

to say that our predecessors have labored most faithfully to make it rank with the foremost journals in the land. The required abstract matter has always been in prompt readiness, and the Editorials and Locals have been everything that could be desired. The Board of Managers took a deep interest in every move, in every proposition looking toward the furtherance of its welfare. They never hesitated to make a sacrifice of time and labor whenever called upon, and not an instance of dereliction of duty is mentioned. But there is a grave fault and one of long standing, which has given birth to many merited complaints. If the managers are not in the wrong, at whose door must we put the blame? We dislike to answer the question as it deserves, but we suppose there is not an editor of a college paper in existence who has not had the same complaint to enter. The root of all evil in this case is not money, but rather the lack of it, and as the students are expected to constitute the larger number of subscribers, thus furnishing the greater part of the capital necessary in keeping alive such a magazine as the *STUDENT*, we logically conclude that they should receive the brunt of criticism.

The *STUDENT* is a patient, and is afflicted with a financial disease, for which a remedy must be found. We, as physician, have felt its pulse, and are certain we understand its symptoms. In our prescription we advise each non-subscriber to take three drops of patriotism every morning for a week, or until his conscience informs him that the only remedy for the disease is a one dollar bill taken from his pocket and delivered into the hands of the Business Manager, E. P. Unangst, who will see that the funds are applied in the right direction. By a little exertion on the part of the students this paper can be made a paying concern, instead of a debt contractor. All we ask is a little encouragement; as to the rest we shall do our whole duty.

BOARD OF REGENTS.

We formerly denominated the military drill as a thorn and it pierced the side of every student who was compelled to shoulder a musket. For some reason or reasons known, perhaps, to only a few of those who were drafted, it has become a crown which not only those who must drill, are anxious to wear, but even the ambitious Preps are clamoring for it. That it can be, and has been, made a success, is plainly exemplified in the efficient management of the present instructor. All that is really essential and necessary is to gain the interest and respect of the student. After this is accomplished, there is no need of other plans.

We suppose the Board of Regents in their last meeting reasoned that if the drill could be made still more attractive, so much the better, and at the suggestion of the wise and far-seeing Dr. Fifield, a report was adopted, "requesting our delegation in Congress to labor for a law authorizing the annual appointment of a cadet to West Point Military Academy from each of the Agricultural and Military colleges that hold a land grant from the United States." Now this is an object of very much consequence, not only that the students join the companies, but that they vie with each other to see who, by his thoroughness and proficiency at the end of each college year, shall be able to register as Cadet at West Point, with the favorable prospect of reaching the plane of a Sherman or a Sheridan.

We are glad the Regents have opened their eyes to this once knotty problem, and intend to use persuasion rather than compulsion.

There is no reason why the Military department should not be one of the most important factors in the University, and when Congress passes a law resembling the one requested, we expect to see every male student ambitious for a cadetship at West Point through the agency of the