

As most of you are aware, the Council of the School have come to the assistance of your committee in the matter of obtaining papers from the undergraduates.

Every paper read by an undergrad. is examined and marked according to merit, 100 marks being the maximum; all marks over 50 are to be considered in granting honors at the annual examinations. This in itself is a great inducement, but others of greater importance are evident.

The writing and reading of a paper before the Society is beneficial to every one. It imparts your knowledge of the subject in hand to those who are less favored in that line and solicits discussion from those who are in a position to criticize. Besides this it gives one confidence in public, and fits him to be conversant in all lines of his profession when cast adrift from his friends on the vast world, where at any time he may be called to defend his principles and assert his convictions.

I earnestly invite discussion on the papers read, as do also the writers. If anything is said that you do not understand, ask about it; and if anything is said that you do not believe, question it, as it is by this means, greatly, that knowledge is imparted. Do not let the fact of your being in the first year hinder your freedom of speech, as here in our meeting no year distinction exists as regards debate.

I most earnestly solicit papers from the undergraduate members, and hope that the inducements offered to them will be seriously considered.

While we, as a society, have been making great progress, as a student body we have been equally successful on the platform and in the field.

Last year we entered into a debate with the Literary Society of the University and came away more than conquerors. This year I hope we shall be ready to meet and vanquish the best men the University can send to oppose us.

In the field we again swept everything before us, and through "feats of strength" and "fleetness of foot" have succeeded in fulfilling the wish of all. "We have made the name of the S.P.S. both feared and respected in the College and on the Campus."

It behooves us, gentlemen, to keep the enviable position we now hold, and every one should make it his individual duty to see that we do so.

It is with deep regret that I have to record the painful accident