

"Bric-à-Brac," and the "Nassau Herald," and "Class History," gotten out each year, containing valuable statistics, and these, also, should be bound and placed in the libraries. There should be at least two copies of each of the college papers in the college and hall libraries. The managers of the papers each year would doubtless be willing to furnish the proper authorities of the libraries with copies of the papers, and the libraries should at least be willing to get them bound.

Editorials.

THE LIT. Prize Story, postponed from September on account of the standard of the contributions then handed in, is due December first. The word limit is 3,000.

THE Prize Sketch awarded to Mr. Paul Matthews was closely contested. Our thanks are due Messrs. Carmen and Durell and Prof. Magie for kindly acting as judges.

THE LIT. welcomes the idea of a course of lectures, as proposed, by a number of the most prominent men of letters in this country. It is an enterprise doubly worthy of our hearty support; for, by lending it our financial aid, we will not only reap much from the words of the lecturers that will materially enhance our education, but also contribute to the welfare of our athletics and Princeton's proud name in the field.

WE DEEM it well to again call attention to the prize of ten dollars to be awarded to that contributor who has printed in the LIT., up to January, the three best short poems. Editors are barred from competition. Two numbers still remain for insertion, and we urge care in writing, for we cannot print poems not up to the required standard.

The Library Again.

IT IS SAD and lamentable that, up to the time of our going to press, nothing has been done toward remedying the system now employed in the library. Overwhelming

arguments have been brought against it and but few weak ones have been advanced in its favor. Let the students have a word to say in the matter, that would be heeded, and they would instantly and unanimously annihilate the railing and its present attendant difficulties, and cheerfully and readily adopt any plan that would really be for their good and contribute to the usefulness of the library.

"She Stoops to Conquer."

THE college has been pleasurably anticipating for some time the presentation of "She Stoops to Conquer." The Dramatic Association could not well have made a better selection; one which interests as well as amuses. We most sincerely hope that this is only the first of a series of performances to be given during the year. The play, although it is a very familiar one, admits of being frequently read or presented on the stage without at all detracting from its general interest. For this reason it would be out of place to attempt a criticism of a play which ranks among the very best of English comedies. A single word about its history may not be amiss. It was first put before the public at Covent Garden, London, on the evening of the 15th of March, 1773. This first public rehearsal was a great success, and its author, Goldsmith, the novelist, poet and historian, showed himself to be possessed of a well-defined dramatic talent. Contemporaneous criticism in this, as in many other cases, hit wide of the mark. To-day the most cultured and refined people are ever ready to enjoy a hearty laugh with Tony Lumpkins at the various scenes in what Horace Walpole termed "the lowest of all farces."

Interest in Athletic Matters.

THE discussion recently carried on in reference to the improvement of the athletic grounds ought to be productive of good results. The question was first agitated by

members of the Senior Class, proposing that the boat-house be moved from its present position, and be placed on the University grounds. Both these schemes are commendable and ought to be carried through immediately. It does not make any material difference which scheme the college, as a whole, decides to push through first, as it will be a strong argument with graduates in getting them to give us more material support in all branches of athletics. It will prove to the alumni that the undergraduates are capable, if not always desirous, of taking the initiative steps in any important movement affecting their own interests. The argument has been urged, again and again, by graduates, when asked to subscribe, that they are unwilling to do so when the students themselves do so little to support their own associations. We are compelled to admit that this is true to a great extent. An example of this is the very poor support that has been given to the new and very commendable organization of the Athletic Association. It is the same old story over again. The great majority of men in college are perfectly able to give their support to this organization, but fail to do so through a feeling of indifference. Let this lethargy be dispelled; let each man wake up to the necessity of better advantages for athletic training and contribute his loyal support, and we will soon witness an interest in such matters that will in the end rouse the alumni and bring about many desirable changes which now are the subject of endless comment. Talk will never do of itself; the prime requisite is timely action.

The English Course.

IT IS a curious fact that, in all that has been said about our English course for the past few years, so little has been in praiseworthy terms. The college often forgets the unceasing energy with which our English Professors have