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Editorial Notes.

A critic in one of the literary societies said that if there were any members who did not wish to do thorough literary work they had better withdraw. He was severely taken to task by some members of his society and almost driven to recant. If any of the students would like to discuss the question through the columns of the STUDENT we will try to find a corner for them.

THE roof of our chapel is at last repaired, so that there is now a probability that the rain will find its way into the cistern instead of into the room. The next thing on the programme ought to be to repair the plastering, and recalcimine the whole interior. The room in which all the students meet daily, ought to be the finest in the building, instead of being as it is now the most unsightly. Those black streaks on each side, and the tobacco-colored stains on the ceiling are not very aesthetical ornaments for a college chapel.

A Base Ball Association has at last been started. This is, as it is customary to say, a move in the right direction. There always has been a lack of genuine college spirit in this institution, and an association of this kind will tend to increase such a feeling. If a foot ball team and a boat club (which latter might practice on the raging Salt) could be formed, we

might, in the years to come, have enough college enthusiasm to designate ours as a real college, and not as a gathering place for those who do not know what a live college should be.

MANY of our exchanges have something to say concerning the benefit of society work, and the arguments urged in favor of public literary exercises are in style and force as varied as the writers. An active part in society work will be of more practical benefit to a student than any thing else in the college course, requiring the same amount of time. No college course is complete without this drill, and we would urge our new students to loose no time in joining one or other of the societies, and let each choose for himself. A good student who is willing to take an active part in society work will be welcome in either.

THERE are more students attending the University this term than at any other term in its history. Nearly every seat in chapel, including the tabooed back seats, is occupied, and it begins to look as if the professors must soon "go up higher" upon their own platform, so that the side seats may be used by others. Whether or not this necessity exists, it seems to us that the rostrum is the proper place for the faculty. They would look more dignified there and their presence would have a tendency to preserve order among our recruits. Every teacher knows that a single glance of his eye does more toward preserving order in the school room than a bundle of birch rods.

THE only Greek letter society in this institution is prospering, like every thing else connected with the school, and its membership has been increased during the present term. A membership in one of these organizations is a pleasant luxury which, like many luxuries has certain drawbacks. In proportion as the members of a fraternity are united they are apt to become unjust to those outside of the order, and to consider themselves the "upper crust of creation." This of course often creates a feeling of dislike and sometimes of contempt in the minds of the outsiders, and so the ill will between the "frats" and "anti-frats" tends to perpetuate itself. We can control our feelings in reference to others more than some suppose. Hence when a young fellow has paid ten or fifteen dollars for the privilage of experiencing fraternal feelings toward about the same number of his fellow students, he labors with his emotions for the simple purpose of getting his money's worth, and often succeeds in pumping into his heart quite a fondness for those whom he would otherwise have considered wholly "unlikable." In view of these facts the Greek letter societies live on, fraternizing