing classes for the students remaining at college. These classes are to be held three times a week until regular college exercises begin again. They are held on the campus in front of the Students' Building. A volunteer orchestra stationed on the steps of the Students' Building furnishes music for the dancing.

Students and faculty have so far subscribed something over $12,000 to the Fourth Liberty Loan. This is considered a gratifying amount, since a large number of students have returned to their homes during the suspension of classes and no campaign for subscriptions has been waged.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

Frederick S. Mead, editor of the Harvard War Records, offers some interesting comparisons on Harvard participation in the present war and the civil war. In a communication to the Harvard Bulletin he states:

"An editorial in your issue of September 26 makes the statement that the number of names on the Roll of Honor in this war now exceeds the number of men commemorated in Memorial Hall. This statement is quite true, and suggests that the following may be of interest to Harvard men:

"In 1860 the number of living Harvard graduates was between 4,100 and 4,200. To this number should be added the temporary students of non-degree holders who were still alive; their number is uncertain, but can be roughly approximated. About a quarter of the living graduates and temporary students, or 1,237, entered the army and navy, and of these 131 died in service. The percentage of deaths to men in service was roughly 10.6.

"At the present time there are in round figures 37,000 living Harvard men, including both graduates and non-degree holders; or, roughly, over seven times as many as were living when the civil war began. The list of men who have entered the army and navy in the present war is not yet complete, but at the present time there are enrolled on our records over 6,200. Those who have died in the service to date number 136. It will thus be seen that, great as Harvard's sacrifice has been so far in this war, it is still far from approaching the ratio of loss of the university in the civil war."

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 12.—A total of 4,666 students, including 2,577 collegiate S. A. T. C. men, 1,705 women and 384 civilian men have enrolled to date in the University of Wisconsin for the new year. With the arrival of about 1,000 vocational S. A. T. C. men next week, the total enrolment will exceed 5,500. Late registration will swell the total.

Thus the university enters upon its first term as an army training school, at the same time enrolling more than 2,000 civilian students.

WORCESTER POLY.

WORCESTER, Oct. 12.—Though the members of the S. A. T. C. and the naval unit of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute were formally inducted in the army the institute will not open until Monday, postponement having been ordered by the War Department on account of the influenza epidemic. At the induction exercises the speakers were President Ira N. Hollis of the institute, Hon. Charles G. Washburn, president of the board of trustees, and Lieut. Paul T. Rothwell, commanding officer of the unit.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE.

DURHAM, N. H., Oct. 12.—In order to take every possible precaution to safeguard the health of the women students President Hetzel of New Hampshire College announced to-day that they would not be called here for some time to come. In the first place, work on the new dormitory for women has been unavoidably delayed and the building will probably not be completed for a month.

Although the grip epidemic among the soldiers here is practically over there in a good deal of grip in the village and there may be cases among the new students. Very few cases are in evidence now, however, but it has been thought best not to permit the women to come here until the new men students have passed through the incubation period of the disease.

Now sanitary regulations are being drawn up which will further tend to prohibit the spread of the malady. Classes will be held when practicable outdoors and all indoor classes will be conducted with the windows wide open, regardless of the temperature, and those in class may wear hats and overcoats if the temperature seems to warrant.

RENSSELAER POLY INSTITUTE.

A unit of the Student Army Training Corps and also a naval unit have been established at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y. The army unit will have a membership of about 550 students and the naval unit about 120. Almost all of the members of these corps have been inducted into the service. They took the oath to the flag on October 1. Within a few days all these students will be in barracks on the institute grounds. The White, Hunt and Campus dormitories, the '87 gymnasium and the two top floors of the Union Club House will be converted into barracks. The lower floor of the clubhouse will be converted into a canteen. It is expected that the Y. M. C. A. will erect a hut on the grounds of sufficient size to be used for lectures and moving picture exhibitions. The Russell Sage 2d Memorial Dining Hall will be used for a mess hall. The headquarters of the commandant, Capt. H. A. Van Velsor, are in the '87 gymnasium. The Captain has ten Lieutenants in his command.

