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The thirsters after Spanish gore seem to be somewhat quenched. Time usually serves to bring men to their right reason.

It was fitting for the head of the institution to preside at the mass meeting. When a real University affair is under consideration who but the Chancellor should be at the helm?

If the home contest is not a success this year, the blame for the failure cannot be laid at the door of the officers of the association. A more energetic trio can rarely be found at the head of any organization.

The literary societies adjourned in order to attend the preliminary debates on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 18 and 19. Every society member is in duty bound to attend one of these debates, as much so as he is to attend a regular meeting of his society. *No admission will be charged Friday evening.*

The organization of a State intercollegiate athletic association has been completed; a constitution has been adopted and is now in the hands of a committee of the athletic board of the University. The league comprises University, Wesleyan, Doane and Hastings College. This will give a great impetus to athletics.

The words of the Student, the Alumnus, and the three Doctors were fitly spoken. All the authorities cited to appear at the mass-meeting agree that oratory has its place in university life. Only one dissent was raised, and that came from the Alumnus. The meeting accomplished its purpose: all that now remains is the duty left upon the mass to lend its moral and financial support—and that not *in futuro* but *in praesenti*.

This year the debating teams should be coached. After the preparation by the individuals is done, the "powers" should be called in to suggest and prune the arguments of the various men. Debaters on the questions should be held with improvised teams, arguments should be harmonized, and in short every effort made to put our representatives in the best possible shape to meet their competitors.

It is a popular belief that the societies and debating clubs have a fixed and certain purpose; it is also commonly supposed that said purpose is not merely an existence for the opportunity of adjourning whenever an occasion offers. To adjourn on any slight pretext weakens organizations and lessens interest. A thing that can be put lightly aside is usually held in slight esteem; and if the growing evil of ill-considered adjournments continues the derogatory effect must become apparent. Indeed we are not sure that society and club loyalty are not waning just a little at the present moment. The check should come at once and with vigor. To be sure, for events pertaining especially to these organizations, adjournment is fit and proper; but for miscellaneous meets of every character adjournment is uncalled for. We sound this as a warning note. Let there be no slacking in the march and no hesitancy in the advance. Keep a quick step and an enthusiastic temper.