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Editorial Remarks

Efforts are being made at Iowa to work improvement among the students who need it. In many cases the students are not coming up to a desirable standard in scholarship, and in hopes of inducing them to exert themselves a little more the following manifesto has been issued by the secretary of the faculty: "Any student who, on account of deficient scholarship falls in any semester to earn credit for at least half of the work for which he has registered will not be permitted to register for the following semester." This seems like a harsh measure, but it will doubtless have its effect.

The Easter vacation comes as a relief to many of us, bringing with it, as it does, a promise of rest and recreation. Those who have had to take examinations can't appreciate it all the more, and those who have not been subjected to trials of this kind can congratulate themselves upon their escape. So in both cases there is cause for felicitations and a certain amount of satisfaction to be felt. It is said that it is hard to suit everybody, but this seems to be a case in which the difficulty has been overcome. The only complaint we have heard concerning the vacation was that it is not long enough, but what there is of it ought to be all the more enjoyed on that account. The best way to convince yourself that a thing is all right is to view it philosophically.

The action of Freshmen in neighboring institutions in appearing in caps and insisting upon wearing them has been productive of no small amount of trouble. In most cases the Freshmen seem to be making the experiment for the first time, and the results indicate that sooner or later their distinguishing headgear is seized upon and made away with by rapacious Sophomores. The argument is brought forth that for the Freshmen to wear caps is contrary to all college traditions, and their persistence in continuing to usurp in this matter leads to the belief that if they gain this point, they will seek to direct their efforts further to a breaking down of the barriers raised against them. The Freshmen on the other hand contend that their's is the most loyal body in school and that they furnish a large proportion of support to athletic enterprises and are not overburdened with the credit that they get for doing so. Such arguments as these have so much evidence on their respective sides, they will not admit of a decision between them. It is said that Freshmen here will wear caps, and already speculation has arisen concerning their contemplated action. It is quite certain that the Sophomores will view the proceeding as a questionable one and not regard it with the fullest

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favor. However if the Freshmen make good their claim to distinctive headgear, no one can object; for the precedent if once established will doubtless hold good, unless extraordinary efforts are made to overthrow it.

The project of a two years' college course have been extensively agitated, but no institution has yet evidenced a willingness to try the experiment. In fact general opposition was displayed against the innovation when it was first proposed, as of late discussion regarding it has been rather limited. President James of Northwestern has made some emphatic statements against reducing the college course from four years to two. He bases his conclusion on the fact that the demand for college trained men, especially graduates, is rapidly growing. He says that there is no sign that academic courses will gradually go out of existence and professional courses substituted for them. He also makes the statement that the reason why so many leave college before their course is finished is because of the inducements held out to them by employers who know the work of college trained men. He is essentially right when he refers to unlikelihood of academic courses to go out of existence, and professional courses being substituted for them. Any move that would tend to thus limit and carry him into one specialty, instead of fitting him up with a general and comprehensive education carrying with it an adaptability to many lines of business or professional pursuits, though each may require some special application, should be discountenanced.

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