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SOME of our friends have been saying some unkind and unjust things regarding McMinnville College's stand in the Minchin affair. It has been said that McMinnville filed the protest because she was jealous of the honor won by another. We do not believe that this is so. If the McMinnville people thought that there was enough evidence against Minchin to convict him, then she was certainly justified in protesting. The matter was investigated, Minchin was acquitted, and the protesting college has accepted the verdict with good grace, for it was certainly fairly impartially rendered. It might be well to add that McMinnville College has always been a leader in the affairs of the oratorical association and that the unpretty comment has come from institutions that never have won many first, or even second, places in college oratory.

THE executive committee of the state oratorical association, after making a careful investigation of the case, has decided that Elwood Minchin is not guilty of plagiarism. The members of the committee listened to the case, both sides of which were well presented, and their verdict is not one of prejudice, but of justice. Minchin probably did follow too closely the line of thought developed in Martyn's book, but at the same time, he was not guilty of plagiarism. This incident should teach collegians to be more careful in the future; it should cause the professors in charge of the orators to be more careful. While the whole affair is most unfortunate, it may be something of an object lesson to others.

SPEAKING editorially of the regular mid term "feed" of the Y. M. C. A. at Berkeley, recently, the Daily Californian says: "Christian manliness was the theme of the speakers last evening, and it is the key-note of the Association's purpose. When this purpose was championed by men like President Wheeler and the heads of the Faculty departments, scoffers and opponents must be put to silence. The academic scepticism of the past generation exist no longer. The colleges are no longer the hot beds of infidelity. The world recognizes that Christianity and higher education are traveling hand in hand; education elevates Christianity, and Christianity ennobles education."

THE oratorical association has requested the orators of the different college to print their orations in their respective college papers. As Miss Bannard's oration appeared in the March number of the University of Oregon

Monthly, it will not be necessary to re publish it.

THE question of the constitutionality of erecting a Y. M. C. A. building on the State University campus has arisen. As we are not constitutional lawyers, we cannot render an opinion upon the subject, but will endeavor to keep our readers posted concerning the matter.

NO ONE should question the verdict of the executive committee of the oratorical associations. Minchin was not guilty of the charge and we are glad that the verdict was such.

IF ALL facts concerning the inner workings of the state Oratorical association were compiled and annotated, something pretty interesting might be placed in the hands of the book agent.

OUR TRACK athletes have begun their work with a determination that speaks volumes—yes even more than the weekly scareheads in the Seattle newspapers.

WHEN it comes to "lying" and "mud-slinging," we know of certain parties down the valley who are well qualified to represent the state.

WE OWE our readers some apologies for misspelled words which have crept in occasionally. Accidents will happen.

AS THERE are no college exercises this week, according to custom, the OREGON WEEKLY will not appear next Monday.

The senior class attended the Henrietta in a body Saturday night, wearing their caps and gowns.

### Base Ball.

Mr. Oscar Gorrell, '02, has been elected manager of the 'varsity base ball team for the coming season. He has been in college for a number of years and is very popular with his associates. As Mr. Gorrell has always taken an active interest in athletics, he is well qualified for the position of manager and he will do all possible to foster the growth of base ball on our campus this year.

Sometwenty men have signified their intention of playing this year and it is certain that a strong team can be selected. The men will begin practice on Kincaid field as soon as the weather permits. Manager Gorrell intends arranging some inter-class contests and will endeavor to schedule games with outside teams.

### Simpson to Coach Berkeley

Frank W. Simpson has accepted the place offered him by Manager Hutchinson of Berkeley, and will be the University of California's first graduate football coach. He will be assisted by a quota of other old-time stars, headed by "Pete" Kaarsburg. His record on the gridiron is an enviable one, comprising three seasons on the varsity, one with Reliance Athletic Club, and two years as coach of the University of Oregon. Last season he helped Kelley develop the line men at Berkeley. His salary will be \$750.—Daily Palto Alto.

### Senior Vacation.

At a meeting of the faculty last Friday it was decided to allow the seniors to begin their final examinations on May 22 which will mean a vacation of three weeks, during which time the seniors will prepare for the commencement exercises.

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