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## Editorial Notes,

And now it appears that, despite the intimations the societies have received to the contrary, the new Professors have not expressed themselves as inimical to the present organization and workings of those bodies, and that the only antagonism they have need to fear as yet, comes from the same quarter that it has heretofore.

If the Board of Regents would attend our chapel exercises through one of the winter months and experience the discomfort from the low temperature of the room that our students are continually forced to experience in cold weather we are sure something could and would be done to alleviate it. Red hot stoves do not affect the atmosphere of the chapel beyond a radius of four or five seats; the trouble is with the room itself. It is an imposition on the students.

A great many persons fancy that the task of the college professor is a light and easy one. If this be true, Nebraska is certainly an exception. Most of the teachers in the University appear to be overburdened with work. The professor of Natural Science is usually in his room from early in the morning until after eleven at night, and many of the other professors work equally as hard. The fact is, the University being comparatively new, professors have to work at a great disadvantage from lack of apparatus and materials. However, with the present prosperity continued the legislature will doubtless take more interest in the University than it has heretofore.

The next annual contest of the Inter-state Oratorical Association will be held at Minneapolis on the first Thursday in May. The prizes offered are, seventy-five dollars for the first and fifty for the second best oration, no oration to contain over two thousand words. The organization now embraces the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa. Why should not Nebraska be represented in the next contest? Judging from the character of the exercises at our last inter-collegiate contest, we certainly have material worthy of sending to the front. All we need is to organize and work the matter up, and the sooner this is done the better.

The long looked for catalogue for the year 1881-2 has at last made its appearance. One of the greatest faults the STUDENT has to find with it is that it did not come sooner. With the exception of the typographical error which gives it the date of this year instead of last the press work is neat and tasteful. The catalogue contains the revised course of study and the announcements for the present year. Of the changes made we have previously spoken. The number of students in the first year of the Latin School for '81-2 is 129, exactly equal to the number in all the other classes together. No mention is made of either the STUDENT or the literary societies. As these are certainly a part of the University just why they are omitted does not appear. Hereafter the catalogue will be issued in June and distributed just before commencement.

The reelection of Regent Gere is an event for which all true friends of the University may well be thankful, and all the more so by reason of the late rumor of his defeat. THE STUDENT is not a politician and hence is not interested in his success as the Republican candidate, but as a matter of credit to the State University we are most heartily gratified at the result. No man in the state has shown a warmer interest in the University in general, or a friendlier disposition toward its students in particular than our resident regent, while his acknowledged ability and well known fairness of mind render him peculiarly fit for the position he occupies. This paper does not express its regard for Mr. Gere in the hope to stand well with that gentleman as a regent, but to voice the unanimous sentiments of its constituents toward a man whom they feel honored to call a friend.

The literary contest is "off", and the Union society takes upon itself the onus of self-acknowledged defeat before a trial, by refusing to proceed without its favorite orator. While in our opinion the annual society exhibitions virtually render such special trials of ability unnecessary, we would at the same time