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VACATION.

Another college year is at its close and again the summer vacation comes in its welcome round. Once more we take a respite from study to seek recreation in other forms of work. To view relaxation in this way seems at first paradoxical, yet its truth is apparent. When one lets himself sink into a state of inactivity, his faculties become blunted thereby, and the inertia of idleness makes difficult a renewal of employment. Variety of occupation, not idleness, supplies our needed recreation, and keeps our powers fresh and active. After a summer spent in other employments, the student may return with renewed zest to his duties.

We must now take leave of our friends and separate for the summer, often to pass it in a more solitary manner. The time seems welcome when we can again meet our classmates and engage in the good natured rivalries of school life. Yet the opening of an other college year will not find us all present. Some, for financial reasons, will stay away for a time. Others would return, did not the "root of all evil," by a tempting offer, induce them to forego the enduring benefits of an education. Others, still, lack the resolution to

persevere through the toil of a college course, and so fall off through indifference toward the advantages which it secures. And so, out of the scores who annually enter our newer colleges, but few, comparatively, complete a course of study. It behooves the student, therefore, to improve well his college life, so that he may profit all he can from the varied and priceless culture which it affords.

COUNTRY AND CITY.

When the farmer's son is about to shift for himself, he is strongly inclined to seek employment in the city in preference to remaining on the farm. If he has already become acquainted with city life, the country does not often have so many attractions for him as before.

A certain class of people seem to regard with little favor this tendency toward the city. They contrast with the healthfulness and independence of the farmer's life, the want, snares and uncertainty of employment which are prevalent in cities. They dwell upon the hazards which there attend the pursuit of business. They tell the young man, therefore, to remain in the country. They say that in the long run he will thus fol-