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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE election of the new board of editors means no backward step in the winning fight against college fraternities. We believe them to be inimical to the true interests of college life, detrimental to the welfare of those within the fraternities, as well as to those without. They foster jealousy, sentimentality, and effeminacy. They produce strife, not friendship, bigotry, not liberality. They mistake gaul and vivacity for brains and perseverance. Independence and free self-development is as foreign to them as generosity and frankness. For these and other reasons, we shall do all we can to encourage the open literary societies and oppose their avowed enemies—the "frats."

THE aim of the present board will be to bring THE HESPERIAN more in touch with the great body of students. We wish to make the students feel that this paper belongs to them and is for them. If you have anything to say that will interest THE HESPERIAN readers, you will be given free use of these columns to disseminate your ideas. Contributions, especially for the literary column, will be gladly received. It is our wish to improve the literary department of this paper. For this reason the board decided to discontinue the comment department. Perhaps some will be inclined to criticise this change, but the best part of the comment will be found elsewhere, so that little will be lost, and we hope much gained by making the literary department more attractive.

To-day, the university library is accessible to more students than ever before. For some time past it has been open two hours and a half each evening of the week, Saturdays and Sundays excepted. When it was announced that the library would be opened evenings, every student thought that a long felt want was to be satisfied. We were not disappointed. The new plan was a great improvement over the old one. Notwithstanding this, we believe that a slight change in the library rules would make matters better. At present no student is allowed to take a book from the library without the consent of some professor. If the library is to be open nights, and the students come there to study, of course the books should not be taken out. But it must be remembered that all of the students do not live in the immediate