

away from literary effort, caused a loss of interest in, and a final extinction of these societies.

Then for a few years there were no literary societies and all attempts to maintain even one proved abortive. Now, however, signs of better days are evident. Since Professor Pattee's accession to the head of the English Department systematic effort has been directed toward the production and maintenance of an interest in literary work in general and in debating in particular.

Inter-collegiate debates have been held each year for the last four years, two being held last year. Debates are regularly scheduled for Juniors, Inter-class debates are a probability of the near future, the prize to the winning team being \$30, offered by Dr. Atherton. A debating club is thoroughly organized and in good working order. Each new class brings a larger proportion of men who are interested in this line of work. Students taking technical courses are beginning to see that in order to be really successful they must be able not only to build a machine but also to explain its mechanism to others.

The outlook for the present college year is bright. The old men have returned ready for hard work, new men are coming in, negotiations for two inter-collegiate debates are under way, and one of the new instructors has been assigned to this line of work. Let every man do his best.

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THE GYM.

"State" can now boast of one of the finest gymnasiums in the state. Ever since the arrival of Mr. Golden the gym has been steadily on the improve. During the summer a new dressing room was fitted up in the basement and the following apparatus provided: Abdominal and tumbling mats, floor parallels, wrist, ankle, high and low leg machines, suspended parallels and iron dumb bells ranging from five to fifty pounds.