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EDITORIAL NOTES.

CHARTER DAY.

To-DAY we celebrate the seventeenth birthday of the University. It is appropriate that we turn aside from the regular routine of college work on the fifteenth of February each year to go over with each other the scenes of our early history; to acknowledge our debt of gratitude to those who were instrumental in securing our charter; and to consider our individual duties and responsibilities in the matter of assisting in the upbuilding of this, our cherished institution. Tonight the story of the early struggles of the University will be told in the chapel, and we trust that it is unnecessary to remind any student that duty bids him be present at the gathering. It were well to make the seventeen years of our history as familiar to the student body as any well-known incident in the history of the great outer world. A feeling of genuine affection for *alma mater* will be followed by a desire to know the measures, the means and the men who brought it into being. Conversely, this knowledge often results in love for the institution where it did not exist before. The University has much to gain in telling over and over again the story of its life, and in making Charter Day a special time for calling attention to itself and to its needs.

THE HESPERIAN does not desire to bring upon the University a flood of bad poetry and underdone fiction, but it does believe that a little effort in that direction will be beneficial to the students. To this end prizes are to be offered, of which a full announcement will be made later.

THE few chapters of Charter Day history that we print in this issue are quite accurate historically, even though they are written in a careless strain. It is our intention, now that we are in a retrospective mood, to give a few reminiscences of the terrible combats that were waged over the possession of THE HESPERIAN in early days. If any of the old warriors who fought, bled and died for this paper in the period just preceding the advent of the present Senior class will send us an account of the unpleasantness, they will receive the thanks of the public and the everlasting gratitude of the board of editors.

THE second failure of an attempt to consolidate the June exhibitions has been defeated, this time by the refusal of the Palladians to enter into the agreement. The plan proposed, that of equal representation of the societies with music from the University conservatory, was satisfactory to all parties. The refusal came from the fact that the Palladians had made arrangements for their exhibition and did not desire to recede from their action at this late date. Without further foolishness this matter should be decided for next year at once. An amicable adjustment can be made, now that the hostile factions are in the proper mood, and the opportunity should not be lost.

THE feeling that the students of the University are overworked is steadily spreading, and is said to have even reached the faculty. THE HESPERIAN thinks it a difficult matter to injure a whole collegeful of young people by piling up work before them, for as a rule only as much will be done by the majority as is found convenient. It is undoubtedly true, however, that better results will be obtained from pursuing a course of twelve hours a week than one of eighteen. The work will be more thoroughly done and more time will be available for thought and supplementary reading—things of more importance than the average college faculty will admit. The writer hereof has passed through feverish terms carrying twenty hours, and knows that the growth in these periods could not have been equal to that gained in other terms of less study and anxiety. A gentleman of large experience among other colleges gives it as his opinion that our students do more work than those of any institution within his knowledge. He also tells us that there is less college spirit here than at any college of any importance in the country. Is there any connection between the two statements?