

the base ball players get to work at once, and by next season we will have a nine to do us credit.

STUDENT.

MR. EDITOR:—

The kindly offer of our president, Dr. Ather-ton, to furnish a prize for a debating contest between our two literary societies would furnish a means of rekindling the lagging interest in the work of those societies if it were accepted by them. No better means of awakening a little needed and healthy rivalry between the societies could be found than by a debate. Greater effort would be put forth by the individual members toward improving their rhetorical and reasoning powers; greater attention would be given by the societies themselves toward making their debating more interesting than it has been for some years past, since the individual members would give the subject more preparation. On the whole it would undoubtedly be a source of great benefit to hold such a contest and the matter should be taken in hand at once, instead of being allowed to drag as it has been. The societies should take active measures toward preparing for it and toward having it in the near future.

R. M.

MR. EDITOR:—

You called attention in your last issue of the FREE LANCE, to the fact that but a few of the students attended the last Senior assembly. I think that the criticism was a most timely one as there has been a remarkable deficiency on the part of the college men in regard to heartily patronizing college affairs of this sort. During the present term several entertainments as the Four Hundred ball, the Concert and Winter Athletic contest will be given which it is imperatively necessary that every man in college attend, if they would have them a success. The students should realize more that it is to their credit that these things are well attended and supported and they should go

in a body and work with a vim toward making them a success in every way.

C. L.

MR. EDITOR:—

I would like to call attention to the small time that the gymnasium is open to the students. Before this year we were allowed from four to five o'clock in the afternoon when we had no drill, besides from six to seven in the evening. That hour from four to five was undoubtedly the only time we could, to any advantage, exercise, since the other time allotted to us followed too close to the supper hour. It is a well-known law of hygiene that we should not exercise too much after eating; it is injurious to the health. That is just what we are compelled to do since the hour from four to five, which formerly used to be open to us, is now given to the ladies. Is this just? Formerly from five to six was considered suitable to all to allow co-eds. the gymnasium, but this year, though the conditions are unchanged, about one hundred college men are compelled to take their exercise at a most unreasonable time and to give up the only three hours each week which they could profitably spend in the gymnasium to better suit the convenience of about twenty ladies. Is this fair? I think that all will undoubtedly answer no. Something should be done to rectify the matter so as to give the great body of the college men the privilege of the armory. '92.

PERSONALS.

J. F. Chambers, '94, and E. P. Butts, '93, during the recent vacation, represented the local chapter of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity at the National Convention, which was held in Philadelphia.

Ex-'93. C. A. Cummings, who was formerly in Gramdin, Mo., has moved to Springfield, Mo.

Ex-'92. George D. Chamberlain has been engaged by the Max Meadows Iron company, of Virginia.