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Sixty-four students have registered in the preliminary debates, seven more than last year, although this year one dollar was required of each one who entered. This is a fine showing for our institution. It means that a reaction is taking place. It means that we are broadening our views, that we are abandoning our one-sided policy of development, and will henceforth strive to win pennants in contests of brain as well as brawn.

In this issue of THE HESPERIAN appear some poetic strains from across the sea, "Beneath the Tropic Moon." They are from our University poet, Ira Kellogg, and deserve much commendation. Mr. Kellogg was accustomed to write short snatches of poetry