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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

OUR Seniors have gone. The dreams nourished in the ambitious days of Sophomore and Juniorhood have been, ah, how sadly dispelled. How great has been the fall! Awe and respect was their daily food until the cruel blow was dealt; a few short weeks of blissful happiness have been theirs. The objects for whom all is felt are those for whom, a few short weeks since, they felt a sort of contempt. Now others are Seniors and they are thrust out into the common stream of humanity. Yet they go away with the kindest wishes of success from those who hope to follow them, and with hosts of friends and thorough preparation their paths must be bright.

THE subject of June society exhibitions which was so long and bitterly discussed last winter bids fair to be the leading society question the coming year. We have witnessed another commencement with its society exhibitions etc. and we fail to find many among the students who were so "bored" by going to the many entertainments, as the leaders of the opposition to June exhibitions would have us believe. It is true there were only two of the three usual exhibitions this year, yet judging from the enjoyment experienc-

ed in attending those two, as deduced from the expressions of many students, we think that the third would have been equally well enjoyed. This, the only argument which the opposition thought of any great weight in pushing their schemes, has been well exploded. This commencement there were to be only five evening entertainments and these five were to come after the examinations were over and before the commencement proper, thus filling up the time with profitable and enjoyable entertainments. We will not enter into a discussion of the question further, hoping that after three months thought the students will have weighed the question sufficiently well to decide without too much wrangling and without delaying, as for this year, the usual preparations.

IN our exchange from Northwestern University we notice a suggestion of an oratorical association between that University and the State Universities of Michigan and Wisconsin. The advocate of the scheme urges that the best colleges and universities are often placed at a disadvantage in competing with smaller institutions. A small institution with one first class orator, in such a contest, is able to advertise itself as superior to a much larger, and more powerful and better college which may happen to be weak on the oratorical side.

But granting the objections to associations, in ordinary inter-state associations we may, without seeming impertinent, state objections to such a plan which, to our mind, are quite insuperable.

Towards all higher institutions of learning there exists among lower colleges a jealousy which is unreasonable and foolish, but constant and not to be ignored. A similar jealousy appears to exist in every grade of colleges towards those of a higher standard; but it is especially the case towards state institutions. However agreeable it might seem for universities of different states to league together in those things in which they have many interests in common they cannot afford to sacrifice any of the kind feeling now existing between themselves and colleges of a lower rank. Not only must such a feeling on the part of other colleges be avoided, but on the part of the Universities the spirit of exclusiveness which would surely follow any such move as suggested must not be allowed. These higher institutions to be successful must have a sympathy for, and feeling of good fellowship with other colleges.

If a university thinks its place is not in an ordinary oratorical association let it stay out; but it should not, like an angry child, try to form a little association of its own from which all competitors whom it cannot surpass shall be excluded.

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