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Topics of the Hour.

As the examinations are now drawing near, we shall, according to custom, presently discontinue publication of the VARSITY for the current academical year. The next number will be the last regular issue. On Commencement Day in June we shall issue a special double number, which will be of a purely literary character for the most part; but will also contain full personal notices of the members of the graduating class. We ask contributions from those who so readily aided us in similar enterprises in the past, and also from new contributors. We hope to make every special number of this kind better than the last, but we cannot do so without the hearty co-operation of all our friends.

Last week we referred incidentally to a non-denominational theological school at Harvard University. In response to a request

for more definite information on this subject, we wrote to President Eliot, and he has just given us the following particulars which we quote from his letter. "By the Constitution of the Harvard Divinity School every encouragement is given to the serious, impartial, and unbiased investigation of Christian truth, and no assent to the peculiarities of any denomination of Christians shall be required either of the instructors or students. Of the professors two are Unitarian Clergymen, two are Baptists, one is an Orthodox Congregational, and one is a layman supposed to be a Unitarian. The course of study does not enable a graduate to meet the requirements of any denominational creed or liturgy. The fact that the Unitarian element is so large is due to the larger endowments mainly given by Unitarians. The number of students has always been low, numbering now 25."

In another column appears a letter from the secretary of the Historical and Political Science Association, by which it will be seen that an opportunity is offered for the appearance in "Kosmos" of the papers read at the meetings of that association; and we understand that the management of that publication is desirous of securing also the essays read before the Natural Science Association. Mr. Wilson's letter and the circumstance which has given occasion for it, while emphasizing the undoubted fact that the original papers read before our college societies are really valuable and worthy of being preserved, brings forward prominently the necessity there is that VARSITY should enlarge itself to fill what some would call a long-felt want. These original papers should appear in VARSITY, which is the organ of undergraduate thought in its various phases; but at the present size of our paper, an article of more than two or three columns in length is generally from its very length unsuited to our pages. It may be that some such arrangement as the one sketched out by our correspondent this week will be arrived at before VARSITY begins another volume.

It has been our frequent duty to chronicle the success of our graduates in other lands. The latest news of this nature comes to us from Grand Forks, Dakota. From a recent number of the *Daily Herald* of that city we learn that Henry Montgomery ('76) who was lately appointed to a chair of Natural Sciences in the University of North Dakota, is now acting president of that young and vigorous institution. The *Herald* speaks highly of Professor Montgomery's energy and popularity, and felicitates the University authorities upon the possession of so able an official. We learn also that another of our graduates is ably maintaining the reputation of his *alma mater* in the Western States. We refer to Professor J. W. Bell, who fills the chair of History and Political Science in the State University of Colorado, at Boulder. It will be remembered that Professor Bell took a post-graduate course in Leipzig University. As a result of his study and investigation while there, he has recently issued, in pamphlet form, an able history and discussion of German Socialism. It is hardly necessary