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EDITORIAL NOTES.

SOME adventurous members of the Senior class are in favor of graduating in cap and gown. They will be out-voted by the conservatives, however.

THE bare, blank wilderness of wall behind the chapel rostrum should be furnished with something to relieve its tediousness. If nothing better can be suggested it might be rented to a patent-medicine man. Fine place for a sign.

A little more life around the Medical Department would be a pleasant thing to contemplate. The embryo doctors do not have enough energy to even kick their foot ball, an exercise in which they formerly excelled. Will somebody please stir them up?

Again we request that this paper be no longer spoken of as the "Student." We desire that the new form of the name become universally accepted at once. Old friends of the paper will find it a little hard to unconsciously make the change, to be sure, but a little healthy brain work will aid them materially.

IT is to be regretted that the Lincoln editor of the Omaha *Bee* has considered it his duty to meddle in University affairs, at a time when nothing has occurred to justify newspaper interference. It should be borne in mind that we have a strong Faculty and an unusually intelligent Board of Regents whose duty it is to manage this institution, and they are succeeding reasonably well in that undertaking. The impudent assistance of the *Bee* is as unwelcome and unnecessary as it would be injurious to the University, if that paper possessed either character or reputation.

It is reported that a society paper published in the metropolis of the state is seriously considering the project of running a column of University news, thus "doing away with the necessity for continuing the HESPERIAN." As the proprietor of the aforesaid journal is a loyal son of the University, there can be no foundation for the rumor. Every Alumnus is a friend of the HESPERIAN.

IN the press of other matters, athletics seem to be entirely forgotten by the students of the U. of N. A scrub game of base ball occasionally—and dreadfully *scrub* at that—is the only indication we show that there is any life around the campus. The desirability of forming two nines for the practice of the national game is urged upon the students as a body. Let the matter be talked up enthusiastically and the players can be found. We would also like to see foot-ball and tennis clubs formed at once. Nebraska fall weather is glorious for such games and should be utilized.

THE city library and reading room is much frequented by the students, especially in the evening and on Sundays. They find pleasant quarters, a large supply of books and abundance of the best current literature and the poorest gas light to be met with in the city. On the last item, we might grow eloquent, had we the inspiration of an audience, composed of the Board of Directors of that otherwise excellently managed library. The jets are small, flickering, and altogether too few in number. A student with weak eyes should shun this room at night as he would a pestilence. If suitable burners cannot be provided for the jets in use, the substitution of oil lamps would give at least a measure of relief.

TO set at rest the minds of some of our co-laborers in other colleges who are anxious to know the exact position of THE HESPERIAN on the one question of politics that is inter-collegiate, we will state that the editorial board is officially strictly neutral. The paper represents the two strong and well organized factions, and is pledged to do so in good faith. On this account many events that would make choice morsels for the exchange editors of our contemporaries are not even mentioned in our columns. The University of Nebraska can at the present time support but one paper, and support it well. We prefer to exercise the little sense that we know we possess and unite in the production of something creditable than to divide and issue two factional sheets.

MUCH difficulty has been experienced of late years in keeping an accurate record of our Alumni. That such a state of affairs should be found when the institution is scarcely fifteen years of age is to be re-