A Tribute to Mrs. North.

The January number of The Literary Journal contains the following interesting notice of Mrs. Ada North. "In answering the question whether the president of the United States has the right to interfere in local riots of this kind, Mrs. North has closed her work as a literary medium. It is almost twenty years since she was appointed State Librarian, in which office she remained eight or ten years. Her husband, Major Gen. A. North, acted as private secretary to Gen. W. M. Stone, was taken ill and died very suddenly. He was a widely known and very popular man, most efficient in his office, and beloved by all who knew him. The generalization of the possession of rare qualifications for the new duties thus devolved upon her. She possessed untiring industry, and it was manifest to all intelligent people that she knew something of silicic and books. Under her administration the library was put on an advantageous basis and began to grow. She had the place, as above stated, until Gen. Harrison came in. He determined not to reproach her, though the other trustees and a large majority of the bar of the State desired her to remain. Owing out of this position she was at once offered that of City Librarian at Los Angeles. The salary was $200 per month, and the library itself very meagre affairs. She went to work however, as that seemed better than doing nothing. In a very short time over, she was tendered the place of Librarian of the State University, where she has remained for about a dozen years."
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Not a dozen students from the combined ranks of the literary societies have entered for the coveted contest this year. Six students were found who were willing to enter a debating contest and to carry it to a successful end. These members represent the visible enthusiasm for literary excellence in S. E. I., during our present winter term, but they do not begin to represent the amount of good material for such work to be found among the students. There must be some way to nurse this latent ability and call it forth. One good way would be to organize class contests and department contests just as such contests are organized in athletics. In this way could the statistical and debating ability of S. E. I. be trained until not only we but the world itself be much interested in such work and our chances for highest honors in the inter-collegiate contest would be assured.

We know this plan has been discussed to a certain extent this year but let us think of it as a great, earnest and to greater purpose until by next year, at least, there will be some tangible results to show for our thinking and talking.

Three years ago this winter the then Sophomore class planned to introduce into S. E. I. a custom, or rather an institution, which had long been in use in larger universities, and which had everywhere been regarded as an important factor in a university's activity. This institution was the Junior Annual. The class of '92 after great labor, and, as it proved in the end, with great financial loss, published the first S. E. I. Hook-ep. The class of '93 took up the matter in turn, spite of the discouragement thrust upon them by the, from a money standpoint, ill success of the venture of '92, and published an annual that was more complete than the first, and with less net expense to the managers. Again '94 in its turn went into the work and the third volume of the Hook-up will issue from the press next week. Thus far all is well and good, but it seems that the present Sophomore class, discouraged and we must admit, blindly so, by the heretofore unsuccessful financial outcome of the publication, is seriously debating a proposition for the discontinuance of the annual. It is reported that there is some opposition, or at least earnest hesitancy, among members of '95, in this important matter. Now we desire at this time, while the class is the matter still under consideration, to repeat the members that the whole University is watching their meetings with due interest, and the unanswerable statement that is that '95 should take up the banner and carry it forward even at the risk of a losing investment. It is not a class institution, this Junior Annual, in the larger view. It is published by a class but for the University. We urge the Sophomore class to give an adequate appreciation of the value of this book. The Hook-up is the only reference book of the University the student has, and as such alone it is worth the cost.

The information contained in the Annual, of all the hundred and one organizations, faculties, classes, fraternities, literary societies, clubs, etc., is not to be got in any other shape.

As to the value of the publication to the University, as an advertising medium and a representative of the work done, no words are necessary. But if there were no other excuse for the book's existence besides its worth as a refernece manual, it would still be a pity to cease publishing it. We would urge upon the Class of '95 these considerations and, without forgetting the risk that must be taken, request in the interest of S. E. I. that the annual be not dropped.

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LOCALS.

Mary C. Holt, c.294, was in the
city Saturday.

Professor McBride gives the last
of a series of three lectures at Davenport
port night.

The Zetathesian Society will hold
its fourth annual banquet on Tues-
day evening.

The Junior Annual will be out this
week.

The Sophomore-Freshman Ban-
quart will be held March 7th.

The Phi Deltas entertained some of
their friends last Friday night.

The Phi Deltas give a dance in
their halls next Friday night.

J. Valens, a former S. U. I. stu-
dent, was in town Saturday.

Professor McBride lectured in Daven-
port last Saturday evening.

Professor Wilson did not meet the
Junior German class Monday morn-
ing.

The members of the Dental class of
'96 were having their photographs
at Oster's Saturday.

Reginald Johnson, '96, has been
obliged to go home for a short vaca-
tion on account of trouble with his
eyes.

Howard North, '92, was in town
Sunday, to accompany his mother to
Des Moines where she will remain for
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