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BY the time this issue is in the hands of the students the annual Mid-Winter Sports will have come and gone. It is of course too late to again call the attention of the students to the importance of training for that event. We can only hope that they have trained and worked as they should have done. Yet we cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of making this meeting successful. We must have something

like this to bring out our athletic material and stir the students up. Mr. Hoskins says he can pick ten men out of this College to-day who, if they will only come out and train with a will, can take the State cup next May. We want the cup, and now is our opportunity. Are we going to avail ourselves of it? Can we get these men out to train? It seems almost superfluous to again play on this hackneyed theme, but it is only by constantly having a subject brought before our minds that we can get anything accomplished. Turn in boys and do your best. Don't drop out of training as soon as these sports are over but keep right up to the mark, so that when the Spring term opens you will be ready and eager to go out on the track. That cup is ours if we can only get the whole student body enthused over the idea, and the best way to do this is to keep up training and by the mere force of example bring out the latent material.

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IT seems almost as if fate had turned its hand against our two literary societies. Never before in the history of the institution have they become so unpopular and poorly attended. It is a most deplorable fact, for the need of heir training is felt every day. We are not a literary College and make no pretensions to being such. Our time is necessarily devoted almost entirely to our technical work, and that training which enables a man to get on his feet whenever called upon and say the right thing in the right place is sadly wanting in a great number of our students. The literary societies are the only opportunity we have for obtaining this cultivation, and when it narrows down for them almost to a question of existence, something should be done to put them on their feet.