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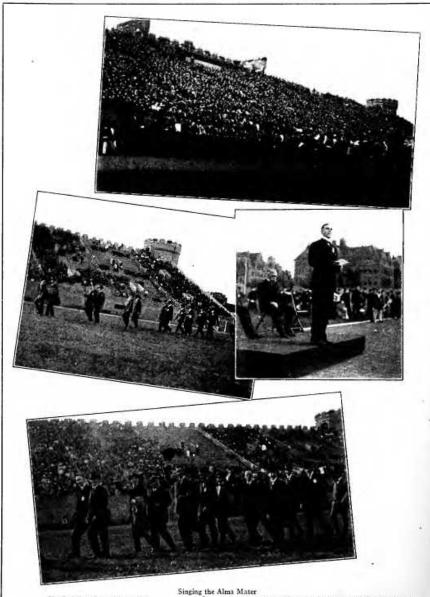




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Head of the Alumni Procession

Singing the Alma Mater

W. S. Bond, '97, speaking; President Judson in background

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EVENTS AND DISCUSSION

The attendance of the University, in both the Summer and Autumn Quarters, shows a considerable increase over last year. The gain in the Summer Quarter, 237, or a little over 6 per cent (3,768 in The University 1913, compared to 3,581 in 1912), is almost what one Grows would have expected. But the gain in the Autumn Ouarter is striking. The figures are, men 1,674, women 1,227, a total of 2,901, compared with 2,598 on the same day last year. This is an increase of 303, or more than 10 per cent. Of this increase 40 are in the Medical School (not including Rush), 33 in the Law School, 26 in the College of Education, and the remainder in the Colleges (Senior, Junior, and Unclassified). The Graduate Schools remain the same (483). The increase in the Colleges is 157 in the Senior and 78 in the Junior. Students entering as Freshmen numbered last year 454, this year 560, or an increase of 19 per cent. In view of the stricter requirements for entrance this year, this showing is surprising. In the Summer Quarter, by the way, the number of men and of women in attendance was almost exactly equal-1,762 men, 1,769 women; while this fall the men outnumber the women by 447, the figures being, men 1,674, women 1,227. In the Colleges the showing is, men 1,060, women 793. Attendance is not the measure of the value of a university; but surely this growth is an indication of good health.

This steady increase in the size of the University, however, brings up the old question—Are we prepared to handle students in such numbers?

Should This Growth Be Limited? Or rather, Is it to the advantage of the institution to do so? Take, for a particular instance, the premedical work. This fall the whole program of courses, as printed, had to be revised; some of the laboratory work is given at seven

in the morning; the instructors and assistants are constantly overworked.

To what end? There are no facilities at Rush to take care of students in such crowds as we shall pour in upon it. Why should not the University recognize these facts, and begin a policy of wise regulation? If we are not ready to demand three years of college work instead of two as a prerequisite to the study of medicine, why should we not at least insist that all applications for entrance to the premedical course be in the hands of the Dean by September 1, to be gone over at his leisure and rigorously examined? Why should we not insist, indeed, that all applications for entrance to the University should be sent in by the first of September? We might, we probably should, lose a few good students; but we should be able to decide with greater justice upon the merits of the applications, and we should avoid the crowding and changing and shuffling which now mark the beginning of our Autumn Quarters.

A Notable There are no alumni members on the Board of Omission Trustees.

"Marshall Field" is no more: "The University of Chicago Athletic Field" has taken its place, at least temporarily. That name, though admirably accurate, is long and clumsy. Suggestion has been rife for some time that to call the exercise-ground of our young soldiers of sport by the name of their honored general would be appropriate, and wise. That some day it will be "Stagg Field" a great many people believe. Perhaps as long as we are privileged to have the "Old Man" actively engaged among us, "The Athletic Field" will serve as well as any other name; but so far no good reason for not publicly commemorating his achievements, and, of infinitely more importance, his influence here, has been advanced.

No building is going on at the University at present. The announcement was made at the June, 1912, Convocation of plans for the erection

within two years of grandstands and a wall on the Athletic Field, a building for Geology and Geography, a building for the Classics Departments, and a Woman's Building. At the June, 1913, Convocation further plans were announced for the erection within two years of a building for the Departments of Modern Languages, a building for the University High School, and a students' Observatory. Of these seven, the first has been completed, and was dedicated October 4. None of the others are started. Plans for the Classics Building and for the Geology Building have been completed, and for the Woman's Building are under way. But so far