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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

MANY students do not seem to be aware of the fact that there is a Young Men's Christian Association in connection with the University—at least they do not attend. Are we too busy or too intellectual to attend to such matters? The interest that is shown at the present time is very gratifying, but should be increased.

A diminutive burlesque on journalism, called *The Rat*, was surreptitiously folded into the last issue of THE HESPERIAN by one or two preparatory students whose time hung heavily on their hands. The principal of that department is hereby informed that by giving his children enough work to keep them out of mischief he will confer a great favor upon the public.

THE University can now congratulate itself upon the possession of a poem and a song that are distinctively its own. Charter Day brought them, as it also did a few other good things in the way of interest in our history and general enthusiasm for the institution. Like a revival service among the Methodists, these annual celebrations are certain to result in a greater or less degree of permanent good.

WE trust that no apology is needed for our giving up so large a portion of this issue to the Charter Day exercises. The desire to have what was said on that occasion preserved in permanent form is too general to be overlooked, and THE HESPERIAN feels that it is doing simple duty to the University in crowding out other interesting matter to make room for the report,

Time will prove that the importance of the day is not overestimated even by the most enthusiastic.

A box has been placed in the library for the reception of any stray thoughts that ought to reach THE HESPERIAN. Intimations of news of all kinds, especially well-authenticated personal items, will receive attention if slipped into that handy receptacle. Our friends can materially assist the paper by dropping in anything or everything of special interest that they happen to know. We only ask that unkind personalities and bad jokes be inserted in the basket under the librarian's table instead of in the box.

GIVE us air. It is astonishing that in an institution of advanced learning with a high-grade medical college attached, no more attention is paid to ventilation than in the gatherings of the most ignorant people of the city. At a recent meeting in the chapel the condition of the atmosphere was sickening and no efforts were made to improve it. The windows remained tightly closed throughout the exercises. The doors were open, by chance, but as the corridors were already over-heated and full of impure air, they gave no relief. Such a state of affairs ought to make the University ashamed of itself.

A writer in our contemporary from Kansas University asks very earnestly why political economy should be postponed to the Senior year when Greek and Roman history are "shoveled into the stomach of every fledgling the minute he enters the University." If, as seems to be the case, history has been to our worthy friend only fables like that of Romulus and Remus, then we are not surprised that history should seem unimportant to him; but, nevertheless it somewhat surprises us that he should have such an estimate of political economy and the ability of Freshmen as to imagine that political economy would be placed in the first year.

ONE hundred thousand dollars will have accumulated in the State Treasury to the credit of the University before the next meeting of the Legislature. That sum is a goodly one. It means two new buildings, at least, and more complete equipments than we have heretofore enjoyed. But we must not rejoice too soon. An act is necessary before these funds can leave the State House vaults, and experience tells us that it is a difficult matter to pass an appropriation bill in a Nebraska Legislature. Active work can be done by the students. Every vacation should be used in making the acquaintance of prominent men in the various counties, and in spreading the truth concerning the University. Begin now.