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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

To the readers of the present number of THE HESPERIAN it should be said that the Managing Editor, W. O. Jones, has gone to California and no successor having yet been elected, this journal is obliged to content itself for a single issue without that useful appendage.

THE State College Convention of the Y. M. C. A. will meet here soon, and should be of great interest to our students. There was a time when this institution was called an infidel school but that time is a long way in the past. And now, while we are unsectarian, we are as thoroughly christian as any college in the land. Such being the case the coming convention will be of great interest and profit to the students of the University.

IN examining the catalogue of a noted eastern college recently we were impressed by one new feature which we deem worthy of remark. The catalogue was large and complete and appeared to be a very *ne plus ultra* of catalogues. An internal examination disclosed the fact that it was "padded." In each department the announcement was unnecessarily extended with no apparent object but to make a big catalogue. A comparison with the catalogue of our own University brings into agreeable relief the brevity and conciseness of the latter. The University of Nebraska is throughout of this character—solid work from the start with no pretensions.

It is time to commence agitation concerning the

annual encampment of the cadets. At the two previous encampments the boys enjoyed themselves so thoroughly that it seems as if it were an established custom; and it ought to be. It cannot be much fun to drill three times a week all the year, and the three days given for camping out are well earned by the cadets. As to the place for this year's visit we would suggest Crete, provided, of course, that they invite us. It is as good a place as any, close to Lincoln, on the Blue and has the additional advantage of being a college town. It would help to get the students better acquainted with those of Crete, which is to be desired. By all means make Crete the place and the time as early as possible.

A California contemporary regrets that so little attention is paid to higher education in that state, and cites various particulars to illustrate the point. It appears, however, that such scolding is of little use and scarcely reasonable. Our western friends must remember that California, in common with all other western states, has had to contend with many difficulties in building up an educational system and it is out of place for some hyper-critical college editor to disparage the work already done when all that is lacking may be attributed to immature development of the state. No western state can reasonably expect to found a Yale or a Harvard in a day. Educational institutions are the result only of long and sometimes slow growth. Neither should our friend speak of men who work only for a degree as peculiar to California; they are everywhere. The efforts of our "educated classes" in these western and Pacific states deserve only the highest commendation and heartiest support from all, and especially from us who are getting the benefit of their efforts.

IT is not a matter of regret to us that so many of our students have to delay the consummation of their college work to get funds to continue their studies. The great majority of students are far too young to get the benefit of their college work, many are afflicted with egotism and others need the bracing effects of severe necessity to stiffen their characters. For all these the occasional cessation of college work is an admirable thing, provided that after the interval the absentees return. That so many do not return is a matter worthy of deep regret. "A little learning is a dangerous thing" and when THE HESPERIAN allows itself to think of those who go out from our institution after one, two or three terms just enough sophisticated to be the heroes of a country debating club it is apprehensive that those who do this will do credit neither to themselves nor to the University. Yet this is the legitimate effect of the