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Who has not registered for the preliminaries? "Many are called but few are chosen."

Now that the football season is almost to a close it is time you were thinking about that production for the oratorical contest.

A University poet sends the HESPERIAN a 'poem' entitled "Oh, Let Me Die while Young and Innocent." The 'poet' has the permission of the HESPERIAN.

The HESPERIAN is always glad to stop groundless rumors or correct current misapprehensions. The infant which was heard crying, over on the north end of the bleachers Saturday, is not a member of the staff of our contemporary.

It is rumored that Kansas is contemplating refusing to debate with Nebraska as a result of Saturday's game. The idea is almost too absurd to be considered. Last year we accepted defeat gracefully. If college men are not able to accept defeat, who is? There is not the slightest reason why Saturday's game should cause a breach between the two Universities. If such is the effect of inter-collegiate contests the sooner they are discontinued the better.

The athletic board is influenced by no 'pull' and dictated to by no faction. It settles questions of difference with no end in view but the furtherance and elevation of University athletics. The student body has confidence in the board. Questions of importance are given due time and thorough consideration. There are no unusual delays, nor is there unseemly haste in determining matters of moment. We advise some *small boys* not to break their cranial 'cavities' against a stone wall—'twill save them much trouble and no little annoyance.

The cause for the quibbling, delay and disgrace in Saturday's game is not difficult to find. With the Kansas football team came a number of sports and gamblers with some six or seven thousand dollars. They proposed to convert the occasion into a money making project. They offered "all kinds" of odds in order to get bets. They were so anxious to get bets that they were overbearing and even insulting to Nebraska men. Officials had been selected and everything had been done to insure Kansas the game. They felt confident they would go home with some Nebraska money. The game had not progressed far until they saw their mistake. Kansas was being outplayed. Sport, official, coach, all realized their money was going—if not gone. Every decision possible was against Nebraska. Despite their efforts Nebraska was victorious. The result was so surprising to the sports from the Kaw—their loss was so great, that they would not acknowledge defeat. The result is all that could be expected under the circumstances. Clean athletics is out of the question when gambling flourishes.

Nobodies—Our Contemporary.

Some small boys are too very small for us to bother about. We cannot spare the space to dignify their violent blustering and slimy slanders. Anybody (that is anybody who is nobody) can sling mud; we haven't time for such small practice. Let those do that to whom it is a delightful occupation, who revel in it, who think it is evidence of intellectual vigor. They may think it displays acumen. They are simply mistaken. It doesn't display anything but littleness, contemptible littleness. We leave them to their own small thoughts.