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Why are not the faucets in the hallways of the library building turned on for use and supplied with cups? With the advent of warm weather this would greatly convenience the students.

Speaking of English work, the great deficiency in the literature of the day is good essayists. We have plenty of stories—long and short—and good ones. We have reams of poetry—or verse—not so good. We have pages of tiresome travel narration. But there are not half a dozen good essayists in the United States. The same tendency is manifest in our university work. There are twenty students who can write a good, interesting story. There are half as many able to compose medium verse. Didactic and narrative work is largely done with force and effect. But we have yet to see the first good literary essay from a student pen. And is it not true that the writing of a good essay is as much the test of literary ability—or scholarship in a real sense—as the playing of Hamlet is accounted the crucial test of the tragedian?

We were under the impression that the chancellor's lecture course was a thing of the past. But to our delight we were mistaken. The commendation President Raymond's address received shows that the audience and faculty alike are approaching with some advice from scholars and men of standard reputation outside of our own state. We regret the course has not been continued regularly throughout the college year. Its expediency has been certainly demonstrated. Men of experience in higher education and in public life are always welcomed to an institution of learning. They say something that is judicious, practical and deserving of consideration. The solution of the problems of education and of society belongs to the field of the learned. Students are desirous of listening to talks on such practical topics in addition to their regular work. It is a change from the order of things. May the lecture course be continued with more regularity during the ensuing year.

Much complaint has been made of late of a few students relying upon others for required class work, especially notes and readings. The evil results of such mental training are certainly apparent. Then, why is the abuse carried so far that it becomes a pernicious habit? No one suffers, really, but the student who persists in substituting someone else's industry, mental energy and culture for his indolence and unseemly conduct. Every student certainly realizes that knowledge cannot be absorbed like water in a sponge, but must come through the industrious application of the mind. The habit of relying on a fellow student is deceptive and speaks ill of the university. It deceives the professor. Dishonesty takes the place of honesty. The true worth of the student in any particular study cannot be ascertained. But, nevertheless, the one who cheats appears in the class room just as dignified and pompous as the one who has labored independently and done his work for himself. In truth, he is equally respected by the student body. This is the wrong spirit to prevail. The apparent solution of the problem lies in the province of the students. As one of the professors says, every student should realize that it is just as dishonorable and deceiving

to render such aid as it is to receive it. When it is realized that the evil falls equally on all, the dishonorable and shameful practice will be eradicated.

It seems that the athletic board took hasty action in regard to Mr. Everett's resignation. The following apology by the board we gladly publish to correct one report that appeared last week:

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, April 23, 1906—The university athletic board learns with regret that the report sent to its meeting on April 10 by Mr. Everett as manager of the track team was not received prior to its acceptance of his resignation. Mr. Everett's absence from the meeting, which was due to unforeseen causes and of which he sent a telephone message that was not delivered, gave rise to a belief that he had done nothing towards preparation for the annual field day. As a matter of fact, the board is glad to state that Mr. Everett had already arranged a program, had secured a number of valuable prizes and had done much in the way of general preparation for the day which will materially lighten the work of his successor. It is hoped that this official statement will correct any unfavorable impression of Mr. Everett's work that may have arisen.

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SPARE THY PITY.

I know that thou art better born,
That fate has aye been good to thee,
Whilst I have been a child of scorn
And she has still been rude to me,
But spare, oh spare thy pity.

I know the learned call thee friend,
The high in station talk with thee
Whilst down the untaught aisles I wend
And lowly people walk with me,
But spare, oh spare thy pity.

I know that all thy words are wise,
That courtesy is ease to thee,
Whilst crudeness stares from my dull eyes
And coarseness has made peace with me,
But spare, oh spare thy pity.

I know that thou dost tread down sin,
The wilding has no claim for thee,
Whilst I have all its seeds within
And e'en to joy is harm for me,
But spare, oh spare thy pity.

I know there is a heart more rare
Will breathe the flame has burned of thee
Whilst mine must smother in despair
The passion thou hast spurned of me,
But spare, oh spare thy pity.

JAS. B.

School teacher—Your little boy Hans wasn't at school yesterday, Mr. Johansberg.

Mr. Johansberg (of the Bowery)—No, I was makin' der parrel of sauerkraut, and I wanted Hans to joomp down mit his feet.—Texas Siftings.

Two Views of It.

For a long time they had sat in silence, each engaged in thought. "I have it," he exclaimed, suddenly. "Reginald." "Yes, I have it at last." With eager, trembling hand the poet wrote the beautiful thought which had come to him, while his wife could hardly wait to get her bonnet on straight before she rushed over to her next door neighbors' to tell them theirs was no longer the only case of appendicitis on the street.—Detroit Tribune.

By Proxy.

Miggs—I thought you said that Pippo was a scoundrel, and that you would cut him dead after this; and yet I saw you sipping cocktails with him at the club this morning!

Higgs—Oh, I leave all those disagreeable bits of diplomacy to my man. He has cut him dead every day for three months.

A Query.

Van Bilby—What language do you speak, Miss De Gushah?

Miss De Gushah (sighing divinely)—But one.

Van Bilby—And that?

Miss Gushah—The language of love. Van Bilby—Ah, really! But you must find it embarrassing, that nobody in society understands dead languages nowadays.

Willie—I was going fishing Sunday, but my papa wouldn't let me. Reverend Dr. Sainly—That's the right kind of a papa to have. Did he tell you the reason why? Willie—Yes, sir; he said there wasn't bait enough for two.

Judge—How do you account for the fact that the man's watch was found in your pocket? Prisoner—Your honor, life is made up of inexplicable mysteries, and I trust your honor will so instruct the jury.

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