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THE "STUDENT" ASSOCIATION.

What students constitute THE HESPERIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION? This question meets us upon every occasion, when the interests of the magazine are mentioned. And in view of this, it is now time that the question should be definitely settled. Previous to the meeting of the Board of Regents in Dec. last, the Association consisted of the four classes of the college of Literature, Science and Art, and the Junior and Senior classes of the Agricultural course. This boundary line was made by the Regents three years ago, and in conformity with their decision, the Association passed a resolution accepting the new basis of membership.

But in Dec. 1878, for some cause never officially stated to the managers, the STUDENT was removed from the jurisdiction of the Regents by a vote of their own body. In other words the STUDENT was thrown upon its own responsibility—a position which it behooves every college journal to maintain.

Since the action of the Regents in Dec. last, there has been no material change in the Constitution of the Association. Hence the articles relating to membership remain as before, established by the resolu-

tion of the Association and by precedent. For the actions, taken by the Regents, do not interfere with our legislation, in as much as the nature of their resolutions was to give us absolute freedom, holding us only responsible.

Yet, there are some who think the Association is now composed of all the students of the University, basing their argument upon the ground that the action of the Regents left the Association where it was before its restriction to the college classes.

Let us have this matter settled before another election, when it can only be determined by a violent party strife. If preparatory students are members of the Association, let the fact be known that the old excuse, of not having any interest in the management of the STUDENT, may be obliterated.

COMPOSITION AS A MEANS OF DISCIPLINE.

In scarcely any part of their work are students more generally negligent than in essay writing. Imperfect preparation is often made and sometimes none at all. The work is frequently postponed to the last day and then, perhaps, done under protest.

In thus slighting this duty, one neglects