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THE state legislature meets this winter. This is a simple declarative sentence, but it is one fraught with deep meaning and great import to this University. It is a sentence each student should commit to memory at the earliest possible opportunity, and, having committed it, study what it means to the University and to himself. THE HESPERIAN does not say anything but the truth when it declares that the University of Nebraska this year ought to send, at least calculations, four or five hundred lobbyists to the legislature this winter. And those lobbyists should go to state the facts, and the facts only. For facts will be all sufficient. There is not and never can be a legislative body in any part of the civilized world, which, having once learned the condition that an institution such as this is in; an institution which means so much, which has such powers for good as ours has that would not alleviate that condition when it has the power to do so. And so we say that students should begin now, and in letters to friends and parents, in communications to home papers, tell just how crowded the University is; how more than crowded for room in every department.

It is not for one moment to be believed

that any enlightened people, having once learned the truth as to our condition, will allow it to be continued. But it is an imperative necessity that the people of the state be told the facts, and we, the students of the University, are the people who must, and will tell them.

Let us get our hand in before the legislature; let us be in practice, so when the legislature convenes we may be ready to tell our home legislators our story with that precision, that power of conviction which comes from a thorough knowledge of one's subject. And if we can (and we will) succeed in arousing the people of the state they will help us in our petition to the legislature; they will clamor at the doors, and when the people clamor the doors are pretty sure to be opened.

There is work for each and every one of us,—“To your tents, oh Israel!”

IN another column will be found a statement concerning the Kansas and Nebraska debate, by the president of the local association. We wish to emphasize a few of the president's remarks. According to the best prognostications from this department the joint debate to a certain extent is to take the place of the oratorical contest. Whether this is for the best, is, we suppose, a question. Yet almost anything will be better than an oratorical contest, if we are to judge by the past.

Such a debate is an experiment in our institution, but has been carried on successfully in various other colleges. If the students give their hearty co-operation its success here is assured.

Let us have the strongest men in the University represent us in the debate. You may be busy. You may not want to make the sacrifice, but you owe it to the school, you owe it to the state. Here is three cheers for the joint debate, and a tiger for victory.

WE shall probably not have another such opportunity this year to offer generous lots of advice to the new student. Consequently