

is said than how a thing is said. The debating club properly conducted is the means for the accomplishment of that end. The University Debating club was organized to fill a long felt want in the N. S. U. The want seems to be no longer felt. We can hardly imagine that the end has been brought about so quickly. If it has, then the argument in favor of the debating club is exceedingly strong, if it has not, the argument is not against the club for that organization was not continued long enough to test its merits. Now in the name of all that is ambitious and, therefore, characteristic of the State University student of the past, we urge the students to continue this University club. Its advent was auspicious and its enthusiasts many. Where are they all? Let the proper officers call the scattered remnants together and amalgamate them into a consolidated whole in order that the proper laboratorial work of oratory may go on towards the accomplishment of an end.

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There is a movement on foot to start another literary society; and certainly this is an excellent time to do something of this sort. There are now probably five hundred students here connected with no society and doing no society work whatever. Now, this is all wrong. Everyone admits the value to be derived from literary work. The chief difficulty at present is, to afford such as are inclined to do literary work a reasonably favorable opportunity to do it. This difficulty is apparent, especially in the case of the lower classmen. The present societies are full to overflowing, generally with the older, more experienced students; only a few preparatory students will be found among them. The reason is plain; the societies having plenty of members, admit few but upper classmen. Now why should not a society be organized for preparatory students only? Such a society would have several advantages; the members would work among and before their own classmates when presumably they would do their best work; they would be ready and willing to

continue the work when they leave the preparatory departments, and their past experience would make them good, active, literary members. There is no reason that, if some active, energetic students will but interest themselves in this enterprise, it should not be a success.

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The legislature has as yet made no appropriations for the University out of the general fund. The revenue to which we are by law entitled has been passed to us with no restrictions or stipulation in regard to its use further than that it is to be used for salaries and general purposes. It has not been cut up into quarter lots and given with the stipulation that so much shall be used for lights, so much for fuel, gas, etc., as was done heretofore. This fact is certainly an advantage as it leaves to the authorities power to act in the premises as their judgment deems best. That there will be but little waste goes without saying, and we hope that in appropriating from the general fund the legislators will be just as considerate as they have been thus far and as liberal as they have been considerate.

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Our senior class is especially to be congratulated in securing as class-day orator Hermann E. von Holst. The University of Heidelberg conferred upon him the degree Ph. D. in 1865; he was made Professor Extraordinaire of History of Constitutional Law of the United States by the University of Strassburg in 1872. He has been Professor at Freiburg, and is, at present, head Professor of History in the University of Chicago. He is a universally recognized authority on the constitutional history of the United States, and his work upon that subject is a masterpiece. Though speaking with a noticeable German accent, he is said to be a fluent, entertaining and enthusiastic speaker. There is no doubt that what he says will be worth listening to.