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Literary University work has settled to that extent that the literary societies have taken up their work for the year. The interest already taken by new students indicates that, with the right exertion on the part of old members, society work may advance still another step or two. The start is dependent almost wholly upon the older students,—the outcome on those who are yet young in this sort of work. To the men and women of experience there is no need of speaking—it is theirs to do. To the new ones a word might be ventured. If you are in need of what the societies will give you, you are very welcome to take the advantages. The society hall offers an opportunity not given elsewhere in the institution. It is a place not for the display of ability but a place where ability may be developed. It is a place for signal practice before you enter the big game of life. Here one should learn how to think on his feet in the presence of others and how to make what may issue from his mouth intelligible to himself and to those about him. But going to society to sit through the meeting will not avail the sinner much. Systematic work and perseverance count for more than anything else. A society debate is no place for extemporaneous reasoning. Every man who debates owes it to himself and his hearers to make as careful preparation as possible. We have developed the habit of leaving our debating contests to men of recognized ability in debate. We are forced to change our course this year and it is well for us that we are. Although any league work merits our earnest support, to hear

two or three men win college honors is not the prime motive of society work. Society work is intended to bring out, to the best advantage, the talents of every member. Our success in the inter-collegiate contests and in the later contests that are not collegiate, demands the broadest utilization of the opportunities which are placed within our reach.

The University Monthly. The first number of the University of Oregon Monthly came out last week. It is a good number, with an exception or two in the short stories and squibs. The staff will do what it can to make the paper what it ought to be. But the staff can not, and should not, do all. The Monthly has made a place among the first college literary papers of the Northwest. We must keep up its reputation as well as its character. The way this can be done is to do it. The only real excuse that any college paper has for its existence is that it answers a need of the college. The need of the Monthly is obvious, it is to encourage literary writing among students. Our college papers must have the support of a good majority of the student body, and effective support means contributions and subscriptions. With college papers, as with all other college enterprises, students should lead and bear the burden. When we have done all we can, then, and not until then, have we a right to appeal to others. The Monthly ought not to have to implore us, or even ask us, to help along our own cause.

It cannot well be said that the nation will breathe easier after the execution of Czolgosz. His dastardly work was but one effect of causes that lie too deeply imbedded in the social life of the nation to be touched by law or analyzed by men. Terrible as has been the cost of such a lesson, it is profoundly hoped that some result may come as a compensation for the world's loss. But to the nation the danger is even greater than the loss. Men will pass laws, and well they may, but the laws that will avail their country most, are not those that will be placed on our statute books. Not a cry for revenge, not a plea for exemption, but a consistent adherence to the highest principles, in the individual's life, a determination to do what every man may for himself, his home and his country,—such a course only will leave its permanent impress upon our nation's life. No one is exempt from these eternal obligations, but that our stand may be a telling one, the people of Oregon are giving us all the advantages in their power. In return, they have the greatest right to expect pure, consistent conduct in whatever we do and wherever we are.

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