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The literary societies should endeavor to cultivate closer relations this year with one another. They are all working for the same purpose. They all have the same end in view. There is nothing that can produce better results and make the open literary societies stronger and better able to meet the students' wants than a close union of the three societies. With a common purpose and common interests backed by a common propelling force, there is no reason why the literary societies cannot be filled with life and spirit and energy that will add flavor and fervor to all University spirit. Let each society and every individual member manifest a strong inclination to co-operate in co-operation and good results will follow.

The plan has been suggested that each society invite some member each week from one of the other societies to take part on its program. This is a good idea. Better programs will be rendered by so doing.

The U of N. still continues to grow. It grows both larger and better. At the end of the third day of registration last week, there was an increase of over 20 per cent over the registration on the same day last year. Up to the present time there has been about five hundred new students registered, and the Inspector of High Schools informs us that this means at least twenty-one hundred students for the present year. We may well rejoice at the bright prospects the University possesses. We know how high in the scale of state universities the University of Nebraska ranks, but we are not satisfied. From the rank of fourth among all the state universities of the country we want to transfer it to first place. Nothing short of this can satisfy our ambition. Nebraska, with its least per cent of illiteracy of any state in the union, is able to accomplish this end. We have the material; let us apply it. This state, with all its endless resources, with all its natural gifts and gifts of man, possesses nothing of which it should be more proud than this great institution of learning. Let us make it the object of more pride and more earnest endeavor on the part of all loyal Nebraska citizens. The Hesperian hopes and expects that the legislature which meets this winter will be filled with this same spirit of admiration for our university and ambition for its welfare and success, and that abundant resources, more than ever before, will be appropriated for its support.

Students, old and new, have experienced no little trouble this year in "getting settled," as they apply the term the intricate task of registering. The new catalogue was incomprehensible, at first, to many, even of the older students, but it was all made clearer when the registrar pointed out—so forcibly—how the revised courses affected the old students below the senior year, as well as new; how, for instance, a student registered in the literary or classical groups would have to take more or less of chemistry, botany, physics and zoology, which would

necessitate a revision of the course he had previously intended to take. The new enactment was looked upon by old students in the light of an ex post facto law, although no crime can be detected on the part of the defense.

There are many good points, however, in favor of the new system of courses as set forth by our University. The new plan is a good compromise between the elective and prescribed systems of college courses. It is tolerant to the progressive tendency in our colleges to allow freedom to the student in selecting his studies, while at the same time it guards against rashness and good judgment on the part of the student in the mapping out of his course. It combines freedom with conservative restriction, and this cannot prove other than beneficial to the individual student. If he desires to take work along a certain line, as for instance, political science, he can easily do so, but he must at the same time take other studies which are useful and necessary to carry through the line of work he especially wants.

As The Hesperian is beginning another year of useful work, it desires to call the attention of students, and especially of new students, to the work of the open literary societies. The Hesperian believes in them. It endorses the principles for which they stand. The societies satisfy a need, a want of many students who come to the University that cannot be satisfied in any other way. They stand for democracy; they stand for individuality. A literary society places every member on his own responsibility. It aids, but doesn't carry a single member.

Literary societies stand for literary and social development, for culture in the broader and true sense. They neither go to the extreme on the social side, nor do they produce extremists, but they aim to strike a happy medium. If a student desires training and experience in appearing before audiences, he will find just what he wants in the open societies. If he desires to become acquainted with a small body of students and enjoy their company, the open societies can supply his need. If he desires, after a week's hard work, to take a night off for recreation and social enjoyment, there is no better place than the regular Friday evening meeting in the society hall. If he desires to have a good time, yet not too much of it, while at the University, the societies are able to furnish it. Finally, if a student desires good true, whole-hearted friends, to make his stay at the University more pleasant and profitable, he can find no organizations more filled with them than the Delian, Union or Palladian societies. Every new student should consider well and weigh carefully any organization before he joins it, and understands thoroughly the good he expects to receive from it. The societies are always willing to stand the test. They have stood it for twenty-seven years in the University of Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., May 20, 1898.—Editor of the Hesperian: May I have space in which to say a word to subscribers of the Kiote?

I want to send every old subscriber a copy of the forthcoming issue. Will you, if you have changed your address during the summer, please notify me at once. Also members of last year's class, especially those of you who have already paid your subscription, let me know where to address you. It is almost impossible to make an accurate subscription list at present on account of the many changes during the summer—but as soon as possible the list will be straightened out.

The price of the Kiote has been reduced to fifty cents a year or five cents a copy. All subscribers who paid one dollar last year will receive the Kiote during the present school year to balance the account.  
 N. C. ABBOTT, Business Manager.

Rebates to students on watches, jewelry and repairing, 1140 O st.—D. T. Smith.

Mrs. Manning was not able to meet her classes during the last week on account of illness.

Wednesday was the first day of drill. The attendance was not as large as was expected.

A. J. Weaver, '95, law '96, will run for the state legislature this fall in Richardson county on the fusion ticket.

Frank Gustin, law '97, came in from Kearney Tuesday for a short visit. He expects to practice law in Salt Lake City.

The committee in charge of Fresh-Soph athletic contests met this week to arrange the details of the meet. The date was set at November 5.

All Junior and Seniors wishing to take English (three) according to the old schedule, one hour a week, meet in room 308, N, at 12:15 Tuesday, September 27.

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