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Public opinion is a peculiar thing. It is intangible and very often inexplicable, but its power is infinite. Nothing so much as public opinion influences the acts of the individual for good-or sometimes for evil. In the college world and in the larger world public opinion sets different standards. In ordinary everyday life if personal violence be offered to a man, or if his room be forcibly entered, public opionion is right behind him when he defends himself. Further, if he be certain of the identity of his assailants he is encouraged to expose them, and to turn them over to the hands of the law. Such a man receives the highest respect of his neighborspublic opinion protects him.

Now in the college world it is different. Let a man be subjected to humiliating treatment or his room forcibly entered, and if he seeks to protect himself he soon finds that he is more or less unpopular, But let him make known the name of his assailants and he immediately, finds that public opinion, so far as the college is concerned, is uncompromisingly down on him. Now why is this? The conditions are the same in each case, and the principles involved are the same, yet or Milton, or any other great poet of the man who seeks to defend himself in the college world is immediately branded as a tale bearer, a coward, a sneak. Nor is this senti- labor would have beyond doubt ment against him confined to the student body. He is condemed, though tacitly perhaps, by the faculty as well. Why this should something of the sort. Stygian be true we cannot see, but true it indubitably is. The mandate of public opinion has decreed that a man shall not defend himself in the tories forced to make a trip each college world-and he must indeed have courage if he goes contrary to this law.

man who seeks to aid society by preventing such an attack as the one cited above, though it be on some other than himself, is honored. However, let some student take it upon himself to expose a party of hazers, and see how soon he is overwhelmed by a flood of general dis- the dormitory hallways have failed approval. Now, caudidly, is this a sane way of looking at things? is difficult to see how public opinion not try it? can use two sets of glasses so widely different.

We do not want to make talebearers of the Freshmen and policemen of the Seniors throughout the

wishes. We do not advocate the plan of arming every upper-classman with a billy and brass button, and giving him instruction in the methods of Sherlock Holmes. What we want is a change in college sentiment. Let the distorted view of the public of the college world be exchanged for the sane view of the larger world. As a matter of fact the same conditions obtain in college life as in everyday life. Why should not the remedies be the same? Given the change of sentiment, and the students will right conditions themselves-and that is the only way they can be righted. So long as the public opinion of the college world remains the same hazing will continue. It takes more grit to face the censure of public opinion than to face a blacking crowd or the disgrace of a univer-

It is true that the outcome of Saturdays game was not as gratifying as could have been wished, but that is no reason for getting disheartened as to our prospects. We have a team composed almost entirely of men who are green in football. For eight of our men the Davidson game was the first inter-collegiate contest. Besides, the new game of football is especially unfavorable to new men. What a season's training may bring forth we cannot tell, but our team is light and fast, and should have the advantage under the new rules. Often the poorest prospects develop the strongest teams. Last year at the beginning of the season our chances looked somewhat larger to Virginia.

Most of all-don't get out with the team. They're all right. Let's go out on the side lines every afternoon and, in the language of our we're for 'em."

We have heard of Egyptian darkness and of the blackness of Stygian night. These phrases have been sadly overworked. Could Shakespeare, the past, only have taken a stroll through some of the buildings on our campus any time after 8 p. m. their been lessened. Then we would read of Mary Ann Smithian obscurity, or Old Westian gloom, or blackness and Egyptian darkness would have had a rest. Were the official in charge of the dormievening through them, doubtless there would be a change. Each hallway would glow as with a Again, in the outer world the thousand candles after his first trip. The stranger who is forced to find his way through some of the buildings after dark must truly feel his path with fear and trembling, for literally, he knows not what his next step will bring forth. Of course aftempts to keep lights in in the past, but then the seventh It effort might be successful. Why

-On account of the unexpected appearance of Mcphistopholes -Gentleman Devil - the regular neeting of the Flistorical Society was deferred from Monday night college world—that is far from our last to next Monday evening at 7:30, I ing Tuesday night.

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Some Improvements in Equipment.

For the first time since our chemistry department has reached the proportions of the greatest in the south-a position that it has occupied for some years-it is enjoying adequate equipment. From its former cramped quarters in Person Hall it has now been entirely transferred to the new chemistry building east of Alumni Hall. In this new building every facility is afforded for class and research work. Besides the large laboratory rooms there are several small laboratories mighty small, but later they looked fixed for the smaller classes and for and 27. personal work by the professors.

All of the rooms are furnished with desks and lockers of the most approved pattern. The greatest boon that the new quarters afford late chief cheerer, "show 'em that is the thorough system of hoods for the carrying on of experiments productive of dangerous fumes. The plentiful supply of water is also a great advantage over the old laboratory. Drs. Herty and Wheeler and several students were at work during the summer and early part of the term getting the new apparatus ready for service. To walk through the new laboratory is a temptation to a man who has ever had any experience in the old one to take more chemistry-simply that he may know what it is to work in a real laboratory.

Person Hall, better known as the "Old Chemistry Laboratory", has been entirely refitted and adapted to the service of the medical department. The entire north wall of the old laboratory has been replaced by a glass side in order to furnish the requisite light for microscopic work. The old pathological and botanical laboratories have been renovated and thoroughly equipped. and the dissecting hall has been enlarged and improved. These changes have cost several thousand dollars. A special collection of material for work in pathology was made during the summer in Cleveland, Ohio, and special material has also been secured for work in embryology and neurology.

-The first band and orchestra practice for the year was held on the third floor of the Alumni build-

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