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logical school requiring part, at least, of an ordinary college course for entrance. The rapid increase in the number of college graduates at the Institute, and the establishment of a three years' course for them, leading to an M. S. degree, are significant signs of the times. Further experience will show whether so radical a departure is essential. For the present we may consider the ordinary course limited to four years, and inquire whether it is possible to improve it in any considerable degree.

"It may be hoped that the successful efforts made by the Faculty to retain a considerable number of general studies will be followed by an attempt to extend the scope of this work. The Institute graduate is in no less need than the Harvard graduate of a knowledge of history, literature, language, and art. His work should occupy a field, in which an understanding of the impelling motives and the probable actions, under given conditions, of other men is one of the first essentials of success.

"In remarking upon the desirability of cultivating the scientific imagination and of developing that breadth of view which is most effectively acquired through reflection and experience, I have had in mind the fact that the most fertile and inspiring of all scientific theories has never, it would appear, received adequate recognition in the curriculum of educational institutions. I refer to the theory of evolution.

"The natural tendency of the student, from which few escape, is to regard science as partitioned off into compartments, each more or less sufficient unto itself. The theory of evolution, on account of its endless range and its importance in almost every branch of science, may serve as the best means of illustrating the arbitrary nature of the boundary lines that have been drawn. The personal side should not be forgotten. What better stimulus could be offered the student than that arising from an acquaintance with Darwin, in the quiet surroundings of his home, removed from the centres of intellectual activity, hampered by constant illness, and yet pursuing long and patiently those simple yet remarkable researches which formed the basis of "The Origin of Species?" And what a splendid contrast is afforded by the striking successes of Huxley, won in the midst of the turmoil of London, under the constant pressure of innumerable public duties.

"It is nevertheless well to remember that no amount of imagination can replace a lack of common sense. Moreover, the necessity of discriminating between projects that are likely to work out well in practice and those that are merely ingenious, while devoid of genuine merit, must always be borne upon the student's attention. Sound training

and severe practical experience must furnish the required criteria. I would support a movement which might extend still further the scope and the importance of the technical departments. The rapid development and brilliant success of the Research Laboratory of Physical Chemistry are well known. I believe not only in the establishment of such a laboratory in connection with the department of physics, but also in those departments which are more directly concerned with industrial progress."

FRESHMEN HAVE FORMIDABLE CLASS.

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prominent ones mentioned were Harvard, Brown University, University of Illinois, University of Washington, and Holy Cross. Mechanic Arts holds the lead for numbers, with fourteen entrants. Five military schools are in the list, and 71 other schools are heard from, all the way from Terrill's in Dallas, Texas, to Giotikon's in the far East.

Some of the most amusing material came in answer to the question, "What exercise habitually taken?" Some of the more noticeable answers are here given, spelling guaranteed; physical drill, canoeing during summer, turner work, any outdoor, field exercise, nothing particular, callisthenics, some walking, breathing, muscular work, nothing special, drill, bicycle, pulling, all kinds manual labor, sports in season, eating and walking, dumb bells. Theodore P. J., professes to do "anything." 63 Freshmen walk. 21 said "none;" they apparently ride.

The last question gives an insight into the athletic prowess of 1911. 50 Freshmen should have shown up for class football, as that number have played in prep school. There are 30 general track men, 21 specialized in running, four broad and high jumpers, two pole vaulters, and two hurdlers. Baseball management can call on 32 men who have proficiency in that line. Then there are 22 gymnasts, 24 tennis players, 21 basketball men, 11 hockeyites, 6 swimmers, three fencers, and two water poloists. One man can play golf; another plays handball quite well, and a third claims previous training in dancing. 1911 could organize a creditable crew with her 11 candidates, including a prep-school captain and a coxswain.

Some were bashful in answering this last question; others were not. One man ran off at the end of his card trying to tell of his accomplishments, viz. "regular gym work, 100, 220, 440 yd. dashes, also indoor dashes, 3 standing jumps and relay work." Donald R. was on "all class teams." One man holds forth in "various lines of sport," while another whom the gods call Mitchell can do "fancy work on the gym apparatus." In sad contrast is the man who, though he later proved good enough for the 1911 Relay Team, claimed that he was "poor at low hurdles and 220."

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