

In refusing the senior class the use of the armory, the regents have closed that hall for social purposes for some time to come. The Chancellor in stating the reasons why the request of the graduating class was denied, said in substance that the board decided upon the policy that was finally adopted, not because they were morally opposed to dancing, nor because a ball would injure the university politically, but simply and solely because they feared dissolute and questionable characters might gain admittance and thus break up the entertainment. Just why the board of regents need entertain such fears THE HESPERIAN fails to see. Are the gentlemen of the senior class, after their four years in college, incapable of conducting a little affair of this kind? Or does the board think the students of this university are so utterly oblivious to the eternal decencies as to invite or countenance the presence of objectionable characters? The senior promenade committee, we understand, have agreed to accede to any regulations the regents see fit to impose, providing permission to use the armory is granted. This offer will hardly alter the situation, as the Chancellor, it is understood, objects to the whole proceeding on the grounds that the sale of admission tickets is exceedingly bad form. He forgets that it is the only way to insure financial success and is a method adopted in every other college where such entertainments are given. Almost every other liberal university, both east and west, affords abundant opportunities for social culture, and just why the students of this institution should be deprived of every such advantage it is very difficult to see. Paternalism is all well and good; but there is such a thing as carrying it too far.

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In view of the fact that commencement is only five weeks away, it may be well to burden the senior class with a little free but well-meant advice. As is well known, it is proposed to spend class day in a new and novel way; one that is at best an experiment. Although previous class days have

not been embodiments of all that the most critical and fastidious might desire, this fact will in no way excuse any shortcoming in the present one. If the present innovation be approved by the people it will be simply because, all things considered, it is superior to the class days of the past. The senior class is responsible in each and every respect; it must not only furnish a class day as good as previous ones, but it must furnish a better one in order to justify the change. We hope and believe that the class will look at this matter in the true light; class day can and will be made a success only by the untiring, unselfish work of every individual member.

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The result of the called meeting of the State Oratorical convention merely exemplifies the fact that "a person's sin will find him out." The outcome of this meeting shows that the "no quorum" cry that was raised in regard to the election of officers in the annual convention of March 10th, was a valid one. Mr. Bicknell's procedure on that day when it was evident that not a quorum was present was certainly unjustifiable. The officers elected at the called meeting were the same as those elected at the annual meeting except that Mains was substituted for Sweeney. This fact shows that justice and legality was what the majority wished and we are glad to say it is what they got.

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Rev. W. H. Buss of Fremont, has been selected to deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the senior class during commencement week. This selection is regarded as a very fitting one. We understand it to be the policy hereafter to select for this honor only ministers residing and working within the state. Rev. Buss is a member of the Congregational church, one of the active, enterprising young men of the ministry, and his sermon will undoubtedly be an intellectual treat.