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Editorial Remarks

Adhering strictly to the resolve made the first of the year to not attend any social function on a school night, the sorority girls have decided to place under the ban the dance to be given by the Glee Club after the concert next Thursday. Commendable as this action of the co-eds is in most cases, still in this particular instance there is something to be said on the other side. In the first place, the date of the concert and dance was decided upon long before the action of the sororities was taken. A school night had to be chosen for on no other night was the theater available. Again, the girls waited until less than a week before the concert before notifying the Glee Club management of their deter-

Tonight the varsity five meets the basket-ball team from Baker University. Baker University is in Kansas. We always did like to put it over anything from Kansas. Wednesday evening there wasn't enough cheering by about four-fifths. Come out tonight and cheer, then if we are defeated the team will have to take the blame.

"FOREIGN RELATIONS" COMPETITION.

Chancellor Andrews is in receipt of a letter from Mr. John Barret, American minister to Panama, inclosing the following:

American Legation, Panama, December 14, 1904.—President Nicholas Murray Butler, Columbia University, New York City.—Sir: I have the honor to enclose my check on the National National bank of New York city, payable to your order, for two hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$225), which I desire to offer through you as prizes for the best papers on the relations of the United States with the Latin Republics, to be competed for by young men and women now in the regular course of any college or university of recognized standing in the United States.

In making this offer I am prompted by a sincere desire to do something for the development throughout the United States of a wider interest in our political and commercial relations with Latin American history and institutions, political, social and educational conditions, material and industrial resources, and commercial possibilities—especially as they affect the growth of closer ties of international comity and confidence.

Beginning with my service as delegate of the United States to the Pan-American Conference in 1901-1902, and continued later by experience as United States Minister first in Argentina and later in Panama, my study of Latin American nations and peoples has convinced me that there are no serious obstacles to the evolution of the class and lasting mutual good will and friendly interdependence.

The differences of language and blood are after all not so serious as often described, and can be entirely counterbalanced by cordial effort on the part of the United States to understand and appreciate Latin character, processes, and methods of life, business and politics.

The greater barrier to achieving this end so far has seemed to me to be the profound ignorance prevailing among the greater portion of our educated men and women of the United States as to the real Latin American. In a thousand ways this has been brought home to me during the past five years of my diplomatic service. On the other

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views," and President John H. Finley of the College of the City of New York (if you and they will kindly serve), as a committee to arrange and promulgate the terms and limits of the competition. Whatever expense is attached to acquainting the various colleges with the offer and completing arrangements for a successful competition, I shall gladly meet.

The sum might be divided, if you think best, into three prizes, respectively of \$100, \$75 and \$50, but I do not insist upon it.

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mination not to attend the dance. This lateness of action was, of course, not premeditated, but, nevertheless, it places others in a somewhat awkward position.

It is conceded that the absence of the co-eds from the dance will detract greatly from the evening's enjoyment, but the dance will be given. In refusing to attend the after affair the girls seem to have made some keen discriminations. They are planning to support the concert proper with their usual loyal spirit, and they refuse to support the dance, a part of the concert.

Generally speaking, this resolution of the sororities to keep school nights for school work is an excellent one, but there are conceivable cases when this resolution would be lived up to to the detriment of all concerned.

er hand the average Latin American has a far better knowledge of the politics, people, history and material progress of the United States.

Let us, therefore, take measures to reciprocate and so increase this interest. The present is most opportune for inaugurating a new era in the study of Latin American, under the administration of President Roosevelt and his announced policy, in whom and which the Latin states have great confidence, remarkable progress is sure to be made in evolving better international relations.

I wish that the students of our colleges and universities would take up the study of the Spanish languages as they do French and German, and another year I hope to offer corresponding prizes to promote the study of that tongue which in the future may be more useful to the young American than either French or German.

In submitting this offer, I desire to name yourself, Dr. Albert Shaw, editor of the American "Review of Re-