

tending, although the attendance was shamefully small; we do not intend to growl at those who got scared and ran at the eleventh hour, because we ran ourselves; but we do intend to say that the association need not lose heart. They have embarked on a new and unknown sea; they are conducting an experiment; these shortcomings were to be expected. And despite all, they have done wonderfully well. The preliminaries are past, the eight debaters chosen, the lucky three soon will be. Enough is known of the personelle of the eight to make it sure that the three who will represent Nebraska against Kansas will be amply able to do their part with honor to themselves and to the University. The enthusiasm will come from now on. Let us all help to make the Kansas-Nebraska debate a success.

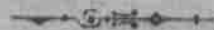
THE members of the legislature are now elected. Every student knows or should know who the members from his county are. Every loyal student will make himself a committee of one to see that the members from his county are informed of the condition of the university, *before they reach Lincoln*, and that home influence is brought to bear upon them,—influence friendly to the university. The "Chanc" can do much; we all have unlimited confidence in him, but he cannot do everything. Let us help him, let us give him new reason to have confidence in us. Twelve hundred students, working together could accomplish surprising results; the only question is, will we do it? Will we work, work together, work for the university? THE HESPERIAN hopes so.



The Case of Cadet Almy.

THE HESPERIAN does not wish to interfere in university affairs which are none of its business, and ordinarily would not presume to say anything concerning the instructors in their relation with and treatment of the students. And, indeed, the relations between students and instructors in this university are all that could be desired: the students are ladies and gentlemen and are treated as such by the professors. We all of us understand,

of course, that courtesy and drawing room etiquette are not very much in evidence in military circles anywhere, especially by superior to subordinate, and we cannot expect it in our own military department. We have recognized that military discipline must be enforced and accordingly have gritted our teeth, thanked the Lord that we were not in Russia, and allowed it to be enforced on us. But while we cannot expect Chesterfieldian politeness on the part of the commandant toward the high private in the rear rank, we should at least, in such an institution as this, be allowed to expect and receive justice and equality of treatment. Sergeant J. G. Almy had drilled more than the required number of years; he was drilling this year, as do all who drill over time, for an office. When the awards were made he received a second sergeancy: not being willing to drill a year which was not required, in this place, he resigned. In resigning he did only what scores of ambitious and disappointed cadets have done in past years: they register for an office, not receiving it, they resign. This they have done in peace and gone on their way rejoicing. But Mr. Almy's resignation was not awarded the customary treatment, that is, accepted. It was withheld, and in its place was read before the batallion a dishonorable discharge. For what? For following the custom and resigning when disappointed in his hopes. The batallion is almost unanimous in disapproval of this unmerited punishment, this heaping of disgrace on the head of an upright and honorable young man—whose standing personally, in his classes, and in the batallion is above reproach. It may be military discipline but it is neither fair nor just to allow a certain line of action to become a custom and then without previous warning swoop down on the unsuspecting victim who follows it. The military department, as it is, does not enjoy the universal favor of the students: such action will not tend to cause any better feeling toward it.



The University's "Policy"

Students of the university were rather amused at the communication quoted in a re-