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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Perhaps the greatest difficulty the professor experiences with the new student is to convince him that he is dealing honestly with him and would like the student to be natural and honest in return. Good training and healthy development can only come of natural and honest work.

A COMMITTEE appointed for that special purpose has sent out a large number of printed circulars to the members of the bar in this state looking to the establishment of a law department here. The charter provides for a Law Department in the University, and thinking the time come for its establishment, these circulars are intended to call out the opinions of our lawyers upon the question, and further, to ascertain the position the bar will assume towards this new department. Of course, this step is but preparatory, and no definite action will be taken until the ground has been pretty thoroughly looked over, and the feeling of those affected and most interested is made known. We think this a very wise step, and as further developments are made will apprise our readers of the facts.

WE have as yet had no contributions handed to us for publication this term. Now we do not wish to encourage students to offer contributions on promiscuous and unimportant subjects, but on the contrary,

some good live articles like those of "Sans Detour" in the last numbers of the preceding volume would be very acceptable. We suggest as a proper theme for discussion the question of June exhibitions by our literary societies. As a matter of course, we reserve the privilege of refusing to publish articles that have no merits, or what we deem otherwise unfit for our columns; but will be very much pleased if we can obtain a few meritorious and manly discussions. Where are our future editors and journalists? Come, show your ability in this line.

HALLOWE'EN has come and gone and the students have committed fewer flagrant pranks than ever before in the history of the University. This was not because they had been threatened if they should break loose, nor yet because they had been asked to be mild and stay in doors that evening. On the contrary, thrown upon their own honor and sense of propriety, it was assumed that they would conduct themselves as gentlemen, and do what they might they would be careful to distinguish between what was willful and malicious, and what was merely harmless. The occasion proves that the confidence of one party and the honor of the other was strictly kept. Many harmless jokes, however, were played. Many exciting experiences have been reported to us; but nothing really malicious has as yet been made known.

The enthusiasm manifested by the members of the literary societies this term both in their work on the rostrum and also in the encouragements shown new students, is exceedingly marked, and promises good returns in the not very distant future. This enthusiasm is just what is needed to get up excellent literary programs, to keep alive and active the social element, and in return, benefit the student thus exerting himself. Our literary societies are doing a grand work here in the training of those who will some day appear on the public platform as our most gifted orators, or in the field of literature as our worthiest and most talented writers.

But to a second phase of the subject. We have a faint recollection of having sometime mentioned this matter in our columns, but it can certainly do no harm to repeat it—our faculty so seldom visit the literary societies that we are obliged to question their attitude toward them. Perhaps we are wrong, but somewhere in our previous training we have been taught that to pass things by unnoticed is but to show contempt for them. Certainly our faculty recognize the worth of the work being done in our literary societies, and it may be only a lack of time that keeps them from attending their meetings. The members