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EDITORIAL NOTES.

WE are glad to announce that a beginning has been made in thesis work, and in spite of our dismal forebodings at the opening of the year, a fair amount of work will be done in this line before June.

WE are assured that until a Professor is regularly appointed no instruction will be given in Elocution. This may result in some dissatisfaction among those who wish to pursue the study at the present time, but it unquestionably is the wisest course. Six months will probably be spent in looking for a suitable Professor. If the man secured is the one the University needs, the time will not be considered as wasted.

AN exchange sends out a passionate appeal for more sympathy between professors and students, but fails to be impartial in giving advice. It implores professors to come down to the level of students. This may be all right, but it strikes us that it would also be philosophical to plead with students to come up. It is more the lack of sympathy in students toward professors that causes estrangement, than anything else. Students persist in regarding professors as task-masters, and no condescension in the latter can bring about a proper relation between these two elements in our colleges.

IT may be too soon as yet to pass upon the value of the office of Steward to the University, but the indications are that before the close of the year an amount will be saved much larger than the salary of that official. If our views of University work often seem optimistic, it is not because we have attempted to give

them that color. In its double capacity of students' organ and outstanding member of the faculty THE HESPERIAN thinks its special duty is to growl when a growl is necessary and promises to do good. In cases like the above, our natural desire to complain is over come by the non-existence of proper grounds.

"REV. HENRY WARD BEECHER has been sued by some students of the Connecticut Literary Institute at Suffield for twice failing to fulfill an engagement to lecture."—*Ex.*

The education of those students has evidently not inclined them to toadyism. We approve their grit. Why should not great men be held to their contracts just as other and more common men are. It is likely that a thrill of horror will agitate many at the audacity of those students. But students, even poor, despised, much neglected students, have rights and it is much better to vindicate them by legal means. Students and other people need to feel that they are citizens, not foreigners.

HAMPERED as the State Historical Society has always been by lack of means, its work is yet very satisfactory for a beginning. At the annual meeting held in the chapel on the 12th instant, the special needs of the society in the way of offices and depositories were forcibly stated by the Secretary, and the hope expressed that in the near future quarters can be secured in the University building. We regard this matter as of high importance to our institution. The University ought to be the moving force in this society,—indeed, the latter should constitute one of our departments. The completion of the Capitol will undoubtedly result in the transfer of the society's collection to that building if suitable rooms are not provided by the University. Although small at present, that collection will eventually be of immense value and the importance of keeping it connected with our Museum cannot be overestimated.

THE University feels that the interest taken in its affairs by the city of Lincoln is a source of strength as long as that interest is not exercised to obstruct our administration. The policy of the faculty is, and always has been, to encourage the closest relations between college and city. In general, the citizens have shown a gratifying appreciation of our aims and needs and have aided and welcomed each improvement enthusiastically. It is only occasionally that trouble is given by too great a degree of interest, and as a rule these periods are coincident with changes in the faculty. In every institution—and especially where inferior ability will not be tolerated—it is necessary that removals be now and then made, and the unfortunate ones should submit as