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## Editorial.

The Union meeting of our Literary Society, held on January 31st ultimo. was a brilliant success, a programme of the highest order being produced. The oratory and argumentation of the debaters was especially excellent, and gave us a striking proof of the efficiency of our Literary Society as it stands at present. The division of the main society has made it possible for every person to get a chance to improve himself in public speaking. He who refuses to take this chance must have little ambition. For it seems to us that there can be no better ambition for any youth than that of wishing to be able to command the attention of audiences, and in a true sense to rule men-through their brain and heart and not through their pocketbook. We are safe in encouraging such ambition, because on account of the higher education of the masses in this age, we have little fear of a rule of demagogues: and if partyism were laid aside, eloquence would be wasted breath unless permeated with sound argument.

Let every student who has a desire to become an influence in his community, and has an ambition to take an active part in the government of his country, grasp every opportunity to express his opinion in all discussions in the Literary Society. He may have little to say, and may be monotonous to his fellow students, but still this is his privilege, and anyone is foolish not to take advantage of it. When called upon to take part in a debate choose a subject which is practical and timely. Do not debate upon abstract theories that have exhausted the wind of many orators for many years, but come down to something concrete. Then, besides being benefitted by the platform practice, a person becomes informed upon some subject that will be of use to him after the debate is over. When we have chosen a subject it is well that we should debate on that side of the question which we feel to be right. In this way the debater can put more energy and enthusiasm into his speech than if he felt he was expressing

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