

jects so carefully that they have added largely to their stock of knowledge, and have formed opinions which, perhaps, will last through life, as a foundation upon which to build the completed structure whose materials time and experience alone can furnish. At present there are only about two thirds of the regular College classes connected with the Societies.

We hope that next term they will conclude to help us in our work, and thus help themselves in their own.

The rhetorical of the Senior Class have been changed materially for the present year. Instead of the former requirement of nine essays and as many declamations, in their places three orations have been substituted. As the choice was left to the class whether they should pronounce their orations in the chapel before faculty and students, or in the form of public exhibition, the latter was chosen. The evening of the 13th of December was the appointed time for the entertainment, and suitable preparation had been made for the same. But owing to sickness on the part of some members of the class, the programme, we understand, has been postponed until the 10th of January next. So all Seniors that survive the holidays, it is expected, will at that time immortalize the beginning of their college year, 1880.

The Juniors after the success of their exhibition have settled down to work, to meditate upon their respective laurels, and to appreciate the friendly criticism from the Seniors. They feel grateful for the unbounded admiration shown to them by the Sophs and Freshes. Reviews preparatory to examinations, occupy most of their attention; and frequently we hear one, who spent considerable time upon his production for the exhibition, remark, that here are the lessons that he missed when he was writing his oration or polishing his essay.

The Sophomores are, as usual, the most ambitious students in the University. Their class organization is participated in with energy by every member. At least the account of their meeting, brought to us by our devil, is beyond description. A challenge to the Seniors for a literary contest was even debated upon with the most profound gravity and consideration. Fortunately for both parties the project was defeated.

The Freshman have at last become reconciled to their new surroundings, and have at length mustered sufficient confidence to look a Senior straight in the face.

The Preparatory classes still contain some of the best students of the University, and under the strict discipline of the Latin Department are certain to render honor to the University.

Editor's Table.

The *College Herald* from the University at Lewisburg, Pa., commences its last issue with a sentimental, foolish poem—we suppose the author called it—full of 'vanished flowers' and 'phantoms of joy.' Much of College poetry, as a class, is simply execrable and this particular poem was especially so. Romantic students who are compelled to express the feelings of their over-burdened souls in verse, ought to have more consideration for the long-suffering, grievously-oppressed reading public, and not publish their poetical ebullitions, tinctured alas with too much pathetic emotion and affectation to be interesting to more practical people. An enjoyable article upon sights in Washington was too lengthy, and the author felt called upon to explain the remarkable objects he pointed out as minutely as though we were children.

The exchange notes of the *Dickenson Liberal* are pithy and just. But the locals are too "slangy," and are evidently writ-