Close Hall.

An editorial in a recent issue of the Vidette-Harvotinum calls our attention to the fact that the general public is, in very many instances, not acquainted with the exact conditions of affairs at Close Hall and its needs. Not long ago the Board of Directors (the management) of Close Hall, through the chairman, Professor Wynn, and the secretary, Professor Locou, called a meeting for the purpose of laying the facts before those interested. The result was a very satisfactory one. The directors are willing to put up with a little more expense than continue as they are. The step is very much regretted by those who have maintained good relations with the institution.

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The Sawyer Prize, mention of which was made in our last issue, ought to be an inspiration for a great many students to write for it. It is a fact to be lamented that many of the prizes which were formerly offered to students of the University have been withdrawn for lack of competitors. No doubt it is discouraging, and may seem hard to be unsuccessful after several months of studious work; nevertheless the time thus spent will be of immense value to a person, for he will have gained a thorough knowledge of a subject by himself, which he will afterwards highly prize.

The Sawyer Prize, open to all students of the University, is to be given on an essay consisting of five thousand words on "The Rise of Literature in the West." The essay will be due about the middle of May, and it is to be hoped that a large number of students will compete for it.

The winter term is now well advanced, and still many of our classes have had no social gatherings of any kind. The complaint has been often made, and we believe with some justice, that there is little social activity among the class organizations of S. U. L. In the Collegiate Department the Sophomores and Seniors each had a social last fall, and the Freshmen held their annual banquet. This represents the whole social enjoyment of S. U. L. furnished by the classes as such. It has been the custom in many colleges for the Junior class to give a hop, which is regarded as the greatest social event of the year, greater even than the Freshman banquet. Our Juniors will soon be Seniors, and it will not be long before they have passed away for the time being out of the hall of S. U. L. and we should like to have the Junior Hop made a permanent event in this institution. The present Junior class held a meeting last fall to consider the question of holding a social gathering of some kind this term, and a committee was appointed to make arrangements for one, but nothing definite seems to have been accomplished. We would urge upon those having the matter in charge to exert themselves so that the Junior class may do its part in maintaining the social duties of the University.

Considerable interest seems to be taken at the University of Chicago over a dispute concerning the eligibility of post graduate students to places on some of the various debating contests. Of course the matter is not limited in interest, to the University of Chicago, for those institutions with which the debates are to be held are also concerned. While of course the recent debate between the representatives of Chicago and our own was arranged for with no mention of the matter it seems to us that we should not neglect it in future contexts. We have no reason to complain of the issue of the recent debate, but it does not appear to us advisable to match ourselves against men doing post graduate work. The object in view of course should be to secure conditions as fair as possible to both sides, and in our judgment at least this will best be accomplished by restricting our debates to those with the under graduate department. We wish it clearly understood that we prefer no charges against the representatives of Chicago in the debate this year, though one of them was a graduate, as special mention had previously been made of that fact, but for the future it seems to us that we would do well to insist on greater limitation. We hope that a debate will be held next year, and have the assurance of the Chicago men who recently visited us that such will be the case, but the matter above spoken of will probably come up for settlement, and we consider it of considerable importance.

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