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EDITORIAL NOTES.

ACTIVE preparations are being made in both the Palladian and Union societies for their oratorical contests, which occur early in the ensuing term.

AGAIN we wish to urge upon the students of this institution to subscribe for THE HESPERIAN. It don't make any difference whether you like the paper, or even whether you can read. It is your duty to support your college paper. Come in and pay up.

THE meetings of the Christian associations have been unusually interesting and well attended this term. It is indeed gratifying to know that such good christian work is being done among our students. Every student who feels an interest in this kind of work can easily find time enough to attend these exercises. An hour once a week can not be more profitably spent than at Wednesday evening prayer meeting. A feeling of friendship and common interest as well as renewed strength is obtained, and

students are taught to think more upon their moral responsibility. Here is an opportunity that is not made the most of by many of our students. Many who really know the advantages of Christianity are indifferent as to the work being done by this association. Their regular attendance and a word now and then said to some unconverted friend would not fail to accomplish good. And how much more valuable is an education when the acquired powers of mind are regulated by sound moral principles.

ANOTHER term has come to to an end. Many wind-broken ponies can be seen lying around the halls gasping for breath. The heavy loads they have carried through the final examinations have been too much for their constitutions, and they have been placed upon the retired list. The work for the term has been unusually heavy, and it is to be supposed that the faculty are aware of this fact. The evil effect of this overwork is so great that we feel justified in speaking of it. When the student is compelled to work under high pressure continually, little good is derived from a four years' course. Ignorance on questions of the day is a characteristic of our students. Many who never enjoyed advantages of a college education are better posted in this respect than we are. If a college education should do anything it should fit men to live intelligently; but this can never be when students are compelled to spend every moment in doing assigned work. The periodical literature in the library is a mine of information regarding events of vital importance to the students. But how many avail themselves of this advantage? We venture to say not one out of five, who wish to do so, reads this literature, and for no other reason than lack of time. The amount of required work should be regulated so as to allow the average student time for some outside reading. But disregarding this phase of the question, the fact that more thorough work could be done, is proof enough that a reduction should be made. The standard of the work would thus be raised, and the class of students sent out would be far better equipped for practical life.

THE literary societies are the pride of this institution and its students. In other colleges influences which are unknown among us have been the cause of the formation of many societies and fraternities with