students in each of the five lower collegiate classes. These prizes will be awarded at the next annual commencement in 1877.

The scholarship of the several collegiate classes is very gratifying. A large majority of the students are diligent and studious, and seem to be earnest in the great work of acquiring knowledge and attaining a high literary culture. It is an object with the faculty to elevate as far as possible the standard of scholarship in the institution.

The general deportment of these young gentlemen is good. They are decorous and举止合宜. There have been a few instances of reprehensibility and disorder; but none that have seemed to require the dismissal of any offender. The frequent rumors set at rest by the enemies of the institution and ungenerously circulated, through the public press—many of which have no foundation in fact—are very damaging to its interests and reputation. These publications and false reports meeting as they do the eyes of the young men, or reaching in their hearing bear a tendency to distract their attention, impede their progress in their studies, and render it more difficult to maintain a correct discipline among them. I have been reluctant thus to refer to this subject, but its influence has been sadly observed and seriously felt by those who have sought in all honesty at the university to train the young men committed to their care and fit them for lives of usefulness and honor. It is to be hoped that the kind is not distant when the better feelings of all the people will so triumph over prejudice as to allow the worthy aspiring young men of our State to acquire that education which, but for the generosity of the University, must be denied them.

Your attention is respectfully invited to the accompanying report of the Librarian for the term that has elapsed since your last annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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S. C. B. President