

were over by the last of May, while the results were not published until about July 20th. Why this delay? Why keep the candidate on the rack for seven weeks? Why seriously interfere with his chances of getting a situation by withholding from him the knowledge of whether he is to have a certificate or not? The examinations of the Normal Schools are held much later than are those of the Normal College, yet the results of both are published about the same time. From this we have proof positive that there is needless delay somewhere in publishing the reports of the College examinations. This delay must rest either with the examiners or with the Educational Department in neglecting to summon the Educational Council to consider the examiners' report. If the examiners have been at fault, surely arrangements can be made by which they will not require half the summer to read our papers. If the fault lies with the Department, they ought to be willing to put forth a little extra exertion in a matter of such great importance to every one of us. Let us carefully embody our grievances in a petition signed by every member of the class, and forward this to the authorities by a delegation who will personally second our efforts.

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What should be the character of the O. N. C. conversazione, is the question which is before the general committee for settlement, and it will demand careful consideration. There may be two views taken of the proposed conversat. The one is, that it should be a return made by the students to their friends in the city, who have entertained them during

their stay here. In this case, it would seem only proper for us to bear the expenses of such an affair ourselves, sending out tickets, free of charge, to those we wish invited, and providing a programme such as all our guests could enjoy. Although our funds would not be increased by the adoption of such a plan, it could, at least, be carried out without incurring a deficit.

The other view may be, that the conversat is mainly for the purpose of aiding the finances of the Society. This was, evidently, the intention of those who were in charge last year, when one was held jointly by the College and Collegiate. Every student, on the payment of fifty cents, obtained a ticket for himself and had the privilege of sending the names of five persons to the invitation committee, after which, each of these, if satisfactory, could secure a ticket for one dollar. The natural result followed. The conversat became the social event of the season, a full-dress affair, attended by a large crowd, in which dancing formed the chief part of the programme, and a small proportion only of the O. N. C. students were present. Financially, it was a success, about \$150 being divided between the College and Collegiate Societies. But, as a College function, it appears to us to have been a failure. Is ours to be a brilliant or a rather quiet affair? Is it to be carried on for the benefit of those who can have, certainly, no deep interest in the College, or, on the other hand, for those who have shown, by various acts of kindness to the individual students, that our presence here is something to them? This question will have to be decided from several standpoints. It might not be possible to secure permission for two conversats in one term, our treasury may need replenishing and the Collegiate may take a different view of the situation from that outlined above.