

his ability and go ahead. The language of conversation should be plain but not homely, idiomatic but not vulgar. Other things being alike, he who has written most will talk best. The conversational powers are, in some measure natural, in some, acquired. Every man of ordinary sense may, by study and practice, become an interesting companion. One way, by which a man may learn to converse is to think in words. Let him talk to the brooks, the trees, the hills, the stones and every other object, until he has acquired fluency in shaping his thoughts into articulated sounds.

Let him talk with himself on the subject of which he has been reading. Let him never rest satisfied with a thought or vision, which looms in the hazy distance. He should grapple with it, and hew out of it sentences, such as he would make use of if he were essaying its communication to another mind. This is the first great law of conversational excellence and on it hangs all the means of which he must make use, if he ever ranks among those who carry their inspirations into their social intercourse. It may require the practice of years to become proficient in conversation, but the result will richly compensate him. Language is the product of the soul and we are judged by what we say. The Bible says: "Let your conversation be as becometh the gospel. Be ye holy in all manner of conversation."

W. K. LOOFBOURROW.

Happy New Year. The students are, at the beginning of this new year, entering upon a literary career, as helpers in editing the *HESPERIAN STUDENT*. It is an entirely unexplored field to us, and we ask our elder sister University, to look upon our errors with very indulgent eyes, and forgive our little follies. We hope very soon to stand on a literary platform which shall at least be second best, or perhaps equal to any in the State.

Our desire is that the *STUDENT* may be the means of a more perfect acquaint-

tance between us, and that our acquaintance may be a bond that shall bind us closely in ties of common interest. Our objects are the same: to become educated in the fullest sense of the word. We may work together, stand united, and battle for the cause of Wisdom and Morality. We hope to be your friends; real and true friends. From our hearts, we wish you a "happy new year." May it be a pleasant and profitable one to the University; may all threatening clouds float over you, without letting fall one drop of the bitterness they may contain; may all shadows prove but the shadows of angel's wings.

We desire the co-operation of all Normal students. "Remember that you are Normal Students," and that you must help to maintain the good name of our dear old school.

NORMAL LOCALS.

Happy New Year!

Hold your breath!

Coming back next term?

Prof. Thompson will leave Peru during vacation, and will reside in Lincoln.

Prof. D. B. Worley gave a concert in Normal Hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 20th.

Prof. Culbertson, of the State University, was with us during the closing exercises.

A. C. Troupe, who has been in the employ of the *Bee*, will return to school next term.

We are glad to hear that the Model School is to continue next term. Miss Dowden retains her place as teacher of that department.

Our school had the pleasure recently of listening to an excellent lecture delivered by Chancellor Fairfield. Subject: Thirty-Three Days in Rome.

Dr. Curry, from Penn., has been elected Principal of the Normal School, to succeed Prof. Thompson. Dr. Curry has