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## Editorial.

Very profitable discussion of the Democratic party. There is nothing more appreciated than a good debate. Practical questions of the day can secure this better than anything else. The time is not lost by the student when he is investigating matters which some day, as a voter, he must help decide.

WHAT has become of the Students' Lecture Association? Steps should be taken by the students interested in the matter to secure a good course of lectures for the coming winter. The value of the lecture, as a source of information, is everywhere recognized. It encourages in the student a spirit of investigation and inquiry, necessary to the acquirement of knowledge. The old Association has died and a new one is being organized on a new basis.

THE societies, at different times have been annoyed by certain parties turning off the gas from the basement. This may show cunning and sharpness. No doubt those who were so ungentlemanly as to do it, think so. Last Friday night both of the societies were left in darkness for about five or ten minutes. We understand the janitor knows the offenders. It may be well for them to be careful of their conduct in the future. A practical joke is well in its place, but this is carrying matters too far. If the societies have no power to punish such offences, the faculty has.

It is amusing to see a person wholly lacking the elements of leadership trying to force recognition of his claims. To be honored and appreciated one must be worthy of honor and appreciation. To be a leader of any undertaking or organization, one must be thoroughly imbued with the spirit of it. He must be the embodiment of its actuating principles. This accounts for the fact that often incapable men are trusted with affairs they are not able to handle. Judging from their earnestness it was thought they would discharge their work well. Their zeal deceived. The opportunity was given them, but they were found wanting.

SIX weeks of school are past and no notice stating the subjects on which essays are to be written, and the time they will be due. Students do not know that, if they write an essay on a subject on their own choosing, it will be accepted. Last year the Professor furnished the subjects. One of these mornings it will take many students by surprise to see a notice on the bulletin board requiring an essay or two written within two or three weeks. More time should be given the students. They have more work to do this year than they ever have had before. Essays have to be composed at odd moments, hence the longer the time that is given, the better.

It is held by many that a student's life is a hard one; that unless great care is exercised he is liable to injure his health. To study during the summer is out of the question, hence three months of rest for students. Why it is considered harder to use the brain than the muscle is an unsolved problem. This statement may appear rather strong. But how can there be any more harm resulting in the judicious use of the one, any more than in the other? Irregularity of habits is the one great destroyer of students' health. The amount of labor one can do, working systematically and with a moderate degree of energy, is astonishing. The students are few who do not every day violate laws which they know ought to be kept. To put off work until it requires one to study after midnight, is to contract a debt that some day must be paid with heavy interest. But irregularity of hours is not the only thing to be guarded against. Intemperance in exercise, eating, or study has its evil consequences. He who keeps his engine free from "knocking" so that it runs smoothly, is called a good engineer. The student can only keep the machinery of his body and mind in good working order by systematic work and exercise. If he does this, there is no danger of failing health. Steady hard work, mental or physical, never brought any one to an early grave.

THERE is a time in the life of every young man, when he is thrilled by the traditional eloquence of some master.

He too yearns after this power of swaying the multitudes, and goes to some elocutionist to obtain it. He perhaps does not know that the more so-called elocution lessons he takes, the further he is from his accomplishment of his object. He seems to forget that eloquence consists of matter rather than manner. Does any one suppose that Daniel Webster's power of convicting his hearers, lay in the manner in which he held his arms or stood upon his feet? Imagine Clay, Hayne or Calhoun taking lessons from one of our modern elocutionists! Their eloquence consisted in a something, needing no assistance from manner to carry conviction. In speaking thus of common elocution, no reference is made to voice culture. What is aimed at in this nonsensical, slobbering posing for effect? It makes a fool of the speaker and puts to shame the listeners. This stazy unnatural voice; this calling my heart "me heart" etc., is what makes the whole thing ridiculous. An argument that has to be bolstered up by art, isn't worth the breath expended in its utterance.

One is always taught to deliver another's thought, rather than his own. Think of Peter the Hermit preparing himself, to fire the souls of all the inhabitants of western Europe, by taking lessons in elocution! Think of Martin Luther studying modern elocution, to enable him to overturn the accumulated prejudice and superstition of fourteen long centuries! A certain ancient orator advertised "to cure the mind of distempers by words," not by manner. Aubur speaking to Helen concerning Ulysses, says: "But when the wise Ulysses arose, and stood, and looked down, fixing his eyes on the ground, and neither moved his scepter backward nor forward but held it still, like an awkward person, you would say it was some angry or foolish man; but when he sent his great voice forth, out of his breast, and his words fell like the winter snows, not then would any mortal contend with Ulysses; and we, beholding, wondered not afterwards so much at his aspect."

The orator is a wise and determined man; a logical thinker; possessed of considerable animal power. He is in earnest because he knows what he is talking about. He studies matter and acquires manner.