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*Register for the preliminary debates—Monday is the last day.*

Last year the Jay Hawkers defeated us on the gridiron and in debate. It is our turn this year.

Boom athletics; make the most of college sports. But recollect that they are only the means to a higher end. Big bodies and hard muscles are but the physical foundation for intellectual culture. Do not forget the superior end in the fervor of developing the inferior means to attain it.

Missouri University has replied favorably to the proposition to form an inter-state debating league with Nebraska. In all probability such a league will be formed. This will mean six debaters to be chosen instead of three. This fact should increase the registration one hundred per cent during the next twenty-four hours.

One of the bad results of the reorganization of the battalion is the resignation of Captain Russell. Mr. Russell was assigned to Co. A. He has been drilling Co. B and desired to continue his relations with B. Rather than accept the change he resigned. Without

discussing the justification of the resignation the HESPERIAN regrets that the battalion is to lose so valuable a man as Mr. Russell. He has been an active military man, a favorite with the members of his company, and justly considered *one of the best* captains who ever drilled a company in the University battalion.

The resignation of Mr. Perry as president of the debating association is commendable inasmuch as he expects to try for a place in the preliminaries. No student should try to serve the association as an officer and contestant at the same time. Even though a debater does not use his office to promote his interests as a contestant, it is sometimes difficult to make everything look just right to one on the out side.

On next Monday the organization of the military department will undergo a radical change. Two battalions are to be formed with three companies in each battalion. To many the change seems to have been made, primarily, in order to give some of the disappointed ones an office. But the powers that be have issued the edict and there is but one thing to do that is "grin and bear it." With humility we are to accept the change, hoping that in the end it is for the best. No radical change can come without opposition and this may account for much of the manifest dissatisfaction.

The library is disturbed by the habitual presence of two or three public nuisances. They regard in no way the regulations of the place nor the frowns of the workers. Always whispering or snickering or gawping about the room or wandering here and there in search of someone to annoy or talk to; they are the pest of working students and an aggravation well-nigh unbearable. They are not students, but simply attendants. If conduct be any criterion, they are simply idlers, drones that steal the time of the workers. Hasn't this University honest opinion sufficient to frown these people down? Will we always go on suffering this abuse without protesting? We know they appear well, but should appearance preclude decency? In some universities these people would be sent home as a warning to their imitators and an act of justice to those with whom they interfere.