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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE large and intelligent audience that greeted Professor Bennett was amply repaid by hearing one of the deepest and most scholarly lectures ever given in the city. The entertaining and instructive manner with which the subject was treated, is one that would only be suggested to an eager and gifted enthusiast in that line of work. The interest taken by the students in this and in previous lectures is certainly sufficient encouragement for the faculty to make the lecture course a permanent affair.

THE question of university extension, which the faculty have been considering for some time, is a question of such importance as to receive considerable attention at the hands of the leading educators of the country. So great is the demand of the public for some extension of the present system of education, that a meeting of the presidents of the leading eastern colleges was held, where the pro's and con's of the new system were thoroughly discussed. As a result of this discussion, such men as the presidents of Yale, Princeton, and Columbia, have heartily endorsed the new system, and will use such influence as they may control, to hasten its general adoption. The plan under consideration by the faculty, is a modification of the system used in England, and while with few exceptions it has never been adopted by any of the colleges in this country, the chatauqua association and those of a similar character, have tried it with remarkable success. The purpose of this new system of education, is to enable those persons whose circumstances renders it impossible for them to attend a college, to avail themselves of better instruction than is usually at the command of this class of deserving students. While this plan of university extension does not contemplate giving to those who may avail themselves of it all the advantages offered by the university, it is thought that many people who never had the advantages of a university education, may derive benefit by being brought into closer relationship with the best teachers and the best teaching to be found in the west. It will open the way for hundreds of enthusiastic students of the state, to secure the learning they are striving for, but whose circumstances renders it impossible for them to acquire.