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Editorial Notes.

THE STUDENT has lately been publishing too many locals of the kind that are only understood by a few persons who happen to be cognizant of certain circumstances, upon which the interest of the scribbler depends. This style of writing is very apt to seduce inexperienced editors because their jokes seem vastly funny to themselves and they forget how insipid they are to others.

The professors of the Medical School that were chosen by the Regents seem to be wide awake and industrious. The fourth floor is being fitted up for use and we understand that the same thing is to be done with the basement. We shall be glad to welcome a large number of would be saw-bones next fall, and if they desire it we can possibly yield them a column in this paper to be devoted to receipts for the proper pickling of their "subjects," etc., etc.

A correspondent of a certain newspaper in writing from Mexico says that in that country if a gentleman desires the company of a young lady to church or to a bull-fight he asks her mother, and in case consent is given the three go together. From infancy to marriage no chance is ever given for the slightest impropriety of conduct on the part of any daughter of Eve. But, adds the writer, if such opportunity should occur the lady is not expected to neglect it. This is a beautiful illustration of the old adage, "Chain up a child and away he will go."

THE two societies are to have reunions at the end of the term for the first time. It is surely a good idea to make an effort to have as many of the old students as possible return once a year to the school with which they were formerly connected. Too many of our alumni seem to regard their Alma Mater in the light of a not very benign step-mother, whom it is hardly worth while to remember annually. As the graduates have not enough enthusiasm to arrange for a reunion it devolves upon the over-worked students to perform the task, and it is to be hoped that they will make it pleasant for all.

IN the good time coming when the regents shall have procured us a model chancellor, when the school of law and all good things including six or seven hundred students shall have been added unto us,—we would like to know where sufficient space is to be found for exercise and drill grounds. The present campus is obviously too small, as there will surely come a time when even the necessary buildings will occupy nearly the whole space. Would it not be well for the Regents to secure some of the vacant land near town and by holding it, make sure of room for the expansion of our institution?

THERE has been a large agricultural paper known as the Southern Cultivator sent to the library. It is published in Kentucky. Many of the students rather turn up their noses at a farmer's monthly, but one of our editors who presumes to know all about what a farmer's journal should be, says that this is an unusually good one and he does not believe that a section of country that can support such a periodical is as badly cultivated, nor inhabited by such illiterate people as is generally represented. It seems strange that in these days of easy inter-communication the people of one section of a country should have any doubt about those who live in another part of the same land.

THE class in Ancient History have used this year six different text books, written by five different men. Most of the class have been surprised at the great difference which the style of an author makes in the ease of learning a certain number of facts. Most of the books they say have been excellent, but the volume entitled, "The Gracchi, Marius, and Sulla," by A. H. Beesly, has excited their wrath. It will be noticed that to one ignorant of Roman history the title would be misleading were it not for the punctuation. The whole book was written on the same plan and then punctuated with a shot-gun at long range. The average standing of the class fell about ten degrees while using this book. They have appointed a committee to visit England during the summer and kill the author.