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## *Editorial Notes,*

It was the impression of the STUDENT that there were definite limits placed on the amount of study to be accomplished by a student in a single term. We believe it is the truth that at least one half of the college department are attempting considerably more than the required amount of book-work. The studies themselves, the literary societies and especially the STUDENT suffer from this steam-pressure method of study.

A firm in Chicago is gifted with the most abundant cheek imaginable. Their enterprize is so vigorous that all the members of the senior class have received circulars from them offering to furnish orations, essays or poems to order. We are sorry we can't give their names as such a grand and altogether fresh enterprize as the Student's Literary Bureau ought to have as free and full advertising as any thing that has of late come to our notice.

It is highly probable that less good will come from half a dozen different topics in a term than from working on three or four to obtain all that they contain. There is much danger of students becoming mental dyspeptics from hasty and half digested knowledge. To take a few studies, and prepare them deliberately and thoroughly is the best method of improving the quality of one's intellect and of maintaining a healthy vigor at

THE student is not receiving the support from our alumni which a college paper ought and which is in most colleges they usually receive. This after some thought we conclude is partly the fault of the alumni. We have been unable to gather much news concerning them very largely on account of their lack of support and on the other hand they loose interest in us from that very fact. Now we want to meet our graduates at least half way; we want communications and news from them and from old students. We cannot tell where you are or what you are doing without first knowing ourselves; and if you will give us a chance the STUDENT can be made and will be made of more interest to you.

THE Journal and some of our other state contemporaries are indulging in a somewhat boisterous altercation regarding the color of Fred Nye's hair and a most perplexing problem it seems to be. It has been and is the policy of the STUDENT to hold itself aloof from all petty quarrels especially those of a personal nature but when we are compelled to witness a paper like the Journal stooping to malign the hair of such a man as Fred Nye, prevaricating with prevarications so obviously malicious, the spirit of Sampson rises within us and were it not for the fact that we have within our reach no inferior maxillary of a superior jackass we would straightway gird up our loins advance upon the works of the State Journal and smite the gentleman hip and thigh following somewhat the modus operandi of that eminent gentleman of olden time. If this threatening editorial does not intimidate our morning friend we'll try another plan, but cost what it will Mr. Nye's hair has its rights.

COMPARATIVELY few atudent seem to have any idea of the value of reading—judicious reading of course, in the work of education. A student who wishes to make the most of his time and opportunities while at college should make a firm resolution to spend a fair portion of his time every day with well selected authors. Some of these—a few—should be chosen for their style; the greater number should be solid and instructive. A student who devotes an hour a day to a good book will at the end of the year be surprised as the amount of information acquired, while, in the meantime his own style of writing and manner of thinking partakes more or less of his favorite authors. Even the most casual acquaintance with good books is not without benefit; but to be of the greatest advantage, both style and matter should receive careful attention. Disagreeable at first, perhaps, reading grows upon one, and when it becomes a habit it will prove both pleasant and profitable.

SOME woman in Indiana is bringing forward the fact that according to the constitution of that state it is