

Our University correspondent certainly is not very well posted in college affairs when he writes that the literary societies are attempting to amend their constitution for the purpose of keeping out the wine bibbers of the fraternities. No student certainly has made any such statement, for nothing could be more false. Our fraternities here have not arrived at that point where they think it necessary to copy after certain eastern fraternities in this; again he speaks of Professor Culver, Professor of modern languages who is only a tutor; altogether from the prominence of the medical department and the exclusion of the literary college affairs it looks as though a change in this respect was needed.

THE Geology class are taking an unusual interest in Geology this year. This is due no doubt from the fact that Professor Hicks has both a thorough knowledge of the science and the faculty of presenting it to the student in an interesting way. The class and Professor have made several excursions and obtained a number of specimens of the Dakota Group much finer than those of the same group in our museum and some of which are not in the museum at all. It is evident from this fact then that our state should have another Geological survey since the old one is imperfect even in sight of our State Capital. The STUDENT hopes that the State of Nebraska will recognize, as other states have done, the importance of thorough Geological survey and feels that such a survey under an energetic man like Professor Hicks would be of great value to the State.

I, as one of the students, am sorry that the HESPERIAN STUDENT, in representing the opinions of the students has encouraged the idea that a student should have nothing to do with politics while in school, and that none of the more sober thinking students indulge in such frivolous things. We would sooner believe that it was those who did not think at all who hold themselves aloof from such petty trifles. If there is any thing that demands independent thought and action it is the politics of to-day. We hear that students have too much to do to throw away time in political demonstrations. Who ever heard of a set of students having so much to do that they couldn't turn out on a Hallow e'en and turn a whole town upside down. If it is possible to increase the student's interest in politics, in the welfare of our nation it would have a telling effect on its future prosperity. If the thousands of students upon leaving college had even a crude idea of the needs of our nation and develop those ideas as opportunity offers politics would certainly be the purer for it.

A. R.

OUR military department looms up as it did three or four years ago. There at is present about four companies under military discipline. The communicator is glad to see this for there is no better exercise for the student than that of strict military discipline. Our gymnasium is no more and hence every student should take drill, the only means of exercise, at present, in our institution.

Lieutenant Townley is as thorough a drill-master as can be found from the manner in which he puts them through the manual of arms and general appearance of the Cadets. The general objections to drill is that the students have not the time to spend in drill. Every one will admit that three hours a week in exercise is time spent to good advantage when it is spent under a thoroughly drilled man. Every man then should show his interest in this department whether he be a member or not. He should advocate, even though he receive no benefit from it himself, because it is for the benefit of others.

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ANOTHER winter is upon us and still we must pass from rooms more or less heated by stoves to halls not heated at all. The Lincoln High School has sufficient regard for the health of its students not to subject them to these constant and violent changes of temperature a dozen times a day but the State University still keeps to the time honored method. Conservation is a good thing enough, but it may be carried to excess; who can tell how many of those who have left this college because their strength failed to carry the work which was imposed upon it, found in this unnecessary exposure that proverbial last feather which is fatal? We hope the legislature will not think it necessary to practice this false economy in order to proclaim their savings for campaign purposes. We trust that the time is not far distant when the University is not so entirely subject to legislative action which, we are sorry to say, is only to be an object for party machinations. Though the first cost of a proper steam heating apparatus would be considerable it would in the end be true economy to supply the building with it at once, and when the necessity does force its way through our conservative law makers that when the health of their sons and daughters is concerned hesitation is too expensive in any case it is to be hoped that no half way measures will be adopted. It is not enough to have an equable temperature in the recitation rooms and chapel. As the students are obliged to pass from room to room every hour it is essential that the artificial summer shall extend to the halls and throughout the building. This matter should not be neglected.

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