The Business Manager cannot afford to make this change under the present system, because in order to do so he would have to be assured of a great improvement in the quality of the reading matter, as that is the only means of increasing the circulation, and increase of circulation is necessary in order to procure advertising. The reasons no improvement in the quality of matter can now be assured are that the Board is now chosen without reference to literary ability. There is no way of imposing a penalty for neglect of duty. The result is that when examinations, extra work or amusements are in order, the preparation of copy is set off until the last day, or altogether neglected. It is proposed to make the Board of Editors the owners of the paper. It will be sure that with this system any editor who produces poor work will cause a decrease in the popularity of the paper and that means fewer subscribers, which of course will result in a deficit which will have to be paid at least in part by the careless writer. It is also proposed to choose the editors on a competitive basis; to make the number, excellence and regularity of contributions an index of eligibility. The man must be interested in the work in hand in order to be successful, and the aspirant who has no place on a weekly paper, besides the contributions thus obtained will be a great benefit to the paper. This system is successful operation in all of the colleges where the best papers are published, for instance Yale, Harvard, Ann Arbor.

The two systems may fairly be compared from the standpoint of the student as follows: the "publicist" can have but little chance of obtaining an office under the new system, whereas the student has every chance of a place. Under the new system the Board will direct the policy of the paper and be the judges of what communications to publish and what not to publish just as at present; they will be selected from the students just as now and must represent all classes in order that the paper may receive the support of all the students. It may be urged that the editorships might fall into the hands of some clique, but from the very nature of the case this would be impossible, because a paper that is run by a clique is supported by friends of that clique and no one party device will shoulder the support of a publication that requires over $1,000 a year for its maintenance. Cliqueism is the bane of the newspaper under the new system than under the old, for so long as each editor is responsible financially, the object must be to make the paper popular and not partisan. This statement has been verified by the experience of college papers wherever competitive election and mutual responsibility have been established.

In case the Association consents to the change proposed the present Board will be increased, and a twenty page pamphlet about the size of Judge's Library will be issued weekly. The paper will be superior to that of the present V.H. and the form much more convenient. The cost of such a publication has been very carefully estimated and the subscription price will remain the same. These changes will take place as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. In the case the Association refuses, the V.H. will undoubtedly remain as it is until some more progressive generation sees fit to remove its shackles. I have read this article again carefully and come to the meeting on Tuesday prepared to act intelligently. All paid up subscribers in the Collegiate Department are members of the Association.

The State Library of New York has issued a Bulletin upon State Legislation, giving in handy form a comparative summary and index of state legislation in 1850 for eighteen States. This bulletin will be a most handy reference for lawyers and politicians in particular, and also for any who are desirous of acquainting themselves with the course of recent State legislation. A copy of the Bulletin has been furnished for library use.

Soph-Junior Contest. The annual Soph-Junior Contest in Declaration will be held at the Opera House next Friday evening, the 13th.

The following is the order in which the speakers will appear, as decided by the Class of 1891:
1. Lay, 2 Bannister, 3 Kay, 4 Coolhan, 5 McMillan, 6 Hunt, 7 Butler, 8 Beardsley.

The following named ladies and gentlemen have been selected as judges: Mrs. R. C. Morse, Prof. Currier, and Mr. Milton Remley. Referee, Judge C. S. Robinson.

All the contestants are well prepared for the event, having had constant daily drill since the preliminary five weeks ago. The program will be varied, containing both dramatic and oratorical selections full of the eloquence, pathos and humor of the greatest writers of modern times. It has been decided to make an admission charge of ten cents. Prizes will be offered as follows: First, $10.00; second, $10.00.

The young man who imagines that he can become an athlete by hanging striped coat and breeches, will find, when Field Day comes, that he isn't in it.
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copies of the Standing Rules of the Senate of the U. S., 1890, have been supplied to the Library by kindness of Sen. Allison.

A gentleman of '92 was heard to make the shocking assertion the other morning, that not a Junior girl has made her appearance at chapel this term.

As the Annual approaches completion a number of "implicates" in and around the Varisty are preparing to take a leave of absence until it "blows over."

M. H. Lyon returned from Chicago last Tuesday, where he had been attending the College Y. M. C. A. conference, at which thirty of our western colleges were represented.

Fanny Davis was called to her home at 9 o'clock on Wednesday by the illness of her father. The sad news of Mr. Davis's death has since reached friends in this city.

Think seriously in regard to the proposed changes in the V. R. management, and do not fail to attend the meeting if you are a subscriber and have not subscribed. City.

A small company of enthusiastic botanists (?) one morning last week about five o'clock, made a search for the "first" spring flower (?) in the vicinity of the Crescent boat house.

The High School is stirring up its rhetorical enthusiasm. We are glad to see it. The S. U. L. needs good declaimers and orators, and the High Schools and Academies must furnish them.

The Choral Union is holding regular meetings this term, as usual. We are promised another concert in the near future, and if one may judge from practice meetings, it will be well worth the hearing.

