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With this issue the HESPERIAN passes the quarter of a century mark and enters upon the twenty-sixth year of its existence. We do not claim any laurels because of the success of the past but desire more than ever to commence this year with merit as a foundation. We realize that the past bears to the present only the relation that the acorn bears to the tree and that our success depends not upon what has been, but upon the vigor of our life now. One of the most striking as well as practical tendencies here in the University is the spirit of democracy and the HESPERIAN will be strictly democratic, not influenced by any class or faction.

We do not expect to go very far in moulding University sentiment but we do hope to reflect it. The HESPERIAN will stand first and last for the student body and the University. We shall

strive to give an account of all events and happenings in University life, furnish a medium for the best literary work of the students, and voice University sentiment in the editorial columns.

ALTHOUGH it is always well to watch others and gain from them lessons of worth, we should not go so far in this as to lose our own personality. The new student or any other student, need not be discouraged because he is different from most people with whom he comes in contact. Hardly a day passes in which we do not hear some one say, "Oh, if I only were like that fellow." It is strange that so few people desire to be like themselves—like the creatures God intended them to be. Every person has his own heart, his own love, and his own thoughts to be expressed in his own way. There are no repetitions in the physical universe. Man was not intended to be like his neighbor. Independence should be a strong aim in life, and yet how few people seem to realize it. It is through complete freedom that we exert an influence, and it is only through definite individuality that we obtain this freedom. If we are to be men in the true sense we must be individual men—men with a personality.

Dr. FLING's talk at the opening reception on the Honor System as applied to the suppression of cheating in college work was very strong. It ought to have a good effect on the morals of the student body even if no further action is taken toward adopting such a system. It is a deplorable fact that a certain element of students in almost all institutions are addicted to cheating. Our own university is no exception to the rule although we think that there is perhaps less here than in most schools of its class. Class room vigilance on the part of the