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One of the various requirements for admission to the first-year class is that applicants shall have attained the mature age of sixteen. Probably few are ex-

cluded by this provision, but un-
nquestionably many enter who fall but little above the line. As certain

changes have recently been made in the preparation required, un-

nionarily tending to raise the stan-

dard, it has seemed to us at least possible that a similar advance

of a perhaps 2 years in the age-

level, though involving additional

handicaps, would prove beneficial both to the student and to the In-

stitution...

We can only regard this char-

acteristic American haste to "get

away his books, and rush head-

long into active life" before he has

reached a man's estate legally or

mentally? The doctor, the law-

yer, the clergyman seldom enter

the professions before the age of

twenty-four; and why should our

graduates begin theirs at twenty or twenty-one? It is by no means our wish to

disapprove of anything that

might lower the standards of the

faculties. However, I find that

many men, after dances on Fri-

day night, are hardly suited in
classes the next morning.

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