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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

THERE should be enough enterprise in the institution to produce an annual during the year. Let some one with a moderate amount of public spirit start the project.

ALTHOUGH we cannot definitely ascertain it to be a fact we hear that Senior orations in chapel are done away with and instead the orations are corrected by the Professor of Rhetoric and privately rehearsed to him, then delivered in society. We do not know of a better plan and think that the students as a whole will be satisfied with the arrangement.

WEATHER permitting, the foundations of our two new buildings will be laid this year. We hope this can be done and that with the first days of spring, work will be resumed and carried rapidly forward. We need very much the room that will thus be afforded us and we trust that before the fall of '88 both the Grant Memorial Hall and the Science and Industrial Hall will be completely equipped for use.

WE notice that Chancellor Creighton of the prospective Nebraska Wesleyan University intends to use the U. of N. as a sample till he can raise the N. W. U. above it. We are inclined to think our institution will continue to serve as a model for many generations.

WE deem it our duty as the exponent of student wants to speak of the fact that there is at present a lamentable lack of drinking water in the University. The only places where it is possible to obtain water are the botanical laboratory, the steward's office and the hydrant in the yard. The first named place is provided with a tin cup; the others have no better accommodations than are afforded by the faucet and nozzle respectively. To be sure some of the boys would rather than not stand on their heads at the hydrant, but some of the young ladies seem to prefer to do without water than to obtain it under such difficulties. More than this the city water is not excellent drinking water. The recent analysis of it made in our laboratory, shows that it contains decomposing organic matter. We used to have an excellent well and if this were only cleaned up and provided with even the most primitive thirst-quenching apparatus, everyone would be satisfied. We hope there will be no occasion to ask for this much needed accommodation again.

THE cry of THE HESPERIAN, in times gone by, was for more "college spirit." If we understand the nature of this indefinite commodity, we have now rather a superabundance. We suppose it is that state of feeling which breaks forth in cane rushes and pranks of the kind lately indulged in. The writer, being a college boy and partaking in a great measure of the aforesaid feeling, cannot, conscientiously, entirely denounce the occurrences of this term. But we greatly fear that this spirit of mischief is going too far and should be checked. There seems to be developing among some of the students a feeling of disregard for the rights of others and even for some of the rules of common decency. A crowd of students, bent on fun, is very apt to become a mob bent on mischief of a more or less evil character. Practical joking is more than likely to be carried too far and result in the injury of some one. But we should consider not only the evil itself but the effect such ac-