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EDITORIAL NOTES.

As a natural consequence of the opening of the new school year THE HESPERIAN appears before you. We offer no apology for its appearance. In spite of sneers and faction, of fights and poor support, it has struggled on, and we hope will continue to do so. An institution which has gained the position of the U. of N. should not only support a representative journal, but should support it royally. We may be inexperienced and lack ability, but we will do our best. If now, the students as a body will do their best, this will be the most prosperous year yet experienced by THE HESPERIAN. Let us have your help and we will help you and the institution which is our common pride.

We are surprised and pleased to observe the great improvement in the internal arrangements and furniture of the University. We had become so accustomed to sliding down hill during recitations, tripping up in the matting and gazing at discolored walls

that the idea of change had not occurred to us. That it did occur to the authorities is evidenced by the comfortable chairs with adjustable desks, rubber matting on halls and stairs, newly painted walls and other formerly much needed improvements. It is right so long as the University has the money that it should be used not only for necessities but for conveniences.

THE University starts out this year with prospects flattering in the extreme. All departments are fuller than ever before and the majority of the students seem to be here for work. Because of being drawn from larger and more varied circles, there are now more students than formerly who try to dodge their way to a degree with little study; but under the present strictness of discipline and prevailing public opinion most of them either settle down to steady work or drop out because of not fulfilling the requirements. This will, however, be an ever increasing danger and it behooves each student with self-respect and a sincere desire for the good of the University, now and hereafter, to set his face against shirking.

One shirk in a class not only does himself no good but hinders the work of all the other students. Let the habitual shirk feel that he is despised for his laziness and it will arouse his manhood and set him to work or weed him out of the institution.

THE historical department of the U. of N. has for sometime been recognized as among the first of the land, and now more than ever deserves its reputation. It has more than kept abreast of the general progress of the institution. The University is proud of its head and his able assistant, the more so that they both are former students within its walls. The addition, as an elective, of a two years course in American history is a noteworthy step forward. This subject has been a rather neglected one, but unjustly so. Every citizen should have a clearer idea of the early history of his own country than of any other. He should be fully posted as to all the underlying principles of its government, and of the political parties, past and present. This instruction has formerly been left almost entirely to the one year's most elementary study in the grammar school. We are glad that a fuller and more comprehensive view of this, to us,