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EDITORIAL.

WHEN considering projects for organizing oratorical and other associations, we should remember that there is something besides the purely literary and forensic development of the abilities. A well developed mind requires something else; it wants amusement. A society should be organized whose sole object is to increase the pleasure and amusement of its members. It would include departments devoted to chess, draughts and other such games. A hall could be furnished and provided with tables at small expense. There are not enough students in school interested in chess to organize and keep running a good Chess Club, but an association not only devoted to that game but to matters of similar nature could be easily supported. At present

we have nothing of the kind, but the fact that a Chess Club has been talked of indicates that a plan of this kind would meet with hearty approval.

CONSIDERABLE comment has been made during the week upon a communication to our contem., in which a correspondent expresses his ideas rather freely in regard to the recent open sessions of the literary societies. While all may not agree with this article in every particular, yet it must be admitted that there is more or less of truth in the writer's criticisms. It would have been better, however, if some reasons had been given for the decline (?) of the societies, and it is the purpose of this article to investigate the matter more closely, and show the cause why these open meetings have not been as brilliant as preceding ones.

In the first place, these open sessions never intended or expected to show forth the entire ability of the literary societies. Almost without exception those who were upon the program at the recent meetings had never before appeared in public in behalf of the societies; and it cannot be expected that their performances will equal those of other days when it was customary to exhibit only the best ability of the societies. Another cause for any deficiency, is the number of things that now demand the attention of the members of the literary societies. Formerly their minds were occupied only by debates

and a spirit of intense rivalry, urged each one to do his best. But now two college papers demand all the time of a considerable portion of the members of one society, while the several class organizations, the fraternity, the gradual dying out of the rivalry between the societies, each and all have contributed to absorb the time of the students and draw their attention from society work. The frequent entertainments of the past term have broken into the society meetings, and the evil of this has been further increased by irregular attendance.

One of the objections to the late open meetings was the fact that the debates were not as interesting as formerly. This is due to no lack of ability among the students or any degeneracy of the societies. Formerly the ready speakers among the members were limited, but now with the introduction of impromptu speaking, a large number are capable of making creditable off hand speeches, while but comparatively few can claim the title of brilliant speakers. This good has also brought its corresponding evil. With the ability to speak readily upon any subject, study upon debates, and especially upon the science of debating has been almost discarded. The debater of to-day trusts to the preceding speaker for material upon which to base his arguments, and if the leading speakers have neglected their duty, the spectacle is something like that recorded in the old fable, where an animal attempts to swallow itself. The fact that more study is necessary to improve in debate is only too manifest to any person who may chance to visit either of the societies, and this should at once receive the attention of all interested in society work. The principal defect of public debates

has been a seeming disregard of the *science* of debating. In the choice of a question, is one of the main objections. A question does not receive consideration for a moment unless much material may be obtained upon both sides. The debater is not content to take a live question of the day and discuss it in a logical manner, using his common sense and insight, but he must have a question upon which he may read a volume or two and then present the result of his investigations. No question is likely to be of present importance upon which much has been written. The debater should lay out his plan of attack or defense upon scientific principles; he should then bring to his assistance his own judgment and whatever ability in thought and word he may possess, and may fortify his position by documentary or other evidence. If both sides of the question have been carefully considered, and a skillful line of argument has been prepared, the debater can reasonably expect success, and can at least command the attention of his audience. It is attention to a few of these minor points and the ability to bring forward original thought in an effective manner that makes the good debater. To speak briefly and to the point should be the aim of every debater. The sooner he learns that the public is more interested in what he knows than in his acquaintance with the ideas of others, the better it will be for his peace of mind when he hears comments upon his efforts.

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EXCHANGES.

THE plan of placing our exchanges on the library table has worked remarkably well, and it may be safely asserted that the students have read them more than the current literature on the tables. We advise our college brethren to adopt the method. Since our last issue we have received the following exchanges: *The Dartmouth, Beacon, Guardian, Central Collegian, College Transcript, Polytechnic, Normal Teacher, Reporter, Berkeleian, Willistonian, Lombard Review, Weekly Courier, Lincolnian, Hampden-Sidney Magazine, Students' Workshop, Bowdoin Orient.*

THE *Guardian* contains some excellent thoughts concerning mushroom colleges, but on the other hand the paper seems to be devoted more to ethics than to true college journalism.

WELCOME is the *College Transcript* to our sanctum. This energetic biweekly contains an exceptionally well-written article entitled "Relations of English Literature to College Work," whose author, a man of rare acumen and ability, discusses the subject in an intelligent and succinct manner.

