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EDITORIAL.

OUR esteemed and able contemporary, *The Monitor*, seems to be undergoing bushels of trouble. Two successive reductions in size, curtailing their reading matter almost one-half, would seem tribulations enough for so worthy a publication. But still worse, publication day is getting wobbly and uncertain, and last week our hearts failed to be cheered, for *The Monitor* came not. "All men are mortal"—and so are the college papers excepting only THE HESPERIAN.

THE HESPERIAN is pleased to announce that the University has some friends who take an interest in its intellectual diversions and are not averse to encouraging them. We refer to the fact that Ex-Senator Charles F. Manderson and Regent H. F. Estabrook have established two annual prizes, one of \$20.00 and one of \$10.00, "for the purpose of encouraging an interest in debating in the University." The prizes will be awarded each year to those two of Nebraska's representatives who take first and second places in the debate with Kansas University.

This public spirited generosity of two of Nebraska's best known men will do much to encourage both morally and materially, our heretofore somewhat languid interest in debating as well as other intellectual contests. THE HESPERIAN is very glad that the fund has been established, and on behalf of the students of the University extend thanks to the distinguished donors.

And in this connection, we would urge upon our readers the necessity of attending

Friday night's debate. It will be a contest as genuine and spirited as any ever fought upon the gridiron, and will be well worth hearing. And after the debate, let us one and all stand up for the winners, be they who they may. They will represent Nebraska, and should have our hearty and undivided support.

THE action of a number of students in the Lansing gallery on the night of Ingersoll's lecture was a disgrace alike to themselves and the University. We refer to the fact that when one of the best known of our students walked down the parquet aisle accompanied by a couple of ladies, he was vociferously greeted by name, and treated to a series of ill mannered and boorish cries. The occupants of the gallery who indulged in this demonstration proved lacking not only in common courtesy and respect for ladies, but even in respect for themselves.

Such action is shameful, unseemly and undignified. It gives the outside world a chance to make severe reflections on our University, and justifiably. All who indulged in it should go stand in a corner and feel ashamed of themselves—and take advantage of the first opportunity to apologize to the student in question.

ONE of the University of Alabama papers complains bitterly because of the decadence of the open literary societies at that institution; the literary societies there are dying. The cause assigned is "loss of interest; indifference." And the complainant naively remarks: "Some have ventured to say that fraternities have so absorbed the attention of the students that they can't find time to attend literary societies." THE HESPERIAN sends greeting, and joins in that opinion. So long as the literary societies of Alabama