Track Athletics in College.

The history of the Princeton College Athletic Association shows a record of anything but pleasing. Unlike our record in base-ball and foot-ball in which we have shown yearly improvement, we began brilliantly, won the championship, and then started upon a downward course which culminated last year in utter defeat. It seems as if all this should teach a lesson.

There were, it is true, more men on the track last Spring than for many previous years. This will probably prove the effectiveness of the new method organized by the association last Fall, but what is the reason why Princeton College cannot send a team to the Intercollegiate contest that can reflect credit upon the college? The great trouble seems to be in the lack of interest taken by the college at large. Freshmen classes may take great interest, buy tickets of membership and begin to run, but the interest in Spring games is less than those in the Fall, and by the time the team is picked many have dropped out.

If the college wishes success they must show that they wish it by giving evidence of their interest, attending the sports and watching the practice. The games last Fall served a good purpose in bringing out new men and therefore should be repeated. Last year the number of spectators was so small that the expenses were not paid. However much interested the new members might be it was not encouraging to them to see that the college took so little interest in their efforts; and, therefore, many of them were justified in not working in what seemed to be an unenlightened branch of athletics. If this is really so, then it is time we stopped altogether sending students to the track; it is not the real sport, it is the association the properly supported. Despite all the disadvantages many men who stuck to their work made great improvement. A majority of the best men are still in College. If the student body support them they may look for improvement. If not there seem to be bright prospects for the future. Our privileges are good, the track, though now in poor condition, will be bettered in a short time and is as good as we usually find, being even better than the one on the Manhatt ann grounds was last year. We have a competent trainer and a system which has worked perfectly in other colleges and our greatest want must come in the line we have pointed out and if it be effectual, may it soon come.

Notice.

The Sophomore English Optional, the time of which, in a recent issue, was not definitely announced, will be given next term. The subject will be "The Requisite of the Writer." The course is offered by Prof. Hunt.

Essays Subjects.

SENIOR ESSAY SUBJECTS.

1. Barse as a Statesman.
2. Barse's Thoughts on the French Revolution.
7. The Political Career of Algerson Sidney.

JUNIOR ESSAY SUBJECTS.

The subjects for Junior Essays due Oct. 29, are given below. Each is given is some of the books which may be used to advantage in preliminary reading.

1. The Conway Cabal.

2. Was Jefferson an Atheist?
Dwright's Character of Jefferson, 344; Lee's Papers on the Writings of Jefferson, 132; Goodrich's Revelations of a Life-time, 1:190; Hildreth's United States, 5:56. Jeffrey at Monticello, 119; Ranck's Writings of Jefferson, volume; the letters to Adams and Rush (see Index of Proper Names at end of volume).

3. The New York Anti-Bent Troubles, as illustrating the Irish difficulties.
Laee's Politics of the Cyclopedia, 1:191; Jenkins' Life of William Sits, Wright; Randall's History of New York, 239; Cooper's Littlepage Tool will also be found useful.

4. Why Grant taken by surprise at Shiloh?
War-papers in the Century.

5. Lincoln's Place in History.
The Biographies of Lincoln by Arnold, Raymond, Holland and Leland; Some Word; Littell, 78:41, and 95:75; The Washington Review, July 6; 1865; North American Review, Jan. 1864, and Jan. 1869; (Lowell), and Jan. 1865 (C. E. Norton); Atlantic Monthly, Nov. 1861, 707, and June 1865 (Bancroft); Lowell's My Study Win- dows, 175.

6. The Chinese and the Labor Quest-
Seward's Chinese Immigration; New Englander, vol. 96, and New Series, vol. 2; Scribner's Monthly, for 1871, 1876 and 1877; Atlantic Monthly, June 1869; American Social Science Association Proceedings for 1879; North American Review, May and June 1878, and Sept. 1890.

SOPHOMORE ESSAYS.

I. The Normal-French.
Intro.—Home and Character of the Northmen.
1. Their Settlement in Gaul.
2. Their conquest of England—1066. (Sketch of Wm. the Conqueror.)
3. Subsequent Relations to English History.
Con.—Nor. French Element of Modern English.

II. Life and Work of Sir Walter Ra-
leigh.
Intro.—Prominent Men of his time.
1. Raleigh the Courtier—(Elizabeth).
2. Raleigh the Soldier—(Ireland).
3. Raleigh the Adventurer—(Virginia).
4. Raleigh the Author—(History of the World).
Com.—His Imprisonment and Death.

III. The Smithsonian Institute at Washington.
Intro.—American Scientific Institutions.
1. Origin and Early History.
2. Special Objects of its Establishment.
3. Scientific Results already secured.

Com.—Attitude of Amer. Gov. toward Amer. Science.

IV. London as a Literary Centre.
Intro.—Notable British Cities.
1. Its Literary Institutions.
2. Its Literary History and Associations.
3. Its Authors and Men of Letters.

5. His merits as a Poet.
6. Characteristics of his Prose Style.

7. In Journalism.
8. In Fiction Pleton.


10. In Non-Rational and Miscellaneous.

11. His works as a Translator (Panas). 4. His Anglo-German Character

Com.—Lessons from his Life.

First Essay—Nov. 18.
Second Essay—Nov. 5.

FRESHMAN ESSAYS.

I. Life of Goldsmith, or Irving, or any subject connected with their life or work.

An Open Letter.

