HE existence of the fact would appear to justify the assertion that many students of athletic propensities at the Institute believe that when their ambitions for class numerals or T's are satisfied their duty toward their college ceases. Numerals and T's are offered to successful competitors in athletic contests as an inducement to competition and as a reward for victory. This object is attained; but its success is not complete while the present state of affairs exists. Some men are born athletes. To them the winning of letters is a result, not the object of their athletic efforts. Some men may persistently train but are never successful. Too many others win their letters, but by the narrowest of margins, and then ambition, and with it time for things athletic, suddenly is no more. The letters are theirs, rightfully and honorably, but popular opinion does not long applaud a man who travels solely on his laurels. True athletes love athletics, not the prize; true college athletics are not for personal gain, but for the glory and honor of the college.

1901 Class Book.

Less than fifty seniors have paid the required two dollars advance subscription for the 1901 class book. This number is far from sufficient to guarantee its publication, the committee having decided not to issue the book unless one hundred and fifty members of the class promised to take copies and deposited the advance payment of two dollars. The class must realize that there is great danger of its being the first class to neglect this custom. Many seniors have signified their intention of buying the book, but the committee cannot count on these until they receive the part payment. These men must deposit the two dollars with members of the Committee immediately to insure the publication of a 1901 Class Book.

Report of President Pritchett.

The annual report of the President, issued this week, contains a very interesting and valuable collection of facts and statistics relating to Institute affairs of the present year.

President Pritchett calls attention, in his opening words, to the loss the corporation has sustained by the death of three of its members, Mr. Augustus Lowell, who had been a member of the corporation since 1873; Mr. Thomas Gaffield, since 1896, and Mr. John E. Hudson, since 1899.

The plans for the Walker Memorial building are briefly reviewed, and the immediate need of a new department in physical culture is strongly emphasized.

In regard to the attendance President Pritchett says:

"I have to report an attendance at the present time in the Institute of 1,277, the largest number which it has ever known. The increase in number has taxed the resources of some departments to the utmost, and any considerable increase above the present will require additional facilities and additional space."

The teachers' fund, for the assistance and retirement of members of the instructing staff, has been doubled by a gift from Mr. Augustus Lowell.

A careful study of the advanced degree requirements has led the Faculty to discontinue the announcement of the degree of Doctor of Science, and to state in its place requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Scholarships to the amount of the full tuition fee have been awarded to 28 students, while 129 others have received smaller amounts, averaging more than $100 each. In addition to these 40 state scholarships were divided among 66 student applicants.

A noteworthy addition to the instruction in the Course of Electrical Engineering, which goes into effect during the present college year, is a series of lectures by Prof. H. E. Clifford upon the mathematical theory of electrical transmission of waves, a subject which has assumed great practical importance during the past year in the line of telephony and wireless telegraphy.

The total number of additions to the libraries of the Institute during the year was 4,520. The office of librarian was established 11 years ago, and since that time it has grown from 17,545 volumes to 53,851.