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### EDITORIAL.

THERE are a great many students in this University who have had their spirits surely troubled and their minds much perplexed by the selfish and egotistic isolation of each department into a sort of Robinson Crusoe affair by itself alone, who were glad to hear Dr. Fling speak out plainly about "Anarchy in the Curriculum." The student who has come to this University not intending to be a lawyer or a philosopher or an economist or a chemist or a geologist or a college professor of some kind has had rather up hill work. There has been plenty of room for specialization of all kinds but one,—plain

culture and broad comprehension. As it is we have good chemists and botanists and all the rest of them who know heaps about their particular little science—and can't write a decent letter in the English language or tell whether Lowell or Macaulay wrote "The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner"—not if it would insure them a \$400 job as a "college professor."

Prof. Fling thinks it about time that the plain, common man who doesn't intend to be a great specialist, but only a cultured man and a good citizen be given a chance. THE HESPERIAN thinks so too. Dr. Fling has found a good thing; we hope he will push it along.

THE last number of the first volume of the *Nebraska Literary Magazine* is out this week. That the tone of the publication has gained decidedly is saying much: the current number is eminently the best of the four. Its contributors are strictly University people. Among the contributions of note are a long poem by Professor Sherman, giving the introductory circumstance and 'atmosphere' of Shakespeares "Tempest," a "Memorial to Mathew Arnold" by Chancellor MacLean, an article by Hon. Ex-Congressman Bryan, and a strange story by Miss Willa Cather. Every student should take a copy home. It would be the best possible evidence of what the University is and what it is doing.

THE HESPERIAN understands that some members of the faculty were offended at statements made in a signed article by Mr. Abbott in a recent issue. We stated over the article that it was not ours but represented Mr. Abbott's views only. The HESPERIAN regrets that there should have recently appeared in its columns the statement