We ought to have more men doing systematic work in the Gym. No man can become a successful athlete with only a month's training. You may be a Hercules, but you can't put the show or win the dash unless you learn how it's done.

The Hespiers elected the following officers for the spring term: President, Carolyn Kimball; vice-president, Lizzie Moore; recording secretary, Hattie Lyon; corresponding secretary, Ira Kelso; editor, Julia Crawford; tune orator, Julia Rogers.

Why doesn't the Choral Union meet twice as often as it now does, and devote alternate sessions to music less difficult than that now sung? In this way the membership, enthusiasm and good results could be doubled or more than doubled.

Some one ought to "donate" that old fence, originally intended to protect the battalion against the laws, to the Historical Society, in order that we might have a new and more appropriate one; a fence that might be leased against, sat upon and enjoyed.

The Choral Union will meet Thursday evening this week instead of Tuesday, on account of the Nourse lecture.

College Spirit.

It is a matter of comment among members of our Faculty and friends of the campus, that a number of our college and college class enthusiasm is lacking. Without much effort we students may again come to an appreciation of this fact. Leaving out the professional departments, we colleagues have been and are now exhausting our selves out of a large part of the pleasure and profit which we might derive from our four years' course. We are taking the hard prose and ignoring the poetry. When the University was in peril its students showed the spirit of true patriots. Should such a day return we should rise as one man to her defense. But these piping times of peace—why should they produce such stagnation? Why should prosperity make dormant the spirit which always rises to meet adversity. In the eastern college class feeling makes a closer bond between members than any organization does here. No greater stimulus to work can be found than in this close relationship in classes. Next to this stands college patriotism, which is a constant quantity in peace and war.

Not so in Iowa City. There are many college enthusiasts exhibited in five minutes by two S. U. I. students that meet in vacation—two book agents, perhaps, whose chance to make a few in some rural hamlet—than is in a featy pul; the Sophie steals her necklace, and for weeks after the air is bl., with excitement. Younger the Senior class had a big sleigh-ride, and the air reverberates until the fields are green. A snow-ball fight between rival literary societies in an event which goes down in history, is the basis of an interesting feud, and leads to the adoption of momentous resolutions—and so it goes, and the school grows through the efforts of these enthusiasts at whose prank we dignified "university students." No, not the least. Why don't our girls stimulate the waning interest in athletics? They can do it. Nothing is more effective than when a student on Field Day say: The knowledge that a pretty girl in the grand stand is decked out in his colors, and is shouting herself hoarse for his encouragement. Why did that beautiful snow storm to water before it occurred to a pair of the more brilliant Juniors that a class sleigh ride would be a fine thing? Why don't we have a social or reception once a term at least, so that the Seniors may be introduced to their classmates before Commencement Day? Why don't the literary societies give an informal reception once in a while, and bring into activity in our issue of which all thank.

The Lecture price of seats $3, $5, and $10, is not a price of admittance and there should be open to the house. Many competitors are only dramatic organizations. He is also one of the lecturers who long for enterprises.

The Hawkeye temporarily is following similar m organizer, all or any of the other students got to pigwot.

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In a word, we have from the humbler to the Sophomore a real interest in the Athletic Day than has been known in Bloom for years. In the past, Athletics have been considered a sport for the few, but now they have become a part of the everyday life of the students. The interest in Athletics has increased tremendously, with more and more students participating in various sports and activities.

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We are informed that a couple of Seniors attended a fashionable wedding in Davenport, during the last week, and while there visited the cities of Rock Island and Moline, and also inspected the Gun(s) at the Rock Island arsenal, none of the (Unio) loaded. However, they think that in case of war that we are pretty well fixed for the occasion.

We are sorry to announce that owing to the illness of Judge Love, he will be unable to meet the Senior class, on the subject of Admiralty and Federal Procedure. Chancellor McClain made the fact of Judge Love's inability to be present at all known on Wednesday morning. Chancellor McClain said the Faculty regretted it very much that it would be impossible to fill the vacancy thus created, as there were few who understood the subject of Admiralty sufficiently, in order to be able to deliver a course of lectures on that particular branch. Chancellor, added that during his instruction on Constitutional Law, he has also regret to learn of the illness of Judge Love, and feel the loss of his valuable lectures, yet the loss will only be in part, as we will not be affected in our capacity of gaining a knowledge of Federal Procedure, under the instruction of Chancellor McClain, who has voluntarily agreed to do so.

