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Social Life. In the last issue of the Oregon Monthly is an article which recognizes the demand of students for more social activity in the University, but continues to say that "In the cold, cruel world, the proportion of time given to social events by serious-minded people who are making a living is small, so small that the proportion of time so spent in college, even our college, would seem to be amply sufficient preparation," and more, "Social events have done their part in killing the societies."

Without stepping off, just now, into "the cold, cruel world," which is made gloomier by those who do not feel the need of social work and pleasure, it might be observed that our college experience comes to us but once, and we owe it to ourselves to get the most and the best out of it, and the most and best includes participation in the social as well as the intellectual side of college life.

Men and women do not come back, commencement after commencement to their alma mater to see what is going on in the physical laboratory or to recall some of the outlines once learned for the class room. But they come because there is something dear in visiting the place of old associations; because, through the years spent in hard work and plodding, memory fondly clings to the brighter hours when students mingled together and were brought nearer each other. It is from these associations student spirit and loyalty spring.

But, forgetting this and waving

the consideration of one's duty to one's self, there is still the good of the school to be considered. Even he who thinks that one social gathering of Freshmen each semester is a fit representative of class spirit in the University will, at times, conclude that something is wrong, and he may add that there isn't enough college enthusiasm, and he will be right.

There has never been and never will be genuine college enthusiasm when students lack in that common interest and sympathy which comes from association. A college, to grow in numbers, must have spirit, and spirit is the outgrowth of sympathy, and sympathy is not found among strangers.

But a word for the societies which "social events have done their part in killing." True, there are few to take part in society work, and those few are exceedingly busy, but the societies are not killed or being killed. But what will kill societies, athletics, debate, in fact an institution, is that spirit of pessimistic content which never feels the need of others and never realizes the weakness of its own independence.

Regular Meeting. The next regular meeting of the Associated Students will be held Friday, February 14, 1902. The constitution reads that "amendments may be proposed at any regular meeting." There is need of some amendments, and those offered should be given to the committees appointed for the purpose of receiving such. This committee consists of O. Gorrell, E. N. Blythe and Grace Plummer.

The deficiencies of the constitution have been pointed out frequently and will become apparent to any one who will read through that instrument. There are some copies of the constitution on the desk in the Registrar's office, which, it is hoped, will be utilized.

The interests of the university demand a good attendance at the coming meeting. The amending process should continue until we have a constitution with a meaning, and then may we abide by it.

Debate.

It isn't hard to see that the Faculty should make some arrangements whereby debaters who represent the University should be given credit for the work they do. Until such an arrangement is made, a good debating team will be an exception rather than a rule. There seems to be many reasons for the adoption of such a plan, and if any one thinks of a reason why it should not be carried out, let him state it. The interests of the University, of debate and the individual student, call for a serious consideration of this matter.

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