

IN connection with the anniversary exercises we would suggest that, in line with the improvements made in the arrangements for this year, there is room for at least another. The arrangement by which, at the closing exercises of the University, eight or ten students give an exhibition of their oratory, cannot be in the highest degree satisfactory to declaimers or hearers. No student can do himself justice in a ten-minute essay on such subjects as are, and should be assigned. Listening to eight or nine of these essays, the subjects of which are necessarily widely diverse, the hearer may be excused for growing weary and lacking appreciation. If one, or even two, of the class completing their course were chosen to deliver their essays in this way, the class would be represented and the audience better satisfied. Some prominent man might be secured to address the students and audience on the occasion, and the closing exercises greatly enhanced in interest. We hope in the not distant future to see somewhat such a course as this pursued.

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WE have before referred to the Athenæum Society as not being up to the standard which might be desired. Many of the students attend very irregularly. Not a few say that they cannot afford the time to attend. Some improvement, we feel, should be made. The Society should be of such a character that the students would consider that they could ill afford not to attend. The Athenæum Society conducted as it might be should be to the student one of the most valuable means of education in the course. It is astonishing how little many otherwise educated men know about conducting public business. Students leave college oftentimes deplorably ignorant in parliamentary usage, a knowledge of which is highly useful in every profession. It has occurred to us that if a course of lectures in parliamentary rules were given in connection with the course in constitutional history, and that only those students who had taken such course should be qualified for the presidency of the Athenæum Society, this would be one step in the right direction. If such a work as "Cushing's Manual" were in the hands of every member of the Society, and strict adherence were given to parliamentary usage, four years membership should be of the greatest benefit to all. As soon as attendance at the Society became recognized as valuable to the students, other improvements would soon follow.

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There are some things in connection with all the entertainments held in the College Hall,—particularly those of the past year,—that need to be changed. The College building is amply provided with accommodations for exit; two doors in the south side and the large main entrance with double doors in the north front. Now when the Hall is two-thirds