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EDITORIAL.

IT SEEMS that the character of the University chorus is to be materially changed. Instead of being as it has been for so many years, a distinctively University organization for the students, by them, and of them, it will be, we fear, a University chorus in name only, called so because the meetings are held in the University building, and because it contains a sprinkling of University students. The admission of so many outsiders into the chorus will destroy not only the individuality of the organization but will materially weaken the ability of the students to sing alone. The trained singers will take the lead and the less experienced singers follow after. Doubtless the singing will be stronger and better. But that will be no credit to the students. Any teacher in the University could get more showy results from his classes if they were composed of specialists in that line. But the presence of specialists as students is a drawback rather than a help in the class-room. The University chorus is properly a class. It has with its own strength done very respectable work in years past, and certainly will do better and better, even if still a University organization pure and simple. members of the chorus seem to consider it hardly right that the class should be filled up with more or less professional singers who have paid no maticulation fee into the University. The plan may create a large chorus but to call it a University chorus will be scarcely correct.