The *Wittenberger* is alive to the interests of its institution and ably agitates the revival of its annual, *The Aloah*. The laudatory article upon the laboratory of Wittenberg College only affords a chance for other journals to make comparisons. The course in chemistry in the U. P. is much more thorough and our "lab" better equipped than Wittenberg's.

THE *Lombard Review* appears upon our table for the first time, and advising us to change to a monthly, avers that in

such an event THE HATCHET would be recognized as one of the leading college journals of the land. Thanks, *Review* for picturing such a probable roseate future, but you forget that this institution possesses a paper which is issued once in three weeks, and though the college world does not seem to be aware to any extent of its existence, yet we can candidly say that it is of no inconsiderable pride to its supporters. To edit a monthly is below our aspirations; the spirit of the times demands the live, newsy weekly unencumbered with heavy, unreadable literary articles.

FOR excellence of arrangement the *Beacon* of the Boston University has no superior among our exchanges, and the tasty idea of having full page headings for its various departments, is one that could be profitably utilized by many other journals. Its pithy editorials are to the point every time; but it is surprising that the project of publishing a college annual for B. U. is only now being broached. The false notion which, by the way, is only the apostle of laziness, that the eminent men have been poor scholars receives a vigorous and just denunciation from the editors, and we fully agree with them that those persons who stood in the front ranks of their classes while at college, the majority lead the van in after-life.

It was a Boston girl who having received a written invitation while out West to ride a "burro," wrote home as follows: "This is a funny country. It seems as funny to ride on a bureau as as to spell it in that way; but these people are very unconventional, and don't care much for education."

MIGMA.

A "RHIZITE'S" MUSINGS.

Banquet or no banquet; that is the question.
 Whether 'tis better to endure discomfort
 Of an empty purse and its attendant evils
 Or to put up the necessary cash
 And by deciding, end it.
 To go; perchance to take a girl—
 Aye, there's the rub, for it is ten to one
 That I'll get left; this brings the tears.
 But if the maid should smile consent, what then?
 Either I must pilot the fair one o'er mud
 Blacker than 'ere embraced the Stygian shore
 Deeper than Pluto's gloomy realm of shade—
 Or hire a hack; squander a five or two,
 For pleasures transit as a fleeting dream.

EAST HALL NOTES.

THE Aristotelian Society was called to order last Friday evening with the usual formalities. In the roll-call a little pleasantry was caused by two of the gentlemen members quoting the following proverb, whose authorship they ascribe to each other: "You can't sometimes, always, most generally, tell by the looks of a frog how far he can jump." The programme for the evening was opened with an instrumental solo by Mr. Husband. It was extremely edifying and reflected great credit upon the instrument (a music box) and the performer. Vocal music was then in order but had to be dispensed with, for in the language of a certain poet "the bird had flown." Five minutes impromptu by Mr. Chynoweth on the subject "When I get through college" was given in accordance with the old saying, "Brevity is the soul of wit."

Select reading entitled, "How Mr. Caudle counted the shingles on his house," was well appreciated by the audience. The essay by Miss Wright on "Aristotle," was quite appropriate and very instructive.

The debate, *Resolved*—"That socialism is in harmony with a republican

form of government," was spirited and well contested on both sides, but was decided in favor of the affirmative by the three judges, Miss Flournoy, Miss Tyrrell and Mr. Preston.

The critic's report was then read, after which came recess which, in the Aristotelian Society, is always an enjoyable affair.

The Eclipse Society has "gone the way of all flesh," to use a common expression—"Ate its head off." The treasurer invested the society funds in nuts and candy, on which the members feasted sumptuously and then adjourned *sine die*.

Harry Hammond went last Saturday to San Francisco to meet his father who is in that city on business.

We have a printing press in East Hall.

Mr. Hamm is champion at checkers.

YOUR REPORTER.

RHIZOMIA—The Society opened as usual with nearly a full attendance. Mr. E. Mering, '87, delivered the five minutes impromptu on "The Pleasures of Studying Psychology," dwelling at length upon the possibility of thinking of two entirely different subjects at the same time, and illustrating humorously his stand on the subject. The essayist, orator and declaimer were absent, and the literary part of the program was ended by a select reading by Mr. Hale, '86 the title being "Irish Disturbance Bill." The reading was fair, but as the gentleman is a fine reader, it could have been better if he had made better preparation. Under the head of "Installation of officers," Mr. Simpson, '88, was installed as Secretary, and Mr. Pettit '88

as Treasurer. The debate on the question—*Resolved*: "That the U. S. Government should establish a national system of education," was interesting, and the regular meeting closed with the decision of the President in favor of the affirmative side.