The Editors of the Princetonian.—A large number of College men received lately through the mail a dodger which was headed as follows: "Read Through, It will Pay—$3.50. who have been in our society. The letter is a description of the elegant dining room and of the substantial comfort to be had at the above price. We are glad to know that men whose means are limited and who desire a college education are offered such inducements. The proprietor is a thorough-going business man and has had more experience in this line than perhaps any Princeton student. He remarks, "We can give $6.50 board for $3.25 and still make more than a person who runs but one club." This may be true, but is there not another side of the question worthy of consideration? There is more than one student in Princeton whose whole college education is financially a struggle, not only to himself but to those who send him there. Such men are generally of an independent spirit and are silent about those matters. They fight, their unhonored battles alone. The avenues open for self-support in Princeton are few. One of these is running a club. Now a gentleman who is not a student of Princeton College undertakes to run four different boarding clubs, preventing ten or twelve of our own men from assisting themselves. We ask of this fair 2. It is right for us to look with favor upon a man's success who openly tells us that he can make more money than the person who runs one club, that such success is attained at the expense of some of the most worthy men in Princeton College? We do not say that the plan is morally wrong, but we do say that the action is anything but just. Mr. Editors, we see no reason why you should hesitate to publish this letter. It is written in behalf of our fellows, some of whom it vitally concerns.

OBSERVER.

Alumni Notes.

58, Dr. H. P. C. Wils spent the summer abroad.

56, Lient. A. A. Wool, was the successful competitor in a Scit contest in which there were eleven contestants and was the recipient of a gold medal for the best essay.

73, Hon. James Bowman Harris is U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi.

79, Davis, Professor of Hebrew to the Juniors in the Seminary.

79, Albert Savage will complete his law studies at the U. of Pa., in the spring.

Ex-S1, Strong will be married in October.

81, Rev. Charles E. Craven has accepted a call to Birmingham, Pa.

83, H. M. Landis has been elected professor of Church History in the Theological Seminary at Brownfield, N. J.

83, Wm. P. Finney, a graduate of the Seminary, has been ordained and installed pastor of the Presbyterian Churches at New Egypt and Cream Ridge, N. J.

85, Knox will not return to the Seminary on account of health.

85, McOmphla will spend another year in Leipzig, studying Philology.

86, Congar, R. Green, C. T. Hal-

85, Wyle occupies an important position in the Hartman Steel Co., Beaver Falls, Pa.

86, W. S. Elder is connected with the Commercial Advertiser, as a reporter.

86, Harriman, McClennen, Stoddard and Thomas spent the summer in Europe.

It has again become a great annoyance to the players to have the spectators constantly crossing the line during foot ball practice. On Saturday it was clearly demonstrated that the players were seriously obstructed several occasions by the crowd of men on the field, as was most objectionable especially, when the ball went out of bounds. It would require the united efforts of a few men to obviate this trouble, for we cannot but believe that it is through carelessness rather than wilful intention that men will plant themselves directly in the field. Let every man in the future keep well back of the line and not necessitate the management to enclose the field by a rope fence. We hope this will suffice.

That it is of the highest importance to have class foot ball eleven is demonstrated by the fact that most of the colleges which make any pretensions to skill in the game attach great importance to them. Harvard, Yale and University of Pennsylvania have regular class teams and at Harvard and the U. of Pa. the games for the class championship attract a great deal of attention. To anyone who has had an opportunity of seeing the Princeton class eleven for several years back will come the impression that the interest in them is dying out. It is true that we have never attempted to have a regular contest for the class championship in foot ball, but our Freshman and Sophomore eleven have proved to be very valuable means of making foot ball players. It is to be hoped that some steps were taken towards renewing the interest. Last year the Sophomore team, although they attempted to organize, played no games, giving as a reason the impossibility of arranging games with any other teams. This year, as yet no definite steps even have been taken by 88 towards organizing. The practice games back of Witherspoon proves that there are quite a few good players among those of the Freshman class who are not trying for the Varsity and a strong Freshman eleven may be expected. At present it is of the most importance to arrange a schedule of games. There are quite a number of preparatory schools which have usually contested the hours of the fall ball with our Freshman class. Unless engagements are quickly made even these games may be lost and a poor season this year means a poorer one next year. In regard to the Sophomore team there seems to be a still greater lack of interest. The practice gained by the members of the Sophomore team, many of whom expect to be university players before they graduate, in the games with the class teams of other colleges, is better than they can ever get by playing even on the university scrub. The interest at stake are greater and the responsibility imposed upon the members of the team in consequence goes far towards making them steady players. The great difficulty of obtaining games was never felt before last year and if an energetic manager takes the matter in hand immediately we are sure he will succeed. It is poor policy to let an old custom, when it is a good one, die out, and we hope that the two lower classes will do their part towards renewing the interest, formerly a great one, in their respective foot ball teams.

In the International Bicycle Tournament, which was begun at Lyon, Mass., last Friday, Woodside lowered the two mile record to 5 m. 25 2-5 s. Wood, of England, also beat the best three mile record of 5 m. 18 1-5 s. by 4 4-4 seconds. Prince, of Washington, also beat the record. On the same day Whittaker, of Chicago, beat the best one hundred mile record over an hour, lowering it to 6 h. 48 42 90 s.

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tions. Indeed, the early history of the Germans is the history of our own an-
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The October number of The Magazine of Art (New York; Cassell & Co., 32 cents per number, $3.50 per year) is, as usual, filled with excellent illustrations. The Frontispiece, "Hermes," from a painting by W. B. Richmond in the Grosvener Gallery, is especially interesting. The attention we direct on "Current Art," the fourth of the series, is very interesting and has several other very good illustrations, among which the best, perhaps, is "Overmatched," by Walter Hunt at the Royal Academy. The influence of the Saracens on Art is delightfully treated of in an article entitled "A Venetian Azimuth of the Sixteenth Century." Julia Cartwright tells the story of the love of "La Bella Simoni-
cette" and Giuliano de Medici in the chapter of "The Romance of Art." There is a full-page portrait of France's justly renowned artist, Paul Baudy, and an account of his career.

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