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Editorial.

SEMI-SALVE.

The Palladian editorial pen, wielded so well for the past year by Mr. Morton, comes with this issue into my possession. Perhaps, from its long training under such skillful hands, it may still continue to do its work with reasonable success. I shall try to guide it in such a way as to give offense to none; yet shall claim the privilege to express fully and freely my opinions upon any questions that concern the students and the University. While the students cannot, and should not be "the power behind the throne" that determines what *shall* be and what *shall not* be; yet I think, they ought to have some medium to express their views upon all questions that affect them directly. There is no other medium that can be used except the STUDENT; hence I ask every student who has any thing of interest to say concerning the school to express his ideas in as clear and concise a form as possible and forward them to the STUDENT for publication. Such articles should be short and pointed. If the students did not wait to be urged, nay, even begged of, for copy; but if they would give to the Editors every thing they write that they would be willing to see in print, the paper might be much improved.

Of course, it is to be understood that the Editors reserve the privilege of rejecting any article which they think would be injurious to the school or to the paper. Come, don't wait to be asked to write, but send your best efforts and thus ease the load of the Editors very much.

I thank the students very much for the honor they have conferred upon me; and hope by hard labor, to deserve it.

H. W. CALDWELL.

OFFICIOUS FRIENDS.

Sometimes a person has friends that are entirely too anxious about him and his affairs. Such friends may have the best intentions in the world, but their manner of showing their regard is not governed by good judgment. In their zeal to defend a friend from the aspersions of enemies, they often open up questions that should never be brought before the gaze of the world. They often become heated in the discussion, and say many intemperate things to or of his opponents. But each attack of that kind only gives his enemies a chance to answer with far greater probability of being believed; for people will say that where there is so much intemperance in reply, there must be some truth in the charges. State institutions may be afflicted in