

## EXCHANGES.

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Among us there are many who have the opinion that we, as students of a technical school, have no use for rhetorical, debates and the like, and that the time given to "spouts" and debates is a sheer waste of time. While a technical education does not directly include any classical training, it can't be denied that every college bred man should be able to address an audience of any size without becoming confused. The *Lafayette* for January 29th says the following:

Because the college man is living in the midst of exceptional advantages, there seems to be a strong tendency for him to allow many of the opportunities for self-improvement, which the college offers, to go by without grasping them. Probably the majority of the fellows who neglect the work of the literary societies do not realize their loss while they are in college. But there are many who, soon after they graduate, would give a good deal to be able to think clearly and speak forcibly on their feet on some occasion that means much to them. A college graduate, whether a technical man, or a professional or business man, ought to be able to express himself before a company of his fellow men in good English and without embarrassment. He cannot do this unless he has had some practice, and the place to get that practice is in the literary halls while he is in college.

From the *Dartmouth* magazine we are always sure to get at least one contribution to our exchange column. The number of this month is no exception. In an article entitled "In General," the writer tells us about the increase of the democratic spirit among college students. He goes on to say:

To the surface observer, good fellowship is of questionable importance in college life; and were