

do much toward encouraging mutual improvement in literary work. Three or four prizes could be offered by the Athenæum Society for the best papers read by members of the different classes, a prize being awarded to the writer of the best essay of each class. The papers should be credited in the terms work of the student. Each being written upon a different subject and, while being prepared for the regular term's work, with a view to being read in public, the most of the papers thus prepared would be well worth an audience of the Athenæum. The difficulty of inducing students to compete for these prizes may be urged against this proposal. This difficulty is easily obviated. The examiner of the term's essays may make a selection of the best contributions of each class, give the names of the writers to the Executive Committee of the Athenæum, and, in estimating the term's work of the writers, add to their marks by giving them credit for the reading of the papers. This would furnish sufficient inducement to the students to compete. If such a course were successfully carried out, a manifold greater interest would be taken in literary work, the Athenæum Society would be much better attended and of far greater benefit to the body of students. The Athenæum is a College Society. The work of its members should be acknowledged by the College. Every paper read before the Athenæum should be credited in the term's work of the student. Attendance at its meetings need not be made compulsory, but if the time and labor which the student spends on its behalf will contribute to his class standing, willingly will he labor for its advancement. Professors and students thus co-operating, a great incitement to universal excellence in literary production would result.

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THE cold blasts of winter are with us. Frost is in the air. Snow-capped are the mountains. Ice-bound are the rivers and lakes. The mercury continues to contract with the lengthening days. The opinion indeed seems to be pretty prevalent that winter is with us. In view of these facts, opportune at this season of the year, we have a suggestion to make: Would it not be well to take the tin off the register in the waiting-room? Ugh!!

The Month.

SEMINARY opened January tenth. The number of students boarding in the building remains about the same, but the attendance from the town is larger than ever before. The Roll of Honor for last term shows a list of about thirty who made first class standing. Recent additions to the museum and laboratory will make the work easier, more practical and more profitable. A superior large microscope and several small ones have been