

ture life but a dwarf to what it might be.

Throughout all history there have been men in every generation and in every phase of human activity who were not in harmony with the general order of things. Society was bad and getting worse, human institutions were full of flaws, and his best friend was his enemy when out of sight. Such men exist in college communities. They, like the proverbial poor, "are always amongst us." We find them criticising the actions of the Literary Executive, calling down curses on the Athletic Association management, and dealing death blows to the Y. M. C. A. (not to say anything about their opinion of the college staff), and more, even refusing to connect themselves with these institutions. Fair criticisms are just and tend to elevate the management of any institution, but where there is criticism without an effort to alleviate the cause of the wrongdoing, there is manifestly something wrong with the faultfinder.

There are those who say, "the Lit. is monotonous," "a few are monopolizing its privileges," "it is not enough for utility and too much for show." And we ask why? Simply because those who say this are apathetic toward the organization. It can be made otherwise, and those who grasp the opportunity to overcome the obstacles that make it what it should not be, have placed their feet on another stepping stone to further achievement. Energy and action will work wonders in the society and make men of the reformers. May none forget that the power of intelligent speech is not the least of the mighty forces lying dormant in the human frame. While the world today consigns to the grave of oblivion,

where he properly belongs, the man who talks fluently for half an hour and says nothing, it is reaching out after those who have ideas and can express them. The Literary Society offers you an opportunity.

"The Y. M. C. A. men are 'a bunch of mournful fellows who see the bad side of everything.' Is it so? We think not, but if so, who is to blame? Not those who are in it, for they know no better. It is those bright, though short-sighted men who are not members, but who for the sake of the cause should be. "There is no utility in pointing out a misfortune, unless we indicate a remedy." The Young Men's Christian Association stands for the broadest development of any kindred organization in society to-day. It recognizes that a one-cornered man is not the sort the world demands, and so, besides the work of spiritual growth, we find provision made for the development of the physical, the intellectual, the social and the moral, by the establishment of gymnasiums, reading-rooms, classes for technical education, and social functions of a high moral nature. If the circumstances in a given institution are such that the latter are not supplied by the Y. M. C. A., but by some other institution, there is no reason why, if there is a spiritual side to man's nature, it should be neglected. By all means be a Y. M. C. A. man, and if the association isn't what it ought to be, remember that your influence was not given you for nought, that it spreads either positively or negatively in spite of your own desires, that you live in a land where freedom of speech and action is yours, and for the present state of affairs in your association you are in part responsible.