

the opposite direction. The more intercourse there is between the scientific and the literary students, the more mixing of courses there is, the better it is for both classes. The scientific students are for the most part ready enough to recognize the utility of some literary studies; but those of the literary course are more prejudiced against the sciences. Few realize the broadening influence of a few terms spent in the investigation of some of the phenomena of nature. We should like to see our splendid new laboratories utilized more by the literary students.

RUMORS have filled the air for some months past that a new paper is to be started in the University. It is to be evolved within the "mystic circle" and its specialty is to be news from Greece. We have patiently waited for it a long time, and have begun to experience that heart-sickness said to be usual in cases of indefinite postponement. If the managers of the enterprise realized the breathless expectancy with which the world pants for the tidings that "Mr. — has donned the sword and shield" and "the golden key now adorns the bosom of Miss —" they would certainly hurry up. If the paper appears we can not promise it a peaceful voyage. The sea of college journalism is rough.

FOR a long time we have wished to see a closer bond of union between former students and the University. For a year or two the graduates keep up some connection with their college and then they are heard of no more, and unless they achieve distinction they are forgotten. In the east, men retain an interest in their college all their life. They keep pace with its progress, and aid in producing that progress. The only way we know to bring about this happier state of affairs is through the college paper. With that idea in view we last year started an alumni column. Then the difficulty was to get any news from alumni. We could hear only of those who happened to be near or to have friends in school. It is only by the active co-operation of the alumni that we can make the column interesting. With their aid we might bring about a more lasting love of graduates for their *alma mater*. This issue will be sent to many who are not subscribers. We ask that you lend your financial aid in sustaining the paper as well as your assistance in gathering news. We are ready to do our part but cannot accomplish the desired result alone. Let us hear from you.

WE spoke in our last issue of a boycott. Most of our readers understood our meaning. We have "awaited developments" as long as we care to. The fraternity element has deserted the paper. As we said in our last issue, such action causes us more joy

than sorrow. Under the system of a compromise board of editors, neither the frats nor the anti-frats have been allowed to speak their minds. Both sides have chafed against the restrictions, and the editors have been more or less "between the upper and the nether millstones." Things could not long continue as they were last spring. Not succeeding in the attempt to fence off fraternity items in a little corner by themselves, the fraternity faction has withdrawn its support. Financially their support amounted to little; editorially, it can easily be replaced. The chief result of the action will be the freeing of our tongue. Heretofore we have not been able to call attention to abuses and evils which were apparent, simply because such a course would violate the neutrality necessary to be preserved. The relief now afforded will be grateful. If some not very pleasant things are brought to light, the fraternities can blame no one but themselves. If they refuse to pay the price of silence, they must take the consequences. True one fraternity editor remains on the paper; but the financial support, on which alone editorial representation is based, is *nil*. It was impossible to elect a fraternity member on the resignation of Miss Manley, for no frat was eligible. The frats have decided their position in regard to THE HESPERIAN, and what is more, they have decided it just as we prefer to have them do. We may continue this subject at divers other times.

LITERARY.

The October *Forum* contains an article on the "Australian Ballot System" that is worthy the attention of every student of politics and political reform.

"Recent Progress in Surgery" is the title of an article in *Harper's* that gives some astonishing information in regard to the operations that can be performed upon the human body.

The number of new books announced by the periodicals is something astounding. A mere list of the titles would more than occupy the space devoted to such things in this paper. It is one comfort however, that some are not of a very high literary quality, so one cannot be expected to keep posted.

Speaking of Professor Howard's book the *Literary World* says, "The author is the first to give a comprehensive treatment of our local institutions as an introduction to their detailed study. The work is necessarily a compilation, to a large extent, from the special studies which have appeared of late years, but Professor Heward, has availed himself of these labors with a sense of proportion, a justice of judgment, and a literary skill which meet the demands of his task. * * * Whether one agrees with him or not, one can only be grateful for this admirable treatise on our local government, which should teach a great many Americans to understand a much neglected matter.