

advertise in our columns, we will refer to those who recognize the students and appreciate their trade.

A FEATURE OF LEGISLATIVE ECONOMY.

The Board of Regents, at their meeting last summer, reduced the salaries of the Chancellor and the regular Professors. As if this were not enough, the Legislature has just made a farther reduction in the salary of the Chancellor. The disposition to curtail even more extensively was by no means wanting. The low estimate of the importance of collegiate work, which this most commendable measure exhibits, reminds us of the prevalent tendency of district school boards to pay the teachers they employ no higher wages than those they give to their farm laborers.

That the profession of school teacher is in this way very injuriously affected, is patent enough to those conversant with the facts; then does not this praise-worthy freak of economy affect also the college professor? He has spent the best years of early manhood in the toil of a collegiate course and even then must remain a student, for, to discharge his duties faithfully, he must still do much hard work.

To reduce his salary to a minimum, is not only to impair his usefulness as a professor, but to induce him to turn to a more lucrative profession.

READING AND DECLAMATIONS.

As a part of rhetorical training, declamations are doubtless of some value; yet they ought not to displace what is of more practical benefit. The pompous bombast put into the mouths of Greek and Roman orators, and adopted as the stock-in-trade of the ordinary declaimer, is not calculated to lead to the best practical results. If the student will sometime sway multitudes by his eloquence, and the occasions for this will seldom occur, his apprenticeship must be employed in a more matter-of-fact style of

diction and delivery. His time would be better spent in perfecting the delivery of his own original productions.

Reading is of quite as much value as speaking; yet how many really good readers are to be found? How many of our public men can read an address with proper effect? To many students, there is seldom occasion for reading aloud: hence the importance of culture in this direction.

The professor in charge of the rhetorical exercises of the college classes lately proposed the plan of in part supplanting the declamations by exercises in reading. We hope this change will be concurred in and supported by all the students concerned.

Do not forget to read the contributed articles this month. There is a greater number of pieces than usual, and also a greater variety in the subject matter. Read the poem in blank verse, which is an innovation in our paper. It exhibits care in its preparation. Read also "Self-Boarding." That article is truly a graphic delineation of the miseries of bachelorhood, but we here add, in defense of those to whom the article applies, that the general rule laid down therein is not without exceptions. But we will not discriminate as all the pieces are well worth your perusal, whether or not you can always agree with the writers.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

Now that all the editors have passed the compliments of the season most of them have settled down to good, substantial work; and ponderous editorials, witty locals, cutting criticisms and learned essays are the results of their labors. The exchange editors always receive our first attention. Some are cordial with a kind, pleasant word for the paper just struggling into existence; others, with a supercilious eye, seem only waiting for a chance to crush somebody; others wrap themselves