

FORSEEING the rapid development of the beet sugar enterprise, those in charge of the department of chemistry have organized a beet sugar school. The course, as already outlined, will consist principally of chemistry, physics, and agriculture. The object being to offer only those studies that have a direct bearing upon the manufacture of beet sugar. Owing to insufficient accommodations, the number of students will be limited, the limit being placed at one hundred. It is the intention of the department to strengthen and build up this course, and with this end in view efforts are being made to increase the accommodations. This is one of the most practical courses ever offered, and it will be a successful one. Let the good work continue.

THE past term has been one of substantial prosperity for the open literary societies of this university. The amount and the quality of work done by them has been large, and of an unusually high standard, and the interest shows no sign of abatement. The new members are proving themselves to be of excellent material by showing their ability, and better still, the inclination to take a leading part in the management, and by assuming a share of the burdens of their societies. There has never been a time in the history of our school when it was so universally admitted, that one of the most valuable and practical parts of an education is the drill and discipline given by the work of the societies.

ONE by one, as the students heard the report from the last session of the regents, they expressed regret that Professor Hunt's health will compel him to leave the university, and the work of the English department just when he has succeeded, with much labor, in organizing the department and in raising the quality of work to a university standard. Professor Hunt has successfully eradicated from university life the notion that instruction in English must be elocutionary, and has demonstrated to all the superior fitness and advantages of practical, common sense instruction in English. The task has been a hard one, and the obstacles to surmount, or to remove, have been many. A man with less courage, force of character, and less will power would have given up discouraged. Now, when success is at hand, and the fruits of his toil are almost in sight, he must leave all. The expression of one student to the writer, is the spoken, and unspoken thought of every one: "We will never get as practical and efficient an instructor in English as Professor Hunt. I have had work in his department throughout my college course, and now am taking all the work I may. I wish it were possible for me to take more hours under his instruction before his health compels him to leave us."

THE HESPERIAN has decided to place several small boxes in the various university buildings, in order to encourage the contribution of articles suitable for publication. All contributed articles must be signed by the writer, or they will be rejected. The name of the author will be suppressed if desired. The managing editor reserves the right to publish such articles only as he thinks suitable.

We will be glad to receive contributions from any person. If you have some ideas to advance in regard to university affairs, write them up and forward the article to THE HESPERIAN. Personals and locals will be highly appreciated. Literary articles, interesting stories will be gladly received. They are desired. Let them come in. Small favors will be thankfully received, larger ones in proportion.

We desire to make THE HESPERIAN interesting and instructive to the students and friends of the university. We desire to make it a more literary paper. To do this we must have the mental support of the students. If this can be accomplished, the paper will be greatly improved. There will be a large amount of material from which to make up the paper. Matter will not have to be published simply to fill up space. All poor material will be rejected.

The students should not think because there is a board of editors, that they should write the whole paper. Contributed articles should receive attention first. The editors should supply the deficit. The editors do not have time to write the required amount and write the best material. They generally have too much university work. A college paper should express college life. This can be accomplished in no better way than to have as many of the students possible contribute to the paper.

It is sincerely hoped that these few remarks may prove to be productive. We wish to raise the standard of the paper. We believe this to be the best method to pursue.

We publish the following reply to an article published in the last HESPERIAN advising the university to withdraw from the N. C. O. A:

In the issue of December 15, Mr. T. F. A. Williams argues for the abandonment by the university of the state oratorical association. Mr. Williams is well known in his personal disregard for oratorical contests in general and for those under the auspices of the N. C. O. A. in particular. I am not at all inclined to agree with Mr. Williams in what he urges so strongly. It seems to me that something may be said on the other side.

Is it, Mr. Editor, just the fair way to do, to sum up the oratorical record of the university by saying that we have three times been defeated? Is it fair to cast aside by a bit of sarcasm any consideration of circumstances or analysis of situations? I think I am right when I say that in four state contests the U. of N. has not once held second place in manuscript, that is, thought and composition taken together. Last year one of the judges after the contest said that he