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EDITORIAL.

The Athletic election was very tame and uninteresting, and but few shekles flowed into the association treasury as a result. It seems that a barb-frat fight is an indispensable adjunct to the financial prosperity of any university organization. And, by the way, it seems that not only peace but a certain degree of amity prevails between these old time and hereditary enemies. Even Hugh Walker and Pulis speak as they pass by! What is this world a coming to?

Our esteemed contemporaries, the *Nebraskan* and the *Monitor*, start in very brilliantly and very brightly. The race to determine which of the two is to flicker and go out first will be a highly interesting spectacle, and may be viewed from the very front by HESPERIAN subscribers. Here's to both of them, and may the best and purest light shine longest.

(N. B.—THE HESPERIAN has shone for twenty-five years at \$1.00 per year. Now is the time to subscribe.)

We wish to bespeak for our literary department the kindly assistance and co-operation of the writers of the University, without regard to age, sex or university affiliations. Mr. Thompson and Miss Heise, to whom are intrusted the management of this department will do everything in their power to make it a success; whether they can do so or not lies not so much with them as with the students. If you have written a story, a sketch or a poem that you or your friends like, please turn it over to one of our literary editors, in order that the world may benefit thereby.

It is to be hoped that the literary societies will this year endeavor to devote at least as much attention to the literary as to the society part of their names. If there was any criticism that might be passed on their work last year it was that in the general desire for a long "social intermission," programs were often made too short or hurried through at a gallop. THE HESPERIAN believes that the societies make a great mistake when the social features of their meeting are given prominence at the expense of that earnest, conscientious, painstaking literary work which it is their special mission to encourage and promote.