

sons which make you better prepared for living. Drink in from the lives of great men the sweets which they have left us in their writings. But as the bee is never poisoned from the fact that she shuns the bitter blossoms, so should you shun the books which poison your lives and fill them with bitterness, and make you worse for having read them.

The literary societies are under good headway, and will in all probability have a most successful year. Arrangements have been made to have prominent men of the state address them in joint meeting. The young ladies of the campus have encouraged the boys by their presence several times. The members of the faculty should visit them, as it will not only encourage the boys, but it is their duty.

Patronize those who patronize you, is a very good rule for all men to follow. The advertisers in the Battalion are thoroughly reliable, and we ask the boys when making purchases to give them the preference.

Beginning with the next issue the Battalion hopes to begin a series of short crisp stories. This we think will be a decided change for the better; instead of going to sleep over long dry orations and essays, the reader will enjoy following the thoughts of some young genius through the hazy mist of fiction. This change will be purely experimental and if it proves a success, as we think it will, the students will be expected to lend a hand and help it through.

As a man is judged by his actions, so is a college judged by its journal. If it is dry and uninteresting, the college is judged to be no good. If it is bright and spicy, the college is judged to be so. Now we do not want to be classed as no good, for such is not the case. In order that the Battalion may be a truthful exponent of the college, every student should come to its aid both by contributions and financially.

A great number of students seem to think that only long articles, full of flights of oratory are necessary. In this they are very much mistaken. Short, spicy sketches on live subjects are what the reader of to-day wants. Send in your arti-