

never become known? The answer is intuitive in one who has been under the system and feels the *esprit de corps*, for the mental attitude toward cheating at Virginia is about the same as toward stealing one's room-mate's money from his pockets when he is asleep. To an outsider the answer is that men rarely invite the breath of a suspicion by straining privileges too far; that men known to be poorly prepared are never seen to pass the examinations; and lastly, that a man must be insane as well as dishonest to run the risk of such a terrible penalty."

#### REPORT TO THE INSTITUTE COMMITTEE.

May 18, 1903.

*The committee appointed by the Chair to gather data concerning honor systems in other colleges, with a view of determining the practicability of introducing it at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has the following report to make:*

#### UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

**HONOR SYSTEM.**—For eighteen years after the opening of the institution, honesty at the written examinations was sought to be secured by the strict surveillance of the committee alone. This was often found to be ineffectual. In June, 1842, Judge Henry St. George Tucker, Professor of Law, offered the following resolution which the Faculty adopted with apparent unanimity:

**RESOLVED,** That in all future written examinations for distinction and other honors of the University, each candidate shall attach to the written answers presented by him on such examination a certificate in the following words: "I, A. B., do hereby certify on honor—that I have derived no assistance during the time of this examination from any source whatever, whether oral, written, or in print, in giving the above answers."

This was the beginning of the honor system at this place. In subsequent years the pledge was extended so as to preclude the giving as well as the receiving of assistance. This system has been in operation since 1842 without interruption. Its wisdom and its beneficial results have been abundantly demonstrated. Its administration imposes no burden upon the Faculty. Experience shows that the students themselves are its sternest guardians and executors. Violation of examination pledges has been of rare occurrence. In every case the culprit has been quietly but promptly eliminated without need of Faculty action.

The spirit of truth and honor, thus fostered in the examination-room, has gradually pervaded the entire life of the institution, and all the relations between student and professor.

It is not believed to be essential to the honor system, or indeed to be right, to expose the examinee to unnecessary temptation to violate his pledge.

The student is regarded as one to be shielded from such influences and to have his honorable tendencies carefully reinforced and not wrecked. Hence the examination is held in one place where all candidates are assembled, and in presence of a committee of the Faculty. Conversation among the candidates, and absence from the room are discouraged. They are cautioned to avoid even the appearance of evil. These safeguards have been found to be in entire harmony with the absence of espionage. The fact that the candidate is not suspected, has been found to lead always to the avoidance of conduct which would give rise to suspicion.

#### The Chess Club.

The Chess Club tournament for championship, and to determine relative ability for the representative team has begun. The players are divided into four sections, as follows:

Bartlett	Cline	Edmunds	Heydon
Hepern	Dwight	Moray	Lord
Hill	Henius	Niditch	Needham
Rich	Lourie	Pierce	Schlemm
	Newton	Swett	Van Hook

The first playing took place at the Union Saturday, Oct. 24, and this will be continued regularly until the tournament is over.

#### 1905 Class Nominations.

The following men have been nominated for class officers:

For President, A. J. Amberg, G. B. Jones, R. H. W. Lord, G. D'W. Marcy, S. T. Strickland.

1st Vice-President, J. H. Brown, J. M. Lambie, R. D. Segar.

2d Vice-President, P. Hinckley, A. Merrill.  
Secretary, C. L. Dean, F. P. Poole.

Treasurer, J. Daniels, G. Fuller.

Institute Committee, A. C. Dickerman, H. Eisele, T. E. Jewett, W. D. B. Motter, R. W. Senger, G. C. Thomas, C. E. Warren.

Executive Committee, E. C. Weaver, J. P. Barnes, R. W. Morse.

Men who have paid dues, but who have received no ballots, should see some member of the Election Committee at once. Ballots must be left at "Cage" by one o'clock, Saturday, Oct. 31.