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A NECESSITY.

That the students are greatly in need of elocutionary training and literary culture is a lamentable fact, which, although long observed, has come more directly under our attention since we have been connected with the STUDENT. Since the death of our lamented Professor, the injury which befel the University upon that sad calamity has never as yet been repaired. The necessity for instruction in this direction being manifest, attempts at various times were made to provide some means to remedy the evil, which was proving so detrimental to the students, but, nothing aside from an occasional essay has been accomplished, while the studies in English Literature and Rhetoric were divided amongst the various professors, laboring them with extra duty, and as a natural result, those studies, so essential and necessary, so much desired by students, have been sadly neglected.

Although, to a great extent, the students for this general deficiency which so extensively prevails are to blame. They are neglecting the most vital part of their college work, which pertains to a true education, and, instead of being elated at the prospects of escaping a duty not con-

sidered by most students the most agreeable, you should avail yourself of every opportunity the University offers, such as it is. The societies bid welcome to all, and promise improvement to those who may seek their assistance; and we urge the students who have not as yet taken part in the society work to make no delay in so doing.

We have at present three professors in Natural Science, and which, perhaps, is none too many, but it does seem to us as unnecessary expense. Surely, if there are enough students to occupy the attention of three professors in this department, then there can possibly be no excuse in this long delay in filling the chair of English Literature and Rhetoric. But "a word to the wise is sufficient." We sincerely hope the Regents will not fail to take the much desired action, and fill the chair without delay. The necessity is apparent, the welfare of the students demands it, and the deficiency, so prominent and observable, will not sanction further delay.

PROF. ALLEN.

Prof. Allen, of the University of Wisconsin, has been selected by the authorities