LOCAL NOTES.

Rev. Mr. Gober visited Chapel Wednesday morning.

Lawn tennis seems to be somewhat neglected at present.

The chess club has not made its appearance before the public as yet.

E. K. Taylor '82, of Alameda, was present at chapel, Monday of last week.

The elocution class, under Miss Bentley, has its examination next Thursday.

The football game between the Juniors and Sophomores still continues unplayed.

We hear that Doak '85 has become a student in Boston school of Technology. We wish him success.

J. W. Cook, at 56 South First street, is now prepared with an elegant line of holiday goods to please those wishing bargains.

Sophomore boy to Senior girl—"Miss Blank, may I have the pleasure of your company next Friday evening?"

Dignified S. G.—"Yes, my child."

The editors of the *Naranjado* are to be censured for limiting the length of the prize poem to ten stanzas. None of our poets would waste time on a production of this length.

The event of the week will be the Reception tendered to-morrow evening by

Mrs. C. C. Stratton and the Emendian Society to their invited guests.

Wm. Jacks, '88, visited his home at Monterey last Saturday.

Call at Cook's for everything in the way of material for embroidery and fancy work.

The library books donated by the societies are being classified and arranged for use by the rapid registry system.

FOR SALE—For \$18, a 3-vol. *Peoples' Cyclopedia*: only been in use a few months. Inquire at this office.

Professor Alexander intends giving his literature class a list of books to be critically read in connection with class work.

After a stormy discussion on Friday night the Rhizomian Society agreed not to have a banquet after the contest on Christmas.

It is rumored that one of the ardent advocates of the Rhizomian banquet had already invited his fair one to partake of that repast. Poor boy!

The committee of the Rhizomian Society appointed to arrange for the offering of a silver cup at next field day are Milnes, '86, Urmy, '87, and Reid, '87. The committee have not decided the event for which the cup will be given, but in all probability it will be for long distance running.

One of the most amusing games of baseball took place on the campus last Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The class of '87 and '88 met and bravely struggled for victory. The players on both sides were for the most part tyros at the game, while the remainder were wholly inexperienced; the game at its present unfinished state, stands 28 to 11 in favor of the Sophomores.

ARCHANIA—There was a good attendance in the hall last Friday, and an unusual hilarity seemed to have been developed by the long intermission since last meeting. The program was quite interesting if not amusing to the members. The various officers for the ensuing term were installed, and after giving the customary speeches made necessary by repeated calls, they entered upon their duties with a manner that either indicated a thorough knowledge of the requirements of the offices and ease in handling them, or an unlimited amount of cheek. The debate was dispensed with and impromptu speeches had instead on subjects of the members' own choosing. The members all filled the allotted time, and the result was a wide diversity of subjects extending all the way from the "Ichthyosaurus" to the "Twinkling Stars."

The question for next meeting is: *Resolved*:—"That the actions of the 'Knights of Labor' should be sanctioned."

The Chapel exercises of last Friday morning as given by class No. 1 were quite interesting but somewhat marred by the absence of some of the class. The most interesting feature of the program was a discussion upon Major Andre and his right to a monument upon American soil. The negative was sustained by Wilcox, '87, and Kirkbride, '87, while the affirmative was upheld by Tompkins, '86. Miss Kitty Smith, '88, read an essay on 'Standpoint'; Meese, '87, gave a declamation, "Shakespeare"; and Miss Harrison, '87, read an essay upon "Haydn".

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the California Restaurant. Mr. Dellwig, the genial

proprietor is now located at his new headquarters, and conducts the only first class restaurant and oyster house in the city. Our students should patronize him to the exclusion of all others as he is the only *restaurateur* who patronizes a college paper.

At the last regular monthly business meeting of the Y. M. C. A. it was voted to collect ten dollars among the members of the Association to pay the amount pledged by the delegates at the State Convention at Napa City.

Mr. E. B. Gregory '88, has been compelled to leave school on account of sore eyes. We are sorry that a break is made in the gentleman's course but hope that he may be able to return after the holidays as he expects.

Rev. Mr. Price, President of the Zion Methodist University of North Carolina, was present at chapel Tuesday morning and spoke to the students somewhat at length on "Education in the South." His remarks were excellent and spicy.

