

EDITORIAL.

THE Chancellor's circular letter to students, is just such as might have been expected from Chancellor Canfield—plain and to the point. There can be no gainsaying that it contains, altogether, a great deal of very good advice, which will, we believe, be generally followed by the students of the University. The strictest economy, intelligently exercised, should be and will be the watch-word in the University of Nebraska as well as elsewhere during the ensuing year, and the Chancellor's letter must certainly encourage and cheer up many who are in need of courage and good cheer.

In this letter, however, two suggestions are made of which we desire to take brief notice, as they will probably excite considerable discussion. We refer to the abandonment of the project of the Annual, and to the withdrawal for a year from the Inter-State Athletic association. It is, of course, for the class of '96 alone to decide whether or not the Annual shall be published. The publication of an Annual undoubtedly requires a great deal of money, and a great deal of money is something that very few of us have to spare. Certain it is, that before definitely deciding to proceed in the matter the class should canvass the situation very thoroughly, and in making their final decision should be careful that if they do decide to go on with the Annual it is because their sober better judgment and common sense as well as class enthusiasm tells them that it may be safely and wisely done.

As to athletics—in the words of a member of the board of editors for the Annual—“Better abandon a dozen annuals than withdraw from the Inter-State Athletic association.” THE HESPERIAN hardly believes that a withdrawal from the association will be necessary, at least it sincerely hopes not. It has been hard and up-hill work to bring athletics to their present standing even, in the University. What a year of inaction, a year of loss of energy, loss of enthusiasm

would result in, we hesitate to say. There can be no doubt that college athletics, college spirit, and college grit and backbone would all suffer much were we to withdraw, whereas, if we will only set our teeth hard, tighten our belts another notch and stand shoulder to shoulder through the passing storm we can and will come out stronger and more enthusiastic than we ever have been before. And economy can be practiced in the association as well as out of it. By getting along for this one year without a coach for the eleven, and by using last year's suits, the foot-ball team, with only reasonable luck, will come within \$150 of paying expenses, while good luck would reduce the figure to less than \$100. But even \$150 will surely be very little to be contributed by the students, when we consider that in past years they have contributed three and four times that amount to the support of the association. A quarter of a dollar from each student means that we can preserve our organization and come through with flying colors. Shall we allow that splendid organization which has done so much to excite and keep alive our college spirit, which has been such an effective advertisement for our University, to sink into comparative obscurity, to suffer the danger of complete disruption, all for the sake of a quarter each? This is the question which each student should ask himself; it is the question which each student must answer, and THE HESPERIAN has too much faith in the loyal college spirit of our students to believe that they will answer it with any other word than “no.”

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Anent the Chancellor's circular letter, we wish to say, to new students especially, that it does not apply in any particular to THE HESPERIAN.

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