

mind, and, after reading the criticism of the *Collegian*, we made careful examination, and much to our surprise and regret found it too true to pass the matter by without a few words; and were it not for the good of the paper, the welfare of the students, and the reputation of the University, gladly would we let the matter drop, trusting that a new departure would be made from a path so dangerous and dishonorable. But the matter is one of no minor significance, and as we said before, one upon which the reputation of the University, as well as its paper, is at stake.

The person who would attempt to build up a reputation upon another person's worth, makes a sad error. He not only is guilty of an act both base and unprincipled, but is heaping upon himself the scorn and contempt of all around him, placing one in a more precarious condition, causing more exertion to cast off the burden of scorn and contempt than it would have cost to build up a reputation by one's own talent and honest toiling. There is nothing to be more despised than the literary thief. It is a species of theft, requiring far more skill and secrecy than the common theft, and the act is just as despicable. We speak plainly, and if any of the students have been guilty of this act of plagiarism, we trust they will turn their steps from the polluted path, and free themselves from a practice so contaminating and dangerous. 'Tis true, the plagiarist can ply his vocation with little competition, but sooner or later it terminates in his inevitable destruction. 'Tis far better to produce something, although not glittering with literary culture and polished attainments, and call it your own, than suffer the harrowing thought that you are a plagiarist. If the practice must be continued, we sincerely trust the column of the *STUDENT* will not be used as a means for the elevation of one more to be despised than honored.

SUNDRY TOPICS.

Dr. Dio Lewis, of Boston, paid a visit to the University upon the 13th of the present month, and, through the kindness of the faculty, the first hour's recitations were dispensed with, giving the time for a short address from the Dr. Health was the Doctor's theme and was exceedingly interesting. Many valuable suggestions were given, and would we only leave off our sluggish habits, our dress, so detrimental to health, adopting something more beneficial to the body, we would all, no doubt, live longer and fare better. The Dr. told us what horrid creatures the girls were. We had no idea they were so awful, and sincerely hope they will follow the suggestions given, and let their *noses* grow as long as they will, and bear in mind that it is only necessary to keep the chin against the neck to become beautiful and queenly. Feet like a barn door are not to be laughed at, and are necessary to hold the brain of the student in equilibrium. We hope Mr. Lewis will visit us again at no distant day, for, we feel that the cause is commendable, and (without any disrespect to the young ladies,) the field is broad and the work of vast importance.

At the sociable given by the societies during the month, in accordance with a long established custom, we noticed that only one professor honored the occasion with his company, while the privilege of having a sociable was about to be denied. This should not be! These sociables are on the whole very enjoyable affairs, their object being to bring the students together, and to become acquainted with one another, and spend a few pleasant hours away from the monotonous routine of college life. We would suggest the propriety of the professors, on another such occasion, to exert their endeavors to come and get acquainted with the students away from the class rooms, and when brought in contact with them, not treat them as mere strangers.