

ties which he may meet afterward, without which he must necessarily be at a disadvantage, especially when he is taking up new studies.

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WE ought to have more lectures. Scarcely once a year, except during Commencement week, do we have the opportunity of listening to a discourse from an eminent person. Hitherto our only means of getting a lecturer has been to engage him under the auspices of some one of the organizations of the students, generally the Athletic Association.

A good lecture while a student's mind is fresh with educational topics, goes further to fix itself in his mind than at any other time; and has a tendency to set him to thinking on lines which he would not, had he not the opportunity thrust upon him. At Commencement every one is too busily engaged to think candidly of what is being said, and if not busy with his own affairs, he tires of the tedious exercises so much that really he little appreciates the importance of them. Were they given from time to time during the year, no doubt their importance would be fully appreciated. We seem to be in want of that which the students of some institutions have so much of, that they fail to appreciate it as they should, evidently.

Could an arrangement be made so that we can have at least one good lecture each term, it would be much ap-

preciated by the students and would undoubtedly justify the trustees in granting the privilege.

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SO great is the abuse arising from the systems of granting degrees in America, that unless one is acquainted with the circumstances under which a would-be meritorious person has received his degree, the term used means very little. For several years there have been institutions of such character, that, for a compensation, without going as far as to require an examination of the candidate even, have conferred degrees on persons not having a phase of the advancement which the degree should indicate they had.

Many students have and do now pursue courses of study in our colleges with no other object than thus obtaining a "handle" to their names. This means to them the obtaining of a degree by the easiest possible means, and leads to a bad practice which has spread to undeserving non-collegians. The practice of mere land surveyors calling themselves Civil Engineers, of carpenters using the term Architect, and men engaged as machinists the term Mechanical Engineer, and many other examples of men using such terms when they have no learning in higher mathematics or designing, is through ignorance of the meaning of such terms, promulgated by the general public so much that many use the terms without the sanction of