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Editorial Notes.

THE STUDENT takes pleasure in announcing that the faculty have become as discouraged as the rest of us concerning the temperature of the chapel and have undertaken to put in an extra stove before the next meeting of the regents. While this may not entirely eradicate the discomfort of the room, it is something, and the whole body of our students should arise as one man and express their hearty gratitude.

A GRUMBLER is generally lazy. We are not lazy, and we despise grumblers. We would suggest to the regents, however, that when they can get a quorum and have nothing else to do, and can't sleep, that they appropriate two or three dollars to provide some more wardrobe hooks. During the overcoat season the present supply is insufficient. A number of small compartments, where each one could lock up his own overshoes, would also be an improvement.

WE published some time ago an article on the "Tonic-sol-fa System," and we hope soon to present our readers with an exhaustive treatise on "The Slate System—Its Causes and Effects." Men are hard at work incubating the ponderous document, and if it should prove too long for publication in this journal it will be issued in bed-quilt supplement form. There will be an appendix by the ladies who managed a reception for the pro-suffrage boys last term.

RECENT developments in France show very clearly the powerful influence of the late Gambetta. It has been truly said that his death has caused a greater internal shock to his country than would that of either Gladstone or Bismarck to England or Germany. The sturdy element of solidity is wanting to the natural constitution of the Frenchman. He is by nature an enthusiast and may easily be led to extremes. The manifesto of Prince Bonaparte would have been unworthy the attention given it, or the pains taken to arrest the Prince, in hardly any other European country except France; but there it has excited so much comment and called forth such speedy action by the government, as to plainly indicate the fears of the remaining Republican leaders. That they will do everything in their power to prevent at its inception an Imperialistic, Bourbonistic, or Communistic revolution is manifest, but that they will succeed in preserving intact the present Republic is yet far from being a certainty.

SUPPOSE a student to be an enthusiastic member of one of our literary societies, a member of the Y. M. C. A., a believer in class organization—suppose also that he is fond of lectures, not averse to an occasional theatrical performance, anxious to watch the proceedings of the legislature and to read the daily papers,—having all these aspirations, how much time do you suppose he will have left for his studies? What wonder he is apathetic when told that we ought to take part in the inter-state oratorical contest, organize some Greek letter societies, and that he in particular ought to join the brass band, and write occasionally for the STUDENT? Work, outside of the classroom, may be considered almost an essential part of an American education, but like all good things it may be carried too far. We scarcely think it true that lessons should always come first, but they certainly must come some time or the most desirable end of school-life will not be attained, indeed, a very undesirable one is liable to come by a vote of the faculty. "Help us so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

IN one of the written reviews in history, when the smoke generated by the heat of friction of some twenty pencil-points was slowly darkening every object in the room, a certain student in the last agonies of a cast-iron sweat, wrote: "People divided on basis of wealth—oligarchs kick—Kleisth—" but just here the papers were called for and the sentence remained unfinished. We do not know whether the professor corrected that slang expression or not, but it is known that he said afterward that this student often compressed a great deal into a very few words. Will some one who does not believe in slang please suggest a more terse way of describing the oligarchic