

make this a matter of general interest  
we add one more band, to hold our stud-  
ents from dividing themselves up into  
classes - secret societies - <sup>courses</sup> sects <sup>cliques</sup> etc, which  
would be a hindrance to this as they are  
to other colleges. Birds of a feather flock  
together if you know let us make them  
all one feather.

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Dear Friend Dan,

I am quite interested  
to hear the developments of  
our weekly sheet. I have  
thought of no new plans or  
articles to write.

We must consider well the  
basis on which we shall work  
before we take the first step  
in disclosing our plans or aims  
or anything to any out-side <sup>person</sup> party.

I think we are all agreed that  
the subject matter - articles etc. con-  
tained in the paper is to supply  
the needs of the students and  
that the fuller we supply that  
need the better they will be satis.

ispired with our attempt and surely the greater their satisfaction the more genuine will be ours.

Why not then <sup>satisfy</sup> ~~supply~~ another want at, that of sinking their debt, at the same time?

Next to ~~the~~ our College Government the Illini stands holds <sup>the</sup> highest place in the well wishes of all the students. Although we often hear it disparaged <sup>!!</sup> by the students, still if it be insulted by an outsider, all the students <sup>will</sup> ~~are~~ on hand to resent it. and all are pleased and proud of its successes. and all admit that it is the duty of every student to lend his aid whenever there is an opportunity. and in our little enterprise we have an opportunity of drawing a fund from the body of students for the <sup>benefit</sup> well-being of the Illini.

I think we all have the P. P. U.'s  
prosperity at heart; and we all  
know that the success of the  
university depends largely upon  
the students. With this thought  
before us we should consider, thorough-  
ly the effects <sup>of our actions</sup> <sup>project</sup> on the University  
whether they be good or not and if  
good how we may best increase that  
good,

If we are unsuccessful our in-  
fluence will be trifling but a trifal. But  
if successful — and I think we will be —  
our immediate influence will be to set  
an example for similar enterprise to  
be started  
for you know how prone men are  
to do what others <sup>men</sup> have done. And you  
know too how persistently they they  
keep in old ruts, — and this last  
is a blessed thing so long as they are  
in the right rut — Ought we  
not then <sup>as we are the pioneers of this project</sup> ~~to~~ do all in our  
power to make the ruts and to

make them right? This needs  
consideration; and if we find after  
all points are <sup>accurately weighed</sup> that a  
few dollars <sup>in our pocketbooks</sup> are in one pan of the scale  
and the best interests of the students  
hereafter are in the other. We as  
students would not hesitate in deciding  
the direction of our action.

If we could so arrange and develop  
circumstance — and I think we <sup>are able</sup> ~~can~~  
so that every year there is a campaign  
paper issued whose subject matter is  
college political; <sup>and news</sup> and whose proceeds are  
used for general well fare or for distressed  
students — Gabriel — <sup>for instance</sup> additions to the  
university or to any of those thousand-  
and-one purposes always around us and  
to which a dollar <sup>now</sup> to day is <sup>equal</sup> worth some hundred  
dollars <sup>by and by</sup> in a year. We will have estab-  
lished a precedent of continual benefit  
and an institution unknown in other  
colleges. ~~It is~~ <sup>in</sup> these matters of general  
<sup>interest</sup> ~~for~~ ~~which~~ are the bands which bind  
men together, the more there are of them  
the more men act in unison. Now if we