

Editorials.

AS THE judges were unable to award any prize in the recent contest, owing to the inferior quality of the stories, we have decided to keep the competition open until the 12th of February. All contributions for the prize should be left at the Sanctum, No. 1 N. R., on or before that date.

The Library Fence.

THE total-exclusion scheme in our library has been tried in the balance and found wanting, and the students are to be congratulated upon once more being admitted behind the railing, even if the time is limited to the space of one short hour. This partial change to the former system is the forerunner, we trust, of a complete return to the good old days when we were allowed to wander freely in and out of the alcoves without momentary fear of being ejected on account of time. During the winter months especially there is a peculiar pleasure and satisfaction in occasionally spending a whole afternoon in discovering new and hidden treasures among the well-filled departments. When the unanimity of undergraduate sentiment in regard to this matter is fully appreciated by those who have the matter in charge, we believe the desired return to the old system will be speedily effected.

Literary Societies.

AS WE step from the train and are confronted by fourteen weeks more of uninterrupted college life, we are possibly tempted to make some comparison of the future with the

past, and may not find it altogether favorable. If Cowper is to be trusted, we have led no insipid life thus far in the year, for it certainly did not lack variety. Variety in occupation, from the serious consideration of a text book to a little sportive "horse" on the campus; variety in companions, from the diligent student with whom we discussed philosophy to the leisurely fellow with whom we took an afternoon stroll, or the lover of sport with whom we engaged in our exercise; variety of interests, personal, fraternal, athletic, the last not least; all this we have enjoyed, and it is with regret that we think of the snow and ice that must preclude the best enjoyments of the past and drive us to our rooms to seek consolation from our old friends that burden the dark shelves of our book-cases.

It is always pleasant to meet an old friend, and for a time we get along first rate, but when a man insists upon conducting the conversation entirely himself, and if you grow a little heedless, bores you uncivilly, you are likely in the course of time to grow weary of his company; and if you were not sure of missing some rare enjoyment and having your own prestige lowered by treating these good old gentlemen so unmannerly, you would feel tempted to take abrupt leave of the whole crowd and seek a lively college pow-wow. It is unfortunate that the most useful occupations are not always the pleasantest, and the companionships which will be the most profitable in the end not always the most attractive for the present. If you could combine the beauties of DeQuincey with the pleasant companionship of your particular friend, or the humor of Addison with the lively cheer of a room full of congenial fellow-students, surely the desideratum would be attained; and why not?

These old gentlemen are most anxious to be entertaining, in fact, it is the great boast of the best of them that they can entertain all who will give them a chance. Introduce Dick Steele to a company of friends prepared to receive him