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EDITORIAL.

JUDGING from the paper, originating in the University and signed by the chancellor and the members of the faculty, praying for reform in the municipal government of Lincoln, and pledging each of the signers to work by voice and vote for that end, the University of Nebraska will stand at the head of the movement for pure and honest government in Lincoln. This is as it should be. It is from the universities and schools, as well as from the churches of our land, that that force must rise which will work out our ultimate redemption as a democratic people. If there is one part of politics more thoroughly corrupted than another in America today it is the municipal. If the wide influence which the University undoubtedly exercises be but used, as it bids fair to be, in a positive way in the right direction, the cause of honest government in Lincoln will be advanced a mighty stride.

THE HESPERIAN is not a partisan of Mr. E. McNeal's. We recognize his oddities, vagaries and eccentricities. But he is a fellow student; he has acted honorably and been guilty of no misconduct during his stay here, and has won real distinction on two occasions because of the genuine merit and ability he possesses. The "Character Sketch" published by the *Nebraskan* was discourteous and unkind. A true nobility of character would not stoop to hold up to public ridicule the personal peculiarities which are inborn, even of an enemy. Mr. McNeal need not be ashamed of that "sketch"—the supplement might—had it not long ago lost the quality of shame.