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EDITORIAL.

THERE seems to be a deep seated misunderstanding in the minds of some regarding the functions and purposes of Phi Beta Kappa scholarship society. It has been the policy of THE HESPERIAN to consider new questions wisely, conservatively and in the light of the highest interests of the University. As we outlined our policy in our salutatory last September, "THE HESPERIAN will not be influenced or controlled by any clique or faction, but will represent the whole student body." That policy we most cordially reaffirm. A word then, in this light, concerning Phi Beta Kappa.

That the signed article published in our

last issue adequately reflects student sentiment, we are not able to assert. For that reason it was signed. We are by no means convinced that the students as a body or any considerable portion of them are opposed to the introduction of an honorary scholarship society. Whether or not a more thorough understanding of the aims and scope of the society will diminish the antipathy already manifest, time will tell.

THE HESPERIAN does not believe that Phi Beta Kappa is a fraternity. Its record elsewhere proves beyond reasonable doubt the wisdom of our belief. The society has no secret motto, pledge, or grip—in fact so far as secrecy is involved it is conducted on identically the same principles as an open literary society. Its Greek letter designation is not a legitimate cause for fright. The objects of the society are shown in the following extracts from the published chapter constitution: "The object of the Phi Beta Kappa society is the promotion of scholarship and friendship among students and graduates of American colleges.

The members of the chapter shall be elected *primarily* from the best scholars of the graduating classes of the college, *secondly* from those graduates of said college whose post-graduate work entitles them to such honor, and *lastly* from any person distinguished in letters, science or education. In addition to good scholarship, good moral character shall be a qualification of membership."

The pledge required of new members is that they will devote their energies to the attainment of the highest scholarship, the noblest manhood and womanhood. If Phi Beta Kappa is to be antagonized consistently it must be combatted on other than fraternity grounds.