

cised our contemporaries. The result of the matter was that we finally convinced a great many of our college papers that their sister paper, the HESPERIAN, was, really, a very good paper after all. The adverse criticism that was railed against us, however, bore its fruit. The students began to think, and when students begin to think, something is going to happen. A few students had to go home because their eyesight failed them. Immediately the question came up, "Did not this weakness of the eyes result from reading the HESPERIAN?" Perhaps it did. Then the form and appearance of the paper should be changed. So far it has remained the same, but there have been many plans suggested for the change. The time is now ripe for doing away with the old HESPERIAN form and for making the new HESPERIAN present an entirely new appearance. The present board of editors have determined to take the step. Time and industry alone will develop the result of the move. We sincerely hope it will be favorable. The literary work on the HESPERIAN has always been good. Perhaps, we cannot improve on that. The general make up of the paper, however, the smallness of the type used, has been an evil that has checked the popularity of the HESPERIAN and has done more harm than we can at present estimate. We expect to get rid of all this small type and, in presenting the HESPERIAN to the student public under the new management and in its new dress of larger type, we believe that we present our paper in a better form than it has ever had since the day of its birth. Now, as we enter upon our editorial duties, after making a few improvements on the HESPERIAN, we feel that it is no more than right that the students should give the HESPERIAN their support. It is no child's play to publish twice a month a paper like the HESPERIAN. The work is done gratis by the editors, and they need encouragement. The way to encourage them is to give your hearty support to their paper and thus show your appreciation of the work they do for your entertainment.

Is the HESPERIAN the representative paper of our University? Certainly it is. Then it should be supported by all students. It is the representative paper because it has always been, and is now, the paper of the majority. If a representative paper means a paper that is printed in the interests of every individual student, and there will never be any dissatisfaction shown in regard to it, but everything will go on peacefully and joyfully like the calm waters of a clear, cool stream, then, indeed, there is no representative paper in any institution of learning in our land.

This is an age of majorities, when majorities represent and minorities are allowed to be heard. This is as it should be, and, to apply the principle, if a student paper is started up privately, with private capital and private brains, patronize it and support it for, doubtless, it is worthy of support. Do not call it a representative paper, however. Give it credit for what it does, but do not give it credit for what it does not do, or for what it is not nor ever can be.

To sum up, what we have been trying to say in the foregoing is, that the HESPERIAN always has been, undoubtedly is now, and unquestionably ever will be, the representative paper of the University of Nebraska. Do not go back on your college paper. Now is the time to subscribe.

LITERARY.

LORD TENNYSON'S LAST POEM.

AN IDYL OF THE KING.—SIXTY YEARS AFTER.

After King Uther died, who ruled this isle,
The kingdom was at strife for many years,
Till Arthur sat upon his father's throne
And ruled with wisdom all his father's realm.
A king obeyed and loved by men was he,
Whose heart was loved more than his scepter feared,
He reigned a king of peace, though brave in war
And often proven, and his valorous deeds
Rang out from shore to shore of his domain.
He fought with dragons oft, and he subdued
The heathen hordes that roamed about the isle
Worshipping oaks. When all these deeds were done,
King Arthur journeyed to his capital,
And on his journey, from the country swain