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### Open Letters.

The STATE COLLEGIAN invites letters, but the publication of a communication does not necessarily imply the endorsement of the sentiments contained therein. As a guarantee of good faith, the writer's name must be signed, but will not be printed if so desired.

Editor of the Collegian:—

I note in a recent issue of the Collegian an editorial suggesting the occasional substitution of a fire-drill for the regular Sunday inspection. That is a good idea, but have you noticed the condition of affairs as they are in the Main building? At the present time a fire drill is absolutely impossible, as there is no fire hose above the third floor; all others having been removed from the racks in the halls, and stored no one knows where. In the event of a fire's breaking out in this building, we all know just how much draught the large "wells" would give to the flame, and how quickly a fire would spread, even with suitable apparatus for fighting the fire. How much more danger is there, then, with all apparatus removed from reach? This apparatus seems at best to be totally inadequate, and when totally removed is simply courting additional danger.

Probable the reason for this condition of things is the frequency with which these hose are misused, causing a great amount of trouble for those who have them in charge. I would suggest that the student body take action on this matter, promising in future to let all fire-fighting apparatus strictly alone except when it is needed for its legitimate purpose.

Considering the inadequacy of the present apparatus, it seems that the addition of some chemical apparatus would greatly help in an emergency. I, for one, object very seriously to rooming in a building like Old Main, with all means for fighting fire removed from our reach.

Senior.

Two weeks ago there appeared in the Collegian a letter from Prof. Baker concerning the preservation of the campus trees, the sentiment of which is that of the student body. The sentiment of the undergraduates is very decidedly in favor of preserving the trees which practically make the beauty of the campus. However, as a business manager, I would like to ask where bills and posters are to be placed if not on the trees? No one who has ever had anything to do with managing a game or concert or entertainment of any kind will doubt the absolute necessity of such advertising matter. If the public, particularly the student public, be not informed of such entertainments, sure financial loss is the result. Chalking the walks is all right as far as it goes, but is available in fair weather only, and moreover, is soon worn off. Bill posting, then, is a necessity. And where shall they be placed if not on the trees?

At Dickinson, the college has erected small bulletin boards at suitable places. If the college wishes to preserve the trees from the tacks inevitable to bill-posting, why cannot it erect some such bill-boards? Those who post bills will be overjoyed at the change, for tacking posters to a tree on a windy day is anything but fun.

One thing should be agreed upon at once: the posting of bills on the old willow tree should cease immediately. The loss of that ancient land-mark, of such great beauty, is too large a price to pay for the sake of the financial success of any game or entertainment. Let everyone unite to prevent bills from being placed there. If you see any one trying to post bills there, make him quit; if you see a bill posted there, tear it down,

A Manager.