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EDITORIAL.

THE time is at hand when the wail of Rachael and Jeremiah lamenting the condition of things is about to be heard in contests in oratory. Let the voices of youthful reformers rise and tempt the heedless people to reform. We think we can undergo the ordeal, now that we have been sufficiently calloused by former events of similar nature. It is our firm belief that an oratorical contest is from first to last a trial and tribulation to all who participate. It is something, more-

over, that is wearing out. Eastern colleges now have joint debates where something more than the spectacular is exhibited. There may still be a demand for oratory and orators in the old sense of the word, but it seems that where one orator will find means to exist on his artificial eloquence, twenty debaters will fetch down the persimmons with the product of a healthy brain.

THE Maxwell Club of the law school has again challenged the Union Boys Debating Club to a joint debate. The last debate was so successful and the sides were so evenly matched, that it will require another, or perhaps many more contests to decide which club has the best debaters. Lawyers, whose business it is to be eloquent, will never consent to being classed second in any forensic combat they may enter. Students whose business it is to be learned and brainy will never believe that they cannot be eloquent if there is only occasion for eloquence. But these debates bring out something besides oratory. The men who have minds full of facts have a great advantage over their opponents whose storehouses of knowledge are small. The great lesson taught in these debates is the need of broadness in education.

It never should be necessary to call into question the honesty of our students. Everyone who attends the University is supposed to be upon a moral plan high enough to recognize that the best policy is not dishonesty. It is dishonest to steal: There has been altogether too much pilfering going on in our halls of late. The lower corridor in University Hall is lined with hats and