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We did intend to give Greek letter fraternities a rest this year. They have been fought by the HESPERIAN in the past with ceaseless vigor until the subject has become monotonous and stale. The articles have had a tendency to create and maintain factions in our University so antagonistic on one point as to destroy all harmonious action along those lines upon which the students should act as an homogenous whole. We do not believe in ranting about fraternities unless we have something to say that is to the point. We do not believe it is right to kick a man when he is down. As soon as he gets up and shows that there is blood in his eye then we maintain that the principle of self-preservation warrants us in protecting ourselves by any method that is feasible and forcible. The following article, taken from the *Chicago Tribune*, is an argument that cannot be overlooked by us and we submit it for the careful perusal of any one that may chance to see it, be he fraternity man or "barb:"

"The students of the University of Chicago were addressed last evening by Dr. Harper in the chapel of Cobb Hall. The question of fraternities was brought up and Dr. Harper read the following announcement:

The faculty deems the establishment of secret societies in the University of Chicago to be undesirable. In its judgment the ends sought by these societies so far as they are laudable may be secured by other means, which should be free from the objections of secrecy, of rigid exclusiveness, and of antagonism to the democratic spirit which is inherent to the highest scholarship and manhood, and the most exalted citizenship, and it would be deeply gratified if the high purposes and lofty feeling of the body of students will lead them to co-operate with it by voluntarily excluding everything that makes against a broadly fra-