

be better to have the chemistry work done in the winter term and thus relieve the second year students to a great extent? The work would be more evenly distributed and would be better done. The complaints of the second year students should receive attention.

THE state convention of college Y. M. C. A. was an excellent means towards establishing the proper relations between the colleges of the state. Such meetings make the students more charitable and broader in every respect. The best evidence of this was the fact that almost all the students, whether they belonged to the organization or not, made it their especial care to attend. Such conventions should be held more frequently. They tend to awaken greater religious spirit and increase the feeling of Christian fellowship among students. Everything that tends to develop the moral character of the students raises the standing of the institution in a corresponding degree.

STEPS should be taken at once toward making the proper preparations for Field Day. The delays that occurred last year should be avoided. The committees are appointed but no sign of preparation appears. Prepare now and not on Field Day. If properly arranged for and carried out this day might be made a very enjoyable occasion. But such affairs can not be gotten up on the spur of the moment. Some thought and some planning is necessary. If the committee does not soon show some energy we would suggest that the officers of the Athletic Association stir their slumbering forces into activity. If that be impossible appoint a new committee. If we are to have Field Day at all, let us have one that we will not be ashamed of. Wake up, somebody.

To deprive the students of holidays on Arbor Day and the 30th of April is unjust. There is no good reason for it. It was stated that the students were here on expense and therefore these holidays were withheld in order to save the students additional expense. But it has not yet appeared that the two days thus saved are to be taken from the spring term. An additional week was required in the winter term also. No holiday was allowed on Washington's birthday. And moreover it is stated that there is a strong feeling against allowing the annual encampment of the cadets. An occasional holiday is a benefit rather than a detriment to the students. The students here are allowed very few holidays, fewer than usual this year. As a rule the students do the best of work and are willing and anxious to do so. But there seems to be a tendency to over-crowd them. Why this movement against holidays by the faculty, it is difficult to see.

It is questionable whether the usual amount of studying was done by the students when holidays which they have always had, were taken away from them. A half holiday on Charter Day, no holidays on Washington's birthday, Arbor Day, or the 30th of April, and a strong opposition to the encampment—no wonder that dissatisfaction exists among the students and they have a strong tendency to "cut class" on those holidays. Had the number of holidays and the additional week in the winter term been taken from the spring term the students would have been greatly pleased and would not have become dissatisfied. But as it is they have good reason to complain. Ninetenths of the students would have done just as much work in the term had these holidays been given.

ALTHOUGH our students were disappointed at the result of the state contest, still they are not ashamed. Not at all do we regret that the University entered the state association. At the time when the three delegates from the University went to Crete to help organize a new association, not a line had been written for any of the orations which were to be judged in the local contest. The entire work on the part of the University was done in about nine weeks. Doane had held her local contest already. We scarcely dared to hope for victory, but we were bound to awaken some college enthusiasm at least.

In face of the disadvantages did it pay to risk defeat? Yes, it paid. There was a time when the feeling between Doane and the University amounted almost to genuine hatred. Ask the students at Doane if that was not true. Yet two hundred students from the University went to Crete on the 12th of April and met on mutual terms of good will the students of Doane. Such a time of college enthusiasm and good-natured rivalry had never been experienced by any student of either institution. We have read the account of the contest in the *Owl* and as regards the fraternal feelings expressed therein, we are glad to say that such are the sentiments of the University students since the contest.

It is true we made an unusual amount of noise and that we shook the opera house with cheers; but it was the first time for years that we had had an opportunity to cheer the University.

We went into the contest with honest endeavor to make it square. Not a single student kicked at the decision. Such a contest was something of which both institutions should be proud. THE HESPERIAN hopes that the succeeding contests may be of a similar character and that the good-natured rivalry seen at the late contest may continue. For the establishment of such college brotherhood THE HESPERIAN pledges its sincere and earnest efforts.