

party of students and University instructors through England and Scotland, on what proved to be one of the most delightful tours imaginable. At a cost of not more than \$250 from Lincoln to Lincoln again, these bright young men under the guidance of a scholar and experienced traveller, passed the most enjoyable ninety days of their lives, amid historic scenes, under most favorable conditions, receiving an inspiration and a general "awakening" which makes the outing a bright spot in their memories. With cameras in hand, rather avoiding the more beaten paths of travel, walking often where others ride, riding leisurely when others haste, going by day where the more hasty travel by night—they saw rural England and the best of Scotland in a rare way. The last two weeks were spent on the continent, visiting Paris, Switzerland and the Rhine valley. Those so favored are still the centers of interest at the University, as they give new life to history and biography by their stories of what they have seen and therefore know as only those can know who may thus enjoyably use their eyes.

It was not thought wise to attempt a trip this year, because of the "hard times." But several students have determined to repeat the trip if possible. Professor Lees has consented to go again if a party is formed; and has further agreed, upon earnest request, that some Nebraska teachers may be included. Any teacher in this state, therefore, who has the time and money to invest in this, one of the highest forms of education, should write Professor J. T. Lees, State University, *at once*. If the party when made up feels able and willing to expend a little more money and thus extend the trip on the continent—or would like to change the route; these details will receive attention.

As the number is strictly limited to twelve, and several have already registered, applications should be made immediately.

The party will sail about the middle of June, and will be absent as nearly ninety days as possible.

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THE CHILD OF HESPERUS.

The first intimation found in the official records of THE HESPERIAN STUDENT is a brief paragraph in the first "*Report of the Chancellor of the University to the Board of Regents.*" 1871-2, p. 9.

"In addition to Society work the students have formed an Association for the publication of a monthly, entitled THE HESPERIAN STUDENT. This paper, as a means of culture to the students, and for aiding the University, is eminently worthy of encouragement. In comparison with similar publications it maintains a reputable rank, in respect to its literary merit and the healthful spirit that pervades it." The extent to which the first issues of THE HESPERIAN STUDENT were as a "means of culture" or had "literary merit" or "healthful spirit" is an unknown quantity in the problem of the paper's history. So far as can be learned, there lingers about the University not a single copy of the papers that went to make the first volume. However, the character of a paper put forth by the energetic students who thronged the halls of the University in 1871, is not doubtful. The paper started on its career of usefulness as a four-page monthly, with W. H. Snell as editor-in-chief. He it was, who afterwards formed one-half of the graduating class of 1873. The Board of Regents aided the enterprise by appropriating a small amount, and before the winter was far advanced the paper was in good running order.

In the twenty-two years which have elapsed since the advent of this HESPERIAN light, the form of the paper has several times changed. The only number of Vol. II, that has been preserved in the archives of the State Historical Society, is dated May, 1873, still a four-page, sixteen-column, quarto-sized paper. By February, 1874, the number of pages had doubled, and at the beginning of 1895 four pages more were added as a cover, though not of different paper. Advertisements were relegated to these outside leaves. October, 1876, saw a great change in the form and size of THE HESPERIAN STUDENT. Each number contained about thirty pages octavo, two columns on a page. Part of Vol. V,