there exists such a dearth of literary ability as the competitions this year would indicate, we do not believe. There are plenty who can write, and write well, and we believe it is the duty of such, both to Acta and to the College, to do what they can for their college organ. We hear a great deal about making Acta a paper by the students; yet few of these same "knockers" will make the slightest effort or sacrifice of time on its behalf. The success of any college enterprise must ultimately rest upon the loyalty of the students, and that loyalty should be shown in a practical way. The failure to award the prizes is not the most creditable advertisement for the College, and we hope that next year may have a different record." It is unnecessary to make further comment. "Get busy," and remember the date, January 10.

In this connection we beg to announce that the judges in the essay and short-story competitions will be: Professors Robertson and Edgar, Mr. M. H. Staples and the Editor-in-Chief, and Dr. Reynar, the Literary Editors and the Editor-in-Chief, respectively.

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We are also glad to announce that the Woman's Literary Society has placed at our disposal ten dollars, to be awarded as a prize for a poem. This competition is open to all undergraduates who are paid-up subscribers to Acta, and members of either of the literary societies.

The Poetry Competition

All contributions must be submitted in person to the Editorin-Chief or one of the Literary Editors, without any signature. All contributions become the property of ACTA Board, and must be handed in not later than January 15, 1909.

There is no limitation as to the kind or length of poem, but it must reach a certain standard of excellence to be eligible for the prize, such standard to be determined by the judges, Professors Edgar and Reynar.

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We wish to direct the attention of our readers to the announcement regarding our Christmas number, which appears on another page. No effort is being spared to make this year's