ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLLEGE LI
RARY SOCIETIES.—[illegible] has brought with it the usual bustle amon
the students of Dickinson College, prepara
tory to leaving for their homes and spendin
their holidays amidst domestic cheer an
comfort.

The Anniversaries of the two literar
societies for this year did not fall below th
general averages and with a few exception
the speakers acquitted themselves creditably
Mr. Wahl, of the Union Philosophical Society
and Mr. McKeehan of the Belles-Lettres
are both young gentlemen of fine literar
abilities and seemed to have a high appre
ciation of the honorable position for whic
they had been chosen. The efforts of eac
were a glowing tribute to the judgment o
those who selected them.

The Music by the Garrison Band was o
course good, but entirely unadapted to th
hall as has frequently been noticed on form
er occasions, it being so loud as to produc
an unpleasantly jarring effect upon the
audience. The Prayer by Dr. Johnson, o
either occasion was short and in his usua
appropriate language.

The exercises of the U. P. Society on
Monday evening were opened by the Anni
versary address of Mr. Wahl, who was easy
and graceful in delivery, articulation good
and gestures perhaps a little too frequent. The
usual words of advice and encouragement
were spoken to the students of the Grammer
School. The address to the Belles-Lettres
was brief and courteous. In addressing
the Union the disrupted condition of the
country was contrasted with the continued
harmony of the society. One omission we
noticed and this was the failure to name the
dead, who certainly deserve that much
prominence. This may have been through
want of information.

Mr. Smead appeared as the advocate of female suffrage. He could see no reason why, on an intelligence basis, woman should be excluded from the polls. He was very generally applauded for sustaining a weak, even though it were a fair cause, so ably and eloquently. Speeches were made by Messrs. Beatty, Slape and Duckey who are Juniors and have not had the advantage of the Senior year. The latter gentleman is quite youthful, but impressed the audience favorably.

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Mr. Sterrett had the last speech. His subject was Progress in treating which he noticed the changes to which the human mind is subject. His speech was logical and well delivered.

Compliments for one speaker on the Union Scheme, who clipped several sentences verbatim from a speech of Henry Clay, prevents us from exposing him.

The exercises of the Belle-Lettres were held on Tuesday evening. Mr. McKeehan after giving a brief history of Lethia, held that its office is a noble one and has a tendency to exalt the mind. In his address to the Belle-Lettres the death of Felix Oaks Mills was beautifully and pathetically alluded to. This was the most impressive point of his address. Mr. Mills it will be remembered was a member of the present Senior Class, who died a short time ago, to the regret of the whole College.

W. P. Davis spoke of Crime, and opposed capital punishment. Mr. Davis showed that he had read Blackstone to some effect. His speech was a good one and was delivered in an earnest, animated manner. This gentleman has much reason to congratulate himself. Messrs. Goucher, C. Williams, J. Graham and Williamson all fulfilled the most sanguine expectations of their friends.

We wish a happy Christmas to the young

gentlemen who have been the subjects of this celebration and thank them for the pleasure which their literary entertainments have afforded us.