Considerable grumbling and general dissatisfaction was being manifested the other day by some of the students in regard to the few feet of bare wire fence that was being erected to the sides of the main walk on the University grounds. Finally some one called our attention to Section 240 of the Code, which provides that "bare wire shall not be used in enclosing in whole or in part any public school building or grounds upon which the same shall stand; and no barbed wire shall be used for a fence or other purpose within ten feet of any public school ground." Thus the Twentieth General Assembly probably had in mind, when that honorable body passed the above statute, prohibiting the use of barbed wire around public schools, to prevent small children who attend such schools from being injured while engaged in a playful state, but we hardly think that wise body of men who are chosen by the people to represent them in enacting such laws as are applicable to the condition of our society; and it is more than reasonable to suppose that the Twentieth General Assembly ever had in mind, when passing the above statute, that they wished to protect the small children who attend the State University, as it is generally understood that such persons are not admitted, to any of the departments, and we think no serious injury will result to any of the students now in attendance, as they all appear to be of sufficient age, when proper discretion may be presumed when near a bare wire fence.

"Soothed?" Hardly.

It was very kind of our critic who devoted the last Volume and statistics concerning other college libraries, to include one that opened its doors in the evening. A glimmer of fairness was thus given to the article. The writer might have presented a list of fifty or more that are closed at night. On the other hand we might mention a long list of libraries that are open at night, if mere numbers would prove anything here. A few are of the latter class.

An Arbor is open every evening from seven to nine forty-five, Johns Hopkins until ten, P. M., Sunday, closed "all hours," and every evening, Cornell for nine until ten, nine. Many catalogues do not state the hours when the library is open. "The library is open nine, betimes, in the library is accessible at all hours;" students are required to attend the library from one to four; "a course of library talks is given each year by members of the Faculty;" six books may be drawn from the library by each and kept no longer than "thirty months." These are some of the various regulations. There is no uniformity. On the whole our library offers perhaps average privileges. But do we care to be an average? Ought not the criterion to be the most liberal facilities that the libraries will award of us? Why be negligible in such a matter? No doubt one of the students would act as assistant librarian for his tuition. Perhaps the two or three hundred dollars a year necessary for lighting could not be forthcoming according to the present dispensation. But certain it is that future appropriations such a sum could not be set aside for a better purpose.

Are we to be called an "agitator" because we dare to suggest that it may be unwise to unhesitatingly extend to all who we see and read, because we dare to suggest that the library should be open at night and not merely during the day when it is a mockery to many of the students, especially those in science, because we have the temerity to remark that perhaps established custom is not infallible, because we have the unadorned, frozen efficiency to humbly suggest that perhaps the University is for the benefit of the students and that their wishes should have just a little weight? It is much easier to shout "agitator" to one who is interested in what he believes to be a beneficial change than it is to present objection to it.

Cecil.

Sweet is the breath of the May born wind.

And so for our last scene;

As we gallop above, it gives a never a sound.

Go, preach of your cities and mansions of state

With marble spires and leaden roofs of state;

But child of God, in the soft wind of May

Will laugh you to scorn and be richer than they.

Can't you see its weight? And the wind is blowing.

Tell whose venerated and splendid them between

Away go Cecil! That jet turned race

Shall distance the Rockies that lie in its path.

That first, tawny乡镇 shall hear in ear

Towards the smiles of the Orient, to welcome

The prey-dipped dawn shall smile at our gray

And greet the sun that rests that lie so far.

The swift wind shall bloom as the wired hunters

That the Arabs sleep, as homeward they fly.

Then let them live on in their mansions of state

And dip the red wine over its dark leages of fate.

The dome of our mansion of state shall be

And forever our beacon. Where beest we?

At the Alumni Association of the Homoeopathic Medical Department, S. U. 1., the following was submitted and heartily approved.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our kind and Heavenly Father to remove from and within our shores and heartfelt sympathy in this their great bereavement.

Reolved, That we, the Alumni of the Homoeopathic Medical Department of S. U. 1., extend to the sorrowing friends of the deceased, the sympathy of this body and of this great bereavement.

Reolved, That we cherish his memory, and request every friend who ever had a special interest in our work and welfare, and may his invisible presence continue to be a blessing to us all.

Reolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the college paper, and the North-Western Journal of Homoeopathy for publication.

The mock congress met last Saturday afternoon in the Junior Law room. A large number of Laws and Legislatures were present. The session lasted about an hour and a half. The principal part of this time was spent in discussing points of order. No bills were introduced. In fact there have been four meetings and the only work of any kind which has been accomplished is the election of officers. We believe it could be made a profitable enterprise. The constant attendance myth, shows plainly the general desire for a society of that nature. But now, ice coming on and unless the affairs are conducted in a more business like way the athletic spirit will supersede it. We would like to see the congress continue but we would also like to see more work and less foolishness carried on. By proper management there is no reason why it should not continue throughout the whole term.

A very thoughtful and practical paper upon "Our Schools and Their Responsibilities" from the pen of Dr. J. L. Pickard, appeared in the April number of Education.

Hear Robert Nourse on the Englishman and the Yankee.
Cecil.

Robert Nourse has exhibited to our complete satisfaction, his wonderful power of delineating human character in Dr. Jokel and Mr. Hyde. But in his own words there is more in his lecture on "John and Jonathan." It has been delivered three times in Lincoln, Neb., with wonderful success. The object of the lecture is to show the true relation between England and America and its delivery makes it irresistibly entertaining.

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