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Editorial,

VALE.

It is with feelings only of regret that I take my final leave of these editorial columns. For many months at three different times they have brought me pleasant duties, in the fulfilment of which I have met with kinder and more considerate treatment than falls to the lot of most editors. That my successor may find the paper the source of the enjoyment which it has brought to me is the wish with which I leave my place to him.

MAY B. FAIRFIELD.

THE STUDENT solicits articles on the elective system, and the effect the proposed change of the academic year into three, instead of two, terms will have upon it.

WHEN the University next issues a catalogue we predict that an extra edition will be necessary. The pamphlets will be such curiosities that everybody will want one. We have almost forgotten how a catalogue looks and how it is arranged; whether they place the Latin school before the Seniors or the STUDENT editors in with the Faculty. The catalogue last issued was in 1880 and the next will be for 1882 or '83.

THE Doanites were not desirous of a game of foot-ball and declined the challenge sent by the University boys. They say they are not up to the game of foot-ball, but indicate their willingness to play base ball. We would like to see some of our boys take hold of the matter and give the Doane nine a chance for victory or

defeat. There is nearly a month yet to practice, and in that time a nine ought to get in very good working order. Come boys, let us have a base ball, if we cannot have a foot-ball, contest.

LAST year the Alumni gave no reception. They intended to, of course, but a misunderstanding arose between them and the graduating class so it fell through. If our memory serves us rightly a very energetic committee was appointed to conduct affairs this year. Information as to what it intends to do has not reached this office. The STUDENT trusts that it has done something, and that the reception will be a success. The present Senior class is looking forward to that evening and anticipating a pleasant time. Members of the committee, let their hopes be realized.

THE class in Parliamentary Law is fast becoming one of the most popular studies in the University, and now that it is an elective it will count in one's course the same as any other. The presidents of the societies and of the Hesperian Association would find it to their advantage to belong to this class. The time will soon come when no one not well versed in this subject can be elected as presiding officer. Few positions are more unpleasant than to attempt to preside over an assembly and be, at the same time perfectly ignorant of parliamentary usages. We have seen all sorts of ridiculous blunders made by presiding officers and some of these mistakes were productive of almost too serious results to be so very ludicrous after all.

THE preparations for the Crete contest seem to be inching slowly along and the contest, as it now looks, will probably not take place until the twelfth of May. It is to be hoped that the University, or rather the Palladian society, will not come off so much the worse for the fray as they did a year ago. A second defeat would lead the Union society to consider that it must take up the battle for the credit of the University. The judges for the contest have not yet been chosen and all sorts of opinions are rife as to who they will be. Undoubtedly a great deal depends upon them. They must be capable of nice distinctions, be able rapidly and wisely to draw conclusions and while free from bias and prejudice, know their own minds and know that they know it. The STUDENT awaits further developments with considerable interest.

A NEW lot of books has been received for the library and brought more forcibly to our attention one of the deficiencies of the library—the want of light literature. Scott and Dickens have been read to

pieces and aside from George McDonald's works and a few of George Eliot's—and just now the Mill on the Floss is the only one we recall—together with a couple of J. G. Holland's and Muhlbach's historical novels, the University contains little light literature outside of the periodicals. While no student should propose to give his time exclusively or chiefly to such reading, yet an education to be rounded and complete must include an acquaintance with the standard authors of our own and other times in this department of literature. The STUDENT hopes that this deficiency of the library will be the recipient of early and careful attention.

THE exercise of courtesy, politeness and true toleration seldom comes amiss. But one, or all, of these good qualities is generally lacking in the treatment our literary societies extend to each other. There are members of the Union society who cannot see any good in the Palladian. There are Palladians who scarcely recognize the Union the equal of their own, and they appear astonished if, perchance, the Union is mentioned before the Palladian, or if at an election a Union editor-in-chief is chosen before a Palladian. Gentlemen, by such conduct you show a spirit that would have better become your ancestors of the 15th century, than it becomes you. You would sneer down your honest rivals and feed your intolerant spirit on arrogance. The STUDENT would not mention this matter did it not on every occasion, whether it arises from an invitation from one society asking the other to join with it in a sociable, or something else, see the need of a higher and better standard of toleration. Each society is fearful lest the other gain some advantage over it. There is not enough confidence in the acts and intentions of those belonging to different societies, not enough courtesy shown, not enough frankness displayed.

How far a student may safely go in his criticisms of a professor is perhaps a delicate as well as a debatable question. By this we do not mean how far he can safely go in throwing out slurs, insinuations, innuendoes, without just cause and for no other reason than to gratify a personal spite or prejudice, and at the same time escape public reprimand, suspension, expulsion or an invitation to appear before the Faculty. But how far a student can justly and honorably and fairly criticize the method, motives, scholarship and ability of his teachers. Students in the more advanced classes at least are men and women whose judgment and observation are growing more and more mature, and who are every year becoming more critical, and while a college education is demand-