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## Editorial Notes.

At the recent meeting of the board of Regents charges and specifications were presented against Prof. Thompson alleging his mismanagement and incompetency as professor and as the head of the college farm. The board decided that the charges were, in the main, not substantiated, but concluded that his methods were open to criticism in certain particulars. One peculiar feature of the investigation was the calling of witnesses to prove the manner in which the Professor was regarded by the students. This was a move that would have made an old fashioned disciplinarian despair of the future of our school and of its present efficiency. However we deem this a very proper course to pursue. Fully half the students in this institution are working their own way, in part at least, and so must be in earnest, and anxious to have as good a school as possible. Considering these circumstances it may be seen that the students are simply citizens of the state who have the greatest interest in the University and are most favorably situated for judging of its needs. The fear of disfavor with the professors will always be a sufficient restraint upon a tendency to "crankism," and we believe that the Regents in the future, as in the past will do well to regard the opinion of the students.

Our Literary Editor has been smitten with veneration for Carlyle and gets quite sarcastic in consid-

ering Gail Hamilton's estimate of his character. Gail says a great many foolish things, but there is a certain amount of truth underlying the self-conscious folly of her talk. Such we judge to have been the case in the present instance. Even the gentle Whittier says that the publication of Carlyle's correspondence has disclosed so much bitterness that it has induced him to burn a correspondence covering some fifty years, and that it almost compels one to believe that Carlyle was devoid of the milk of human kindness. "When I was in England," says Emerson, "young men used to ask me to introduce them to Carlyle, but I said, why will you have this vitrol thrown over you?" Such expressions from such men show that the great worshipers of Strength, or rather of Ruggedness, might be charged, not only with minor faults but also with a thoroughly unkind disposition. We believe that it is acknowledged even by Carlyle's friends that he paid a studied disregard to his wife's wishes, always when they interfered with his own, and often out of pure meanness. No man can, of course be perfect, but we should be careful ere allowing an excuse for indecency. "Two-fifths of genius and three-fifths clear fudge," is perhaps a correct estimate of the make-up of the scolding Scotchman.

We have often thought, and now we feel convinced that the STUDENT ought to have a managing editor, through whose hands all matter intended for publication in the STUDENT should pass, and who would be responsible for every thing that appears in its columns. It is true that there are two so-called editors-in-chief, but neither has any authority over the other, nor over any other department but his own, and it is a very easy matter for articles to find their way into print without the consent or knowledge of any member of the board of editors. This is the only explanation we can offer to those who may feel aggrieved at having their names causelessly dragged before the public in the last issue of the STUDENT. We believe that when the good of the University is concerned the STUDENT has a right to use its influence even at the risk of offending the powers that be, but it certainly is not intended as a medium for anyone to give expression to his personal feelings.

With regard to that "Medical Bill of Fare" in the last issue we are glad to be able to say that no one on the editorial staff is willing to acknowledge himself the author, and how any one having the good of this paper at heart could find it in himself to write such stuff, which contains neither wit nor humor, but instead a good deal of vulgarity passeth all understanding.