

worse than studying Sundays. On the whole, we are inclined to think such a change would be beneficial to lessons as well as morals, hence we suggest that a trial of it be made for a few weeks at least, and if results are not satisfactory, it will be very easy to readopt the present plan.

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The Juniors of '79-80 are determined to maintain the dignity, in full, that their position allows them. For just before the Thanksgiving vacation they have decided to appear in a literary exhibition (Thanksgiving and its reminiscences evidently being considered as an incentive to literary success.) We are personally informed that in this entertainment, a kind and friendly criticism will be expected from the Seniors; but from the Sophs and Freshes nothing but unbounded admiration and praise will be tolerated. While Preps, unless they make the hall ring with huzzas, will meet the vengeance of Junior broom-stick canes. We are anxious to know what will be the result of this preconcerted arrangement. If it brings success, we shall then know the cause of previous failure on the part of Juniors, to succeed in literary enterprises.

The Junior class at present is the largest that has ever been catalogued in the University, and judging from the literary ability of its members, we are certain that they will present to the public an able class of performers.

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"The Students Lecture Association," is once more under way, vacancies in offices have been filled and the amendments, designating their respective duties, have been sanctioned. The object of the Association is now made public. By the attachment of an amendment, the funds of the Association are to be equally divided between the two literary societies. These societies have ever been embarrassed by the want of sufficient means to repair the ware and tare of their halls, and to com-

plete the furnishing of the same. An opportunity is now open to the societies to raise funds. By this arrangement we hope greater interest will be concentrated in the management of the Association, and by the cooperation of both societies, we may expect a tolerable degree of success.

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### *Editor's Table.*

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The *Illini* from the Illinois Industrial College opens its November number with a description of Florence, Italy, and after continuing almost four pages, the author informs us that it will be "continued in our next!" In a students' paper very few pieces will admit of continuation, and the editors could be justly censured for publishing so long and tedious an article. The editorial upon the Soldiers' Reunion would have been interesting, had it not been so very indefinite. The editor has evidently not the faculty of describing, in an entertaining manner, a scene of so much interest. The essay on the "Poetry of Science" was well written, the thoughts being expressed in carefully chosen words. The arrangement was symmetrical and the general style commendable.

The editorials of the *Wittenberger* were very uninteresting and the locals not much better. The literary articles were fairly good. The article on "College Prizes" deserves especial mention as it presented all the best arguments in favor of the custom. The oration on "Oliver Cromwell" was a valuable contribution to the October number. The typography of the *Wittenberger* is excellent, superior to that of most of our exchanges.

The University *Misourian* had a terse, dignified article on the "Conflict of Opinions." The writer had a choice command of language and was well versed in his subject. He might, however, have strengthened his position by quoting Gen. Garfield: "Ideas fight even more than guns; even more than men. Put two antagonistic ideas into the arena together,