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EDITORIAL.

NEXT charter day the University will be twenty-five years old. The authorities intend to spread themselves for this event. The silver anniversary of an institution like this, of right deserves to attract the attention of the whole state. Nebraska University has turned out great men and when we are fifty years old, if they will come and see us, we will bestow degrees upon them. But just now the greatest honor in our power to bestow, is to invite them to return and tell

us some of the things that study in this institution has made it possible for them to know. The selection of Professor Howard as charter day orator is eminently fitting. It will seem like old times to listen to him again. He has lost none of his former enthusiasm and will prove a very entertaining speaker.

DRILL, the shining bait which has allured more than one boy into the University, and which in so many cases has proved a bugbear to those who were not striving for "shoulder straps," is likely to be required for only two years, if required at all after next year. The precise nature of the change intended, is not known, but the fact is only too evident that there are enough votes in the faculty to make this load upon the cadets' shoulders much lighter,—provided 'always, of course, the regents are willing. Let the faculty, to use a prohibition campaign expression, "put a little paste on their weak backbones," and at least for once officially give expression to what they think on this subject. If they are not afraid to, why don't they? The trend of private opinion is not hid under a bushel.

AT LAST there is a chance that the preparatory school may be done away with. The faculty, at a recent meeting, passed resolutions that after next year the first year be dropped and that the second year follow as soon as all preparatory students have entered the regular college classes. If the regents see the matter in the same light as the faculty, the preps will have to go. It would be much better for the school as a whole, if