

students; but at the same time in this, just as in pitching quoits, a certain modicum of intellectual fitness and alertness is required for achieving success. In congress, sometimes debates are held which even rival in interest and world-wide importance the annual Yale-Harvard foot-ball games. In fact, if debating be encouraged, it would often yield very satisfactory results.

Why cannot our debates and debaters receive just a little of the "encouragement" which is being so lavishly distributed? It might do good to attempt the experiment. THE HESPERIAN hopes that when the University's brawn has been stored in winter quarters, its brain will come in for its share of encouragement.

THE HESPERIAN is not a paper for the dissemination of agnosticism, Catholicism or Methodism. But it gladly opens its literary columns to signed articles or stories of merit upon any subject. As editor-in-chief of THE HESPERIAN I desire to state that "Way-side Fancies" of last issue can in no wise be construed as the policy of this paper. Mr. Newbranch wrote that article, as he had a perfect right signed his name to it and handed it in as a literary production. He wrote it not as a member of THE HESPERIAN staff, but as a private individual. And any one who desires to make an argument adverse to it has perfect liberty. THE HESPERIAN will be glad to publish any worthy criticism on any article which may appear from time to time. O. H. ALLEN.

In our last issue, THE HESPERIAN defined its position regarding the proposed amendment to the constitution of the debating association in such terms that it could not be misunderstood, unless wilfully. The amendment advocated was accordingly carried. After this year one who wins a place to contest with Kansas, will be debarred. Now is there any reason for an attack of italics, or exclamation points? Is there any cause to heave valiantly away at foxes and jack asses and other howling brutes which inhabit field

and forest? Is it not, in fact, somewhat babyish?

Now, once and for all, we want it distinctly understood, that THE HESPERIAN will be heartily in accord with whomsoever is decided a victor in the preliminary debates. We are for the University. May the best man win.

THE HESPERIAN is informed that the department of philosophy and at least two others will soon withdraw "their" books from the library. It seems that the "departmental library" idea, which has been abandoned by every University of standing, both in this country and in Europe, is soon to have full sway among the members of our intelligent and fair-minded faculty. While there is active and earnest opposition to this new—or rather wornout scheme on the part of many members of the faculty, the majority, we understand, think otherwise—and so the books are leaving the library. The new library will, of course, look rather bare and deserted, and all that asbestos, purchased with the state's hard gotten cash will have been wasted. The great majority of students, moreover, will be very much inconvenienced—but then things will be a little "more convenient" for some members of the faculty.

Association.

A plover's nest amid the grass,
A whistling plover's nest,
And all the gush of other springs
Throbs loudly in my breast.

A flower in a deep ravine,
A simple violet flower,
And a fragrance floats from old-time meads
With all its old-time power.

A winding rill below a hill,
A sparkling rill in May,
And an airy float, a bubble boat
Beguiles my care away.

Oh, hidden nest, oh, blue-eyed flow'r,
Oh, streamlet flowing free,
Thanks, thanks for many a pleasant hour
Sent through the years to me.

—JOS. F. BOOMER.