

ready some of the colleges of the state have signified their willingness to participate in the formation of such an association, of which Doane College takes the lead. This speaks well for the enterprise of Doane, and we hope soon to have an expression of all the colleges of the state. If the opinion seems to be favorable to such an organization, we hope that through delegates from each College an immediate understanding can be effected. It now remains for the students of the University to meet the proffered assistance from Doane. Let us take this, our first opportunity, to establish an association that will tend to meet the collegiate interests of the state.

### *Editor's Table.*

Scarcely any thing is more indicative of childish wrath and imbecile short sightedness than for a paper to drop from its exchange list a contemporary which has perhaps, in all sincerity and fairness, severely criticized one of its editorials or contributed articles. Criticism that is worthy the name is what every college paper in the country ought to have. And when an editor is brave enough to criticize freely and considerately its exchanges, they should be manly and generous enough to accept it in a spirit of meekness and thankfulness. Several of our exchanges this month are complaining of editors who refuse to send their papers if they are criticised. This has more than once been said of the *Oberlin Review*, and it is a great shame if this is true. If the editors of the *Review* cannot take fair criticism good naturedly they must be very firmly impressed with their own editorial ability, and we would suggest to the *Review* that no amateur editor, at least, can afford to be so impervious to criticism.

One of the best written essays we have met with during our editorial career we found in the last number of the *Bates Student*, entitled, "The College Library and

how to Use it." The ideas, no less than the manner in which they were expressed, were highly commendable. Many thoughts were worthy to be written in every student's note book: "Acuteness, comprehension and concentration are faculties indispensable to successful reading," and again: "The two main objects of reading, to the student, are the acquisition of knowledge and a preparation for English composition." "Before reading a book one should, after the manner of Daniel Webster, ask himself what questions he expects to have answered by it." The editorial of the *Student* upon its College Christian Association was a frank, earnest appeal to college students, in behalf of practical christianity in the college. It speaks well for Bates College that they have such an Association as this, though as they have a theological department, they are naturally expected to take a more active part in religious matters than institutions which savor more of this world and whose students are eminently "carnal ally minded."

The new board of editors of the *California Berkeleyn* start out very modestly with a frank statement as to the true position of their paper. In closing, they express the wish that in trusting their frail craft upon the treacherous ocean of college journalism, they may, by careful supervision and mature deliberation, guide her into the secure harbor of public favor. The only editorial that followed was upon the most hackneyed of all subjects,—the duty of students to write for their college papers. We trust that in the future the *Berkeleyn's* editors may choose more interesting and less worn out themes for their readers. A unique feature of the last number was an original article upon the "Romance of Students."

The *Missouri University Magazine* is a girl's paper, and though not edited with the girlish grace and talent of the *Packer Quarterly*, is never the less a credit to them and the institution with which they are connected. We were somewhat