

delivery, lucid and logical thought, the quasi-intuitive faculty of quickly exposing the weak points of an opponent's argument while emphasizing the strong features of his own. The members are therefore earnestly urged to accept promptly all debates offered by the committee and to take part as often as possible in the general discussion which follows each session. To content oneself with reading his paper, is to defeat the aim of the debate; arguments should all be committed to memory. The debater should have a reasonably good knowledge of the subject which he attempts to discuss. His language should be clear, eloquent, forcible, and, since elevation of language denotes elevation of thought, he should never descend into trivialities. It is important, also, to bear in mind, that while facts move the intellect, sentiment alone stirs the soul. Special attention should be paid to delivery. Pronunciation, pose and gesture, must be scrupulously correct. Many a fine speech is spoiled through neglect of these points. All this makes it imperative that anyone, wishing to become a good speaker, should by frequent drills, have occasion to test his powers and correct his faults. The Debating Society offers exceptional opportunities of doing so, and deserves the hearty co-operation of the student body. It is to be hoped that this will be a record year in membership, attendance and enthusiasm; and that all will put forth their best efforts to place a championship team in the Inter-University Debating League.

SCRAP-BOOKS AND NOTE-BOOKS.

A famous writer tells us that he was accustomed to keep note-books in which he jotted down the titles of the works that he read and in which he made references to the parts that struck him as valuable. These note-books, when filled, were carefully indexed and put away for future use. In the *Catholic Register*, in those interesting reminiscences of the "Topics of Old Timer," we notice something similar in the way of scrap-books. We read that "one of the most prominent Irishmen of Chicago and one of the best known in the United States is Mr. William J. Onahan, who has now resided over fifty years in that city, and has