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EDITORIAL.

Special attention is called to the notice of attempted arrangement for a joint debate given in another column. It may look to many too much like mere imitation of other schools, but we don't see why we should hesitate to undertake such an enterprise on that amount. We may well imitate whatever we see good in what Harvard and Yale do, not because they do it, but because it is good. Joint debates seem to have proved universally satisfactory. Though they have taken the place, to a large extent, of oratorical contests there is no reason why they should not exist side by side. A debating league between Kansas and Nebraska does not necessitate our withdrawal from the State and Inter-State Oratorical Association. If the debate can be made a success financially, and we see no reason why it cannot, it certainly ought to be carried through. If it is to be done this year it must be done in a hurry. Professor Adams has done it all so far, but the matter will soon be in such a shape that the students will have to do their part. They should be ready to do it heartily and thoroughly.

For the first time in the history of the University a member of the faculty has been taken away from us by the grim destroyer. In the death of Mrs. Menzendorf the University loses one who has served it faithfully for nine years. Though her department was not one which brought her in contact with the general mass of the students in her regular work, her assistance at chapel exercises and willing aid given to student's programmes of all kinds had made her known to nearly the whole University, and liked and respected by all who knew her. Her long connection with the University makes her loss all the harder. She had been here longer than any student, and it is not the loss of a mere instructor that we must mourn, but that of an old and sympathizing friend. Professor

Menzendorf has the sincere sympathy of every one in the Uni. He loss is of course the greatest, and his grief the deepest. But the whole faculty and the whole University must feel that their loss is, too, a personal one. The vacancy in the musical department will be filled with difficulty, but the place Mrs. Menzendorf leaves in the life of the University will never be taken by one who will fill it as she did.

Mrs Menzendorf's Funeral.

The final service before the removal of the remains of Mrs. Menzendorf to Mansfield, Ohio, were held in the chapel at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The services were short and simple. In fact it was the regular chapel exercise with the addition of a few remarks by the Reverend Mr. Gregory. It was thought that no service could be more fitting than that in which the deceased had taken so large a part for so many years. The faculty were seated on the platform, the ladies of the faculty in the first four rows, the chorus in the next, and the students in the rear. The floral offerings were many. A large lyre was presented by the faculty and another large piece by the chorus. After the services the body was taken to the depot and left for Mansfield, Ohio, on the 2:55 train. The chapel was crowded by students who took their last opportunity to show their respect and love for their old friend. The chorus met at half past four on Wednesday and passed appropriate resolutions as follows: Our beloved friend and instructor, Mrs. Emma Cochrane Menzendorf, having completed her earthly labors has gone home to rest; and inasmuch as we, the members of the department of music of the University of Nebraska feel deeply the loss of so esteemed a friend, and cherish loving memories of her noble character and faithful devotion to our interests; therefore do we extend to the bereaved husband and aged father our tender sympathy in the great affliction.

Copies of these resolutions shall be sent to the sorrowing relatives and the press of the city.

The man that doesn't subscribe for at least one copy of the annual oughtn't to be allowed the privilege of attending the University.

The most absorbing question at present is "Vacation or no Vacation."

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