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## Editorial Notes.

"THERE are men," says some one, "whose can't is simply can't." They can give no reason for it they have none. This word has become engrafted into their nature and voluntarily or involuntarily they utter it on all occasions. In the vocabulary of the successful man there is no such word as "can't."

THE time for the presidential campaign is nearing, and again the country is to be submerged in the broils of political contests. It would be better to have longer terms of office so that the people might have some rest. We are excitable enough without having any fresh incentives. The older the country gets the hotter will be the strife, and we ought to do as much as we can to alleviate it.

"SUCCESS in most things," says Montesquieu, "depends on knowing how long it takes to succeed." This is the reason of many failures. Some seem to think success ought to come after a few trials, and if it don't they haven't time to wait. Of course there is such a thing as one choosing a field he has no qualifications for, but in most cases if all would remember these lines there would be less failures.

THE Medical Faculty gave a grand banquet at the Commercial, on the night of March 20th. The feast was protracted far into the night, after which toasts

were given and responded to by the representatives of the various professions in the city. They were all good, but that of Chancellor Manatt on the University strikes us the most favorably under the circumstances, which was, "that he was so thoroughly convinced that the University was on the way to prosperity and success, that it would grow while we sleep."

DOANE COLLEGE through the "Owl" and by a representative or so that was down here to the Teacher's Association, signifies its willingness to enter a State Oratorical Association for the purpose of sending an orator each year to the inter-state contest. "Barkis is willin'" An attempt or two of the kind has been made and the state was admitted by the inter-state organization, but so far no one has seemed anxious enough to attend to the affair and see that it went ahead. The STUDENT, having a predisposition to find fault, is inclined to be skeptical about the benefits that are derived from such elaborate contests, but is still willing to be convinced of error by experiment. Let us "associate" by all means.

THE committees appointed by the two societies to confer in regard to the O'Shea prize for the best debater have come to a satisfactory understanding with each other and with Mr. O'Shea. According to their arrangements the prohibition question at first proposed will not be discussed, but the choice of the question shall be left to the societies. The prospect now is that the debate will take place in the early part of next fall term, and that the speakers from the same society will be upon different sides of the question. Arrangements will be perfected as soon as possible. The prize offered is a morocco bound copy of Dante's Inferno illustrated by Dore, in twenty-five volumes. "Go it, and may the best man win."

TALMAGE described a church sociable as a collection of chairs with an icicle glued to each. This could not be applied to our society sociables that are held at the beginning of each term; but it is a gloomy fact that nine tenths of those attending them come away feeling that they have been bored "even unto death." Suppose now, that at the beginning of each winter and spring term, the two societies should meet in the chapel and listen to a debate by four regular debaters, two from each society but with sides so arranged as to make no show of a contest. Afterwards there could be a general discussion, and the whole need not last more than an hour, or an hour and a half. On being dismissed the audience could either go home or stay and be sociable till ten-thirty—plus. Would it not be improvement think ye?