

magazine, containing in due form the proceedings of Commencement, we ask them to settle their indebtedness to the Students' Journal.

The STUDENT has about reached once more a solid foundation and if the friends and students of the University will only give it a little attention its gradual improvement and enlargement is only a question of time. Within one year an indebtedness of \$195.00 by various means has been nearly liquidated. During this time the STUDENT has labored under serious disadvantages, and has suffered some. But now the prospects are brighter and with a reasonable support from those whose interests we advocate, an enlargement of the paper is inevitable at no distant day.

ELOCUTION.

The introduction of a regular Professor of Elocution, has become one of the more immediate wants of the students. The rhetorical that formerly existed only in name, have now reached such a degree of discipline as to nearly equal an additional study. But as yet, Elocution, taught upon fixed and scientific principles, no professor in the University pretends to teach.

That such training is highly necessary for an ideal student, it needs but little argument to affirm. It is upon the rostrum that the American is compelled to exhibit his manly and intellectual qualities. And, anything that will facilitate his preparation and aid him in his final appearance, is indispensable. Store up within a student the crude and theoretical knowledge of a college, without an opportunity to escape, and that knowledge, however great in abundance, will remain confined as within prison walls. With all his efforts and accumulated knowledge he too frequently falls below the demands of an energetic commonwealth.

On the other hand, together with this

stored knowledge, implant avenues for its escape, by means of artistic culture, and the abilities of a pent up culture, leaps forth to the admiration of attentive hearers.

Sensible of this advantage, while other colleges vie in oratorical contests, we remain in an indifferent mood, shut out from the emulations that bring other students, colleges and professors, into enviable reputations.

It has been urged that the number of students at the University does not merit the maintenance of a Professor of Elocution; that the material for improvement in this line is too limited to deserve so great attention. But, judging from the interest and enthusiasm, exhibited by the literary societies and by the performers upon all public entertainments, we are of the opinion that earnest efforts should, at least, be encouraged. Every literary exhibition that has been given, shows the want and need of oratorical culture, and instead of the material in the University being inferior, in quality, the June exhibitions will to the contrary, prove that the powers of elocution are dormant and only need awakening.

And, even if the material for oratorical culture, is lacking in some respects, are we to expect it to accumulate at the University and wait until an opportunity is given for such training? Such talent glances through the University and passes on to an eastern institution. If, then, we are to build up an institution of learning at home, such a department as elocution is not to be neglected; but demands the earnest attention of the University authorities.

SUNDRY ITEMS.

One year ago this month the STUDENT Ass. increased the number of editors in chief to two, instead of one, as before. One object of the measure was to obviate the future occurrence of the old contests for the possession of the editorial chair