

not in college instruction merely, but, to a certain extent, in that of the common school. The teacher may greatly increase the efficiency of his instruction, by incidental allusions to the facts of the world of nature. It is only in late years that our colleges have introduced their study, and they yet occupy a very subordinate place.

JUNIOR EXHIBITION.

For the first time in the history of the University, the Junior class will appear in public entertainment at the close of the present term. This movement is the direct result of a class organization. We understand that the programme is now complete, and some preparation already began. Judging from what we hear, we believe the performances will vary materially from the old style of society exhibitions.

It was only after some reflection that the class decided to favor the public with this entertainment. Crowded, as they were, with the present duties of the University, they had little time for preparation. Again, they disliked to appear within only one term of commencement exercises, for fear public criticism would censure them for trying to compete with the Senior class. But all such objections, it seems, were finally overcome, in the fact that they would take time for preparation, and would appear as the competitor of no class honors.

This movement is by no means new in College life. So beneficial have these exercises become to undergraduates that in some eastern institutions they are demanded by the college authorities. Far from being prejudiced, we wish the Class of '80 success in their enterprise.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Our state Legislature, which convenes but once in two years, is now in session

and we notice that students resort quite often to the state-house for the purpose of witnessing the proceedings. This is both right and commendable. What is gained by observation of this kind is often as valuable as facts conned from the text-book.

If it is the privilege of the citizen of a republic to have a voice in the making of the laws of his country, it is his duty to be well informed in respect to the nature of these laws and the responsibilities of citizenship.

The study of the science of government has been much neglected, and is yet inadequately provided for. To be familiar with those questions which are of direct moment to us as citizens, we must gain the necessary information as best we can.

THE SOCIETIES

At a late meeting of the Palladian Society, direct calls were made upon the new members, during the time devoted to miscellaneous discussion, and several short but quite pointed speeches elicited. It is well for such members to make it an object to speak frequently in debate. Many students, previous to coming here, have had no experience in public speaking. Such ones ought, if possible, to join one or the other of the societies and take an active part in its exercises. The experience and culture which may be gained through society work is no inconsiderable part of the sum total of a college education.

We would add, as a mere general remark, that since vacancies often occur in the classes of performers, the members ought, when possible, to prepare for such contingencies. Not only would each individual member have thus a chance to perform oftener, but the society would be saved the imputation of listlessness of which a meagre class is an indication.