Last Monday a party composed of Hon. Elwood Bruner, of Sacramento, W. F. Norcross, editor of the *New Age*, Mr. L. Mott, of San Francisco, and Mr. Poe visited Chapel. Mr. Bruner gave a few remarks to the students well fitting and eloquent.

For convenience, the surveying course has been divided into three classes; the first class will pursue theoretical work with only enough field work to acquire familiarity with the instruments and methods employed; the second class will pursue the regular course prescribed; while the third class will take up a higher work. The class numbers twenty-eight and includes nine young ladies.

THE rumor of a game between the Dirigo and Eureka B. B. Clubs, led us to expect a lively game for Saturday. In coming to the grounds we were much disappointed, as also were the Dirigos, to learn that the Eurekas had failed to appear, but a game was soon made up between a picked nine from Santa Clara and the U. P. Club. From the beginning the lubs appeared unequal in strength, and the score of 33 to 6 gave the game to the Dirigos.

The proposed idea of an Oratorical association received its primary impulse last Thursday at a meeting of those interested in the success of the undertaking. Dennett, '86, was elected temporary chairman and appointed Milnes, '86, secretary. The objects of the meeting and Association were stated by Needham, '86, and by motion the charter members were limited to eleven; but the maximum limit of membership will be determined by the constitution. A committee of three were appointed to frame a constitution and by-laws which should govern the Association, and decisive action will be taken this week.

CHIPS.

Yale supports four papers—one daily and two bi-weeklies, and one monthly—*Courier*.

An idler is twice a thief, he not only steals his own time but hangs around and tries to steal yours.

When a Boston girl is kissed, she frowns and says, "Put that article right back, sir, where you took it from."

The Emperor of Russia is only 40 years old; therefore it is not proper to speak of him as an old Czardine.—*Ex.*

IN A HAMMOCK.

Sitting in a hammock,
Swinging e'er so lightly;
Dainty foot in slipper cute,
Tapping ground so lightly.

Eyes with laughter gleaming,
Glancing up so slyly;
Under hat's wide sheltering brim
Lips just parted shyly.

Wicked youth now cometh,
Junior, aged twenty,
And with guileless smile insists,
Room for two in plenty.

At one end he swingeth,
Slowly edging nearer;
Till at last in centre both—
Could it be much clearer?

—*Ex.*

EVIDENCES OF CHRISTIANITY—*Prex.*—

How long do you think a man could remain a hypocrite in college and not be found out?" Senior—"About four years."—*Vassar Miscellany*.

ARMA VIBUMQUE OANO.

They were driving in the moonlight,
While the moon was new,
In a little village wagon,
Just for two.

But alas! The horse was restive,
So, in fear of harm,
Neither of his hands was idle,
Neither arm.

Was it that the back was awkward,
That she, by his side,
Softly touched his left hand near her—
Softly sighed.

Then, with bashful glance, but roguish,
Knowing he'd connive,
Whispered low amid her blushes—
"I can drive." —*Courant*.

The most durable pavement is now made from Vassar birthday cake.—*Ex.*

Baseball is older than we thought as a squint at history has made it apparent. The Emperor Domitian occupied his spare time catching flies.

Cornell has four regular publications, Daily Sun, Weekly Era, Monthly Review, and the Annual Cornellian published by the fraternities.—*University Voice*.

THE SENIOR'S LAMENT.

I dreamed I loved her. Never be it thought
I stole her heart in jest.
Nay, with the truest love I dearly bought
That she should love me best.

Why did the love that seemed so true depart
From her who so loved me?
O helpless maiden, wherefore did my heart
Deceive myself and thee?

My heart is youthful; and its fickleness
Is heartless nature's gift.
The heart is young. Though close this sorrow
press,
Time will thy soul uplift.

LATER.

I dreamed she loved me. Hang it. Who'd 'a'
thought
She's such a gay deceiver?
I would have wagered a good house and lot
She'd die if I should leave her.

I've just returned from Lardyah's soiree,
And she was there, by Gawge!
Blossoming and chirk. How she did sing and play
And flirt with freshman Podge!

—Tuftonian.

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THE Massachusetts Bureau of labor has been making some investigation respecting the health of young ladies while taking a course of study in colleges and after graduation. Out of seven hundred persons from whom reports were obtained it was found that 78 per cent. of the women graduates were in the enjoyment of good health. At the beginning of the college course, 20 per cent. were suffering from ill health. At its close only 17 per cent. were ill, showing an improvement in health to 3 per cent. during the college course. This certainly does not indicate that hard and continuous study is detrimental to the health of young women.—*Good Health.*

Lawrence Barrett will address the Harvard students this year.

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