Military drilling will take place on the athletic field adjacent to the gymnasium. Study rooms are to be established in the Sage Laboratory, which, in its various rooms, has seating capacity for 1,600 men.

The total number of registered students is 860, including those under 18 years of age, those rejected as not physically fit for the army or navy corps and the foreigners. Students not in the corps will take one of the four engineering courses, civil, mechanical, electrical or chemical, given to those in the corps. They will also take other courses at times to replace the military subjects given to students in the corps. If the engineering courses as laid down by the military authorities should continue for two years certificates will be given students completing them, and those remaining longer than this time will be given all the subjects they would have been given in the course if there had been no war. When they have coved the work which was required before the war for a degree they will receive their degree.

Charles G. Roebling of the class of '71, a trustee of the institute, died October 5.

At the last meeting of the board of trustees L. H. Cramer of Saratoga Springs and William P. Denegre, '77, of Philadelphia were elected trustees.

Word has just been received that William H. Baker of Dover, N. J., who was a member of the class of '19, and William A. Higgins, Jr., of Brooklyn, a member of the same class, have been killed in action in France. This makes eight of the graduates and former students of the institute who have died in the service. Four have been decorated for bravery.

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE.

SOUTH HADLEY, Mass., Oct. 12.—The number of influenza cases at Mount Holyoke College is rapidly decreasing, and those girls who are sick have only mild forms of the disease. In every way, conditions are greatly improved.

The Red Cross play "No Trifling With Love," will be given as had been planned, in spite of the quarantine. But it will, of course, be impossible to invite outside guests for the performance. The play will be given in the open air theatre on Propect Hill if the weather permits.

The influenza epidemic has retarded the opening of the war emergency courses, but now that the academic work is progressing more rapidly, it is expected that the emergency courses will receive more attention.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Oct. 12.—Indiana University closed at noon Thursday in compliance with the order of the State Board of Health that all schools, colleges and public gatherings suspend for ten days as a measure against the spread of Spanish influenza.

Geography and Languages

THE need of special courses in foreign commerce in our schools and colleges is occupying the attention of many professional educators throughout the country, and is the subject of much discussion among business men whose interests are closely centred on oversea trade. There seems to be no difference of opinion as to the value of such a course of study, but there is much that is extremely vague, if not impractical, in the suggestions that have been made regarding the nature of the studies that may be deemed necessary to fit a young man to specialize in export and import trade, or more definitely to make him of real immediate value to business houses engaged in foreign trade.

Several colleges have incorporated a foreign trade course in their curricula, but many of such courses have either not met all the supposed requirements or have not proved sufficiently popular with the student body to warrant their continuance.

The fact is that there seems to be no very definite idea concerning what is particularly essential in a foreign trade course, that is not essential in any business course, nor to what degree it should differ from one intended to give the student a general business education.

We are told of the efficiency of the German method of education. "The Germans for decades have been viewing foreign trade as a profession," says one writer. "The German export manager and foreign trade commissioner has not had to learn all of his foreign trade details after he has reached his position. He learned the elements of foreign trade in his early school days. He has not only worked out the practical aspects of the subject, but has gone into the theory and studied it as a science. This is the German way."

When we attempt to ascertain the exact details of the courses which the much touted German student has studied and which, inferentially, have fitted him for a position as export manager, continues the Philadelphia Commercial Museum, we find very little variation from the subjects constituting the best training courses of all our leading educational institutions. The few variations are, however, very important. They consist of thorough courses in geography and modern languages. When the whole question is threshed out are not these the two essentials to which greater attention should be given? The ignorance of geography exhibited by the average high school and college graduate is appalling.

One graduate of a high school in one of our large cities apologized for his ignorance of geography on the ground that he had not studied the subject since his seventh term in grammar school. Geography—commercial geography—therefore might very wisely be placed in the forefront of the studies required by a young man for a career in export trade and it ought to precede and go with all other studies included in such a course. A knowledge—at least a reading knowledge—of one or more modern languages besides English is also important if not absolutely necessary.

Emphasize the importance of these two studies and add them to the usual business training courses. As for the smaller and more technical details—differing in different branches of business—these may be very quickly picked up by any young man who selects a career in foreign trade.

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