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Editorial Notes.

A larger number of students have entered this term than at the beginning of any other year since the founding of the University. If all will but work with a will we can have a "boom," with or without a chancellor.

MANY of the students come back with their hands well hardened by manual labor. Undoubtedly brain work ranks higher than muscular but he alone is despicable who is unable to do effective brain work and is too lazy or too proud to do the other kind. A great part of any person's education consists in learning the lesson of persistent labor, and this lesson can be learned as well "between the plow tails" as in the school room. We hope that the time may never come when there shall be in this school enough cock-combs to effectively look down upon any one for a simple willingness to do whatsoever his hand finds to do.

SEVERAL of the students were canvassing for books during the vacation, some of them made it pay and others did not. There is now much discussion going on among them as to whether or not it is a respectable, or at least a desirable business to engage in. The points pro and con seem to be about as follows: Book agents are nuisances and they sell many books that are not worth the price asked for them; but on the other hand book agents are doing much useful work by introducing good reading matter where

there would otherwise be none at all, and moreover many kinds of books cannot well be sold except by subscriptions. It seems to be one of those subtle questions where casuistry breaks down and each person must consult his own conscience on the subject

WITH the beginning of this term two more of the old students of the school come back as teachers, and among the delegates to the recent state convention there were more of those who had been students here than ever before. These facts show that the time is rapidly approaching when the University can rely upon a large amount of home-made strength. This must be the case with any successful school, and until such a time comes the struggle is a hard one, even when the institution is backed by the state. When in every county of the state there shall be prominent men have a good word to say for this school as the one that helped to make them what they are, when, also these men shall be ready to kick the traducers of their Alma Mater, the school will get justice and the patronage it merits.

OUR Professor of Chemistry, H. H. Nicholson, was east during the summer, engaged in laboratory work in connection with Dr. C. F. Mabery. They discovered two new acids which they gave the simple and euphonious names of "dichloridibrompropionic" and "dichlorbromacrylic." (These are only short nicknames that we have given them because we have no Greek type with which to complete their titles.) The Professors have published a pamphlet giving an account of these new substances, and a paper prepared by the discoverer was read before section C of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. An abstract of this paper may be found in the issue of Science for August 31st. We hope that the time is not far distant when our professors will not have to go east to obtain the proper facilities for original investigation of this kind.

THE nomination of a man for any office by the Republican party in this state is almost equivalent to an election, and the scenes at the polling places during the Republican primaries showed that this fact was recognized. The almost endless involution of parties within parties seems like a very cumbersome method of ascertaining the will of the people, yet it has the all sufficient merit of being the best plan as yet devised for that purpose. Amidst the struggles of the various factions it should not be forgotten that there are four Regents to elect. This office does not bring with it a very high salary and it would seem that politicians need not greatly excite themselves in order to secure it. The most bigoted both of the Liberal and of the Orthodox factions,