

done every thing in their power for intrenchment, and at the same time to maintain the paper in its present size; still, something farther must be ventured to lift an indebtedness that remains, swallowing month by month the surplus funds of the Association.

How this shall be accomplished remains unsolved. The lectures that have frequently been given in behalf of the Association, have been, either because of the time in which they were delivered, or because of mismanagement, very unfortunate. Festivals, and theatrical entertainments are themselves troublesome and expensive to an extreme. A contest seems to be the only agent that can arouse the ambition of the students; and yet so busy are students with their work that it is almost impossible to arouse them to a sense of duty that all owe to a college paper.

But something must be done, something will be done; and we give warning to the friends and readers of the *STUDENT*, in Lincoln, to look out ere long for one of the grandest treats of the season. The Board are at last determined and decided. And though our term of office is about to expire, we will not take with us this spirit of determination but will place it on file for the Board, that is to be ushered in the first of January. We think we see them now far, far away. They are students of energy and ability, they mean business, they have fire in their eyes, and "they strike straight from the shoulder." Every day brings us nearer together. We wait impatiently.

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#### SUNDRY ITEMS.

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The following rules to be observed in preparing manuscript for publication, are so important that we could not forbear inserting them in the columns of the *STUDENT*. When followed, they save many a marred sentence, a disproportionately long paragraph, or a typographical error.

1, Leave one page of each leaf blank.

2, Arrange your copy in paragraphs as you wish it to appear in print.

3, Begin the first line of each paragraph further in from the margin of the sheet than in the case of other lines.

4, If you wish a word or line to appear in italics, draw one line under it; if in small capitals, draw two lines below.

5, To divide a paragraph, mark a large ¶, with the point turned backward, where you wish the division made.

6, Carefully review your copy, and see that it is punctuated rightly; have all the words correctly spelled, the i's all dotted and the t's crossed.

7, Use no abbreviations that are not to appear in print.

8, Write legibly and neatly.

To these we may add that when un-sized paper is used, care should be taken that the handwriting be not too fine, nor the lines too close together.

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#### COLLEGE POLITICS.

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If independence of character is something to be admired, it ought to exhibit itself on those occasions that put it to the test. Such instances are not of infrequent occurrence in college life. An election comes up; in a literary society it may be, though not necessarily. Opposing factions appear, and everyone is solicited by the partisans to vote for this candidate or that measure.

A student, after little or no consideration, pledges his vote to one of them. A partisan of the opposing fraction then appears, and presents his statement of the case. Very likely the person now wishes he were not bound by his promise, so that he could vote the other way.

Now a pledge of this kind should be given, if at all, only after due consideration of both sides of a question. Otherwise, one exposes himself to the temptation of breaking his promise, and so injuring his reputation and his moral character.