

and we think they will be in as good use here as if they were packed away in militia armories or turned over to the N. N. G. for occasional and spasmodic use.

The meeting Saturday evening was attended by a glorious crowd. Mr. Fletcher was in the chair and the speakers were called in the following order: Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Frost, Mr. Jones, Miss Clark, Mr. Barrett and Mr. Allen. The janitor got excited, probably from the general enthusiasm, and turned off the gas in the midst of Mr. Barrett's speech. The enthusiasm, however, was so great, that the speaking was continued in the dark. Mr. Allen, in spite of the many difficulties, brought the meeting to a glorious close. College songs were sung in the intervals.

EXCHANGE BRIC-A-BRAC.

The opening of the school year and the issuing of the first number of the college paper is usually made the subject of considerable expiation by editors. THE HESPERIAN usually keeps such a paragraph standing on the "phat" galley from year to year, but this year our careless devil was the means of "squabbling" it, too late for the holding of the forms. The exchange editor has but little to say to his flock in the way of greeting. The department will be run this year in the interests mainly of THE HESPERIAN and its exchanges. We have been sorry to see exhibited in times past, by many of our brethren, a resentful and angry spirit when we have taken occasion to point out the error of their ways. Bear in memory, dear friends, that THE HESPERIAN will ever keep in mind, with the tenderest solicitude, your best interests; what is inky darkness to you now may some day be illuminated by the brightest sun that ever shone forth from the heavens.

The editorial columns of the *Dartmouth* are devoted almost wholly to the subject of athletics.

Exchanges have been coming in very slowly. Our brethren are probably in the same predicament as ourselves—burdened with much work and hampered by the slowness with which the new machinery works.

A general statement is made by one of our exchanges from an agricultural institution to the effect that a student, who is thoroughly posted in veterinary science, will be better able to face the world. Good for veterinary science. If the statement proves to be true, we would suggest that Dr. Billings be requested to give a series of lectures on the subject for the benefit of somebody who "was, but is not."

The *Zegis* appears this year, as we have long hoped and desired, in new clothes, bearing the imprint of enterprise, hitherto apparently beyond its comprehension. In a late number a certain lady attempts to prove that the majority of people who read American literature to any extent are mistaken as to the amount of goodness and virtue possessed by Edgar Allan Poe. Such essays as this may have a certain value to their writer; but why attempt to exalt a man beyond any human capacity simply because the jingle of his poetry is peculiar? There is certainly nothing else about Mr. Poe's poems which is striking, unless it be their morbid and unhealthy thought. Beautiful rhetoric may cover a multitude of sins for a dead man, but the life of Poe was ended too recently for even a gushing and enthusiastic school girl to attempt to hide his inexcusable faults.

That was a mean trick of the *Stylus* man. Did he think that by reserving his six months' accumulation of wrath and vituperation, till our editors were scattered to the four parts of the earth, and launching it upon us in the heat of

the midsummer vacation he might escape the castigation which he tacitly admits is rightfully due him? Or did he take a week or two off for the sole purpose of becoming the author of something which would rouse the ire of THE HESPERIAN's exchange editor and entrap him into noticing the existence of his little department of one mule power? Whichever may be the case, he is forgiven, on account of his own admission of his insignificance. The number of the *Stylus* issued as an annual is neat and handsome, and its contents contain nothing which Sioux Falls students may not be proud of, unless, perhaps, the work of the party of whom we have been speaking. But THE HESPERIAN's profoundest sympathy rests with the remainder of the editorial board of the *Stylus* for the unfortunate position in which his connection with it must place its individual members. It is a pity such fellows are not allowed, in the economy of the universe, to be of as much trouble to themselves as to their acquaintances and associates. Were it so, no doubt the world and humanity in general could see more virtue in the crime of suicide—a crime which would certainly be oftener committed.

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