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Editorial.

We wish all of our subscribers a happy new year.

In this, the last issue of the semester, we wish to thank our contributors for the aid they have kindly extended in making the paper interesting. We are indebted to Miss Martha Hutchison for "Literary Crumbs," to Miss Mattie Burks for music and local items, to Mr. R. E. Bulla for locals on several occasions. We are especially indebted to Messrs. T. E. Wing and J. B. McDonald for valuable assistance in other departments.

The mad chase of our students after knowledge has become proverbial, but it would be a good idea to give the conductor of chapel exercises time to catch his breath after the closing "Amen" before we rush out like madmen, presumably in quest of intellectual food. Our intentions are good and of course we understand each other, but a stranger might mistake our eager haste for something else and accuse us of irreverence.

It is bad form and we can't spend the five seconds following the "Amen" more profitably than by doing absolutely nothing.

We would suggest that the battalion another year adopt the regulation cadet cape overcoat. They are cheap, durable, neat, trim and soldierly-looking. At present no two cadets have the same kind of overcoat. Some wear short box coats, others long ulsters. Some are black, some are gray, some are new, some old and ragged, some fit, others—well there is no doubt but that their adoption would greatly improve the battalion in general appearance and uniformity. Our battalion has better training than is given in most of the military schools, why can we not be as well dressed?

The nearer a University approaches the plane of practical democracy, the better the character of the work it produces, and the larger its influence. What the masses of the coming generation need, to fit them for their position in the advanced stage of society, is a comprehensive and practical education. In interesting the largest number possible as to the necessity and merits of an education, the greatest attraction is cheapness. Not what is the cheapest school one can attend, without any regard for the character of the institution, but how much money is necessary to pursue a course in a college of high standard and recognized efficiency. In view of the great demand, for lowering college expenses, a system of co-operative distribution has found a place in several eastern schools, and co-operative societies are in a flourishing condition.

This is the season that college glee and banjo clubs are making their tours. In every