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Editorial.

THE ELECTIVE SYSTEM.

The regents, by adopting the elective system submitted to them by the faculty, have placed the University on a better and broader basis. Heretofore those desiring to graduate have been compelled to complete studies for which they had no taste, and often, a positive aversion. Each course contained so many stated studies that were necessary for graduation. The student looked upon them as so many evils from which to choose, and usually, before he finished his course he wished he had taken one of the others. Now to a great extent the student is no longer circumscribed in his work by the dictation of others. He is left more free to choose for himself. True, there are still prescribed studies, but there are elective ones also. So, if one desires to become proficient in any department, by the elective system he can. If he delights in the classics or if he prefers History, means are now afforded for a thorough course in those branches; so with English and the Modern Languages. When one becomes acquainted with the workings of the new system the only wonder is that it was not adopted long ago.

Still, with all its good qualities, there is some dissatisfaction. The classical student does not rejoice because Latin and Greek are extended through the entire senior year. He has an impression that either in general reading, or in the perusal of some more practical study, his time would be better employed. There can be but one class of students that the present

arrangement favors, and that is a small one, viz: those preparing to teach these languages. If this class outnumbered all others in the classical department, it would be well to favor them. Such is not the case. There are far more who desire merely the underlying principals of those languages, and six years of constant application are looked upon as just a year or so too many. Why not place the last year of Latin and Greek upon the elective basis? There is another phase of the subject; those desiring one, two, or possibly three years of these languages, can take them as electives and need not enter the classical course. If this be done, that course which has been given precedence for so many years will find that it is lagging behind. This it can hardly afford to do, when by so slight a change matters can be adjusted.

Once more a peaceable election has been held. Old troubles, if not entirely, partially at least, are buried. The aim of the present board will be to build up the STUDENT, to surpass if possible its former worth and usefulness. Success depends in part upon our own diligence and exertion, in part upon you students of the University. There must be articles for each number. Can you reasonably expect the editors to prepare all? Certainly not; and upon whom, then, does that duty fall but upon you, one and all. Make this a personal matter as you do your society work and there can be no doubt as to the future of the paper. The ideal college journal is hard to be realized and never can be without the earnest cooperation of all.

Palladian Resolutions.

WHEREAS, Our Father has seen fit to call from us to the full fruition of hope, our loved classmate and honored co-laborer, Nellie West, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That while God's ways are to us mysterious in thus so suddenly calling from us one whose life gave promise of a brilliant future, with sorrow we say "Thy will, O God, be done."

*Resolved*, That we as a Society will ever imitate her many true and noble traits of character, and

*Resolved*, That we tender our sincere sympathy to the family who have thus been bereaved of a dear daughter and sister, and to the other relatives of our deceased classmate, recommending them to the care and protection of the Divine Father who "Doeth all things well."

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the parents of the deceased, and that they be published in our college and city papers.

To the students!! H. C. LETT & SON have a complete stock of dry goods, notions, etc., and will make it to the interest of students to trade with them.

Locals.

What did you elect?

How do you like reciting on Saturdays?

The library is not open on Saturday afternoons.

All the students go to Fox & Struve for their books and stationery.

The University seems to have picked up in all departments.

The Chancellor has added another to his many cares. He has got a telephone.

For artistic printing, try the Times Job office, corner of O and 11th.

Laboratory work will commence upon the return of Prof. Aughey.

For handsome cloaks and dolmans go to Ashby's one price cash house, O and 13th Streets.

S. M. Ashby has the finest line of laces, lace ties, gloves and hosiery in the city, O and 13th Streets.

Go to Ashby's for elegant dress goods, silks, satins, Surah velvets and plushes, O and 13th Streets.

Students will find everything they need in the way of stationery and text books at Fox & Struve's.

Dave Mercer says he is about to start for Ann Arbor. Persons whom he is owing will do well to see him immediately.

How do you like our new form? The STUDENT intends to go right ahead, improving all the while.

H. C. Lett & Son will stand by the students and give them bottom prices on everything they buy of them.

Professors, Seniors, Juniors, Sophs, Freshies, and innocent Preps, all smoke Herminghaus' peerless cigars.

Our foreman is indebted to Col. Pickett, of the Times Job Office, for substantial favors.

There's a Christian in the band, but that doesn't make it a Christian band by any means.

They say a homesick Freshman was rocked to sleep the other evening by a fatherly Senior.

Ever student in the University has been to the Registrar to have the new System explained.

The report that Marsh & Clark contemplate engaging in the wholesale stationery business lacks confirmation.

If you know anything about anybody, you're respectfully invited to communicate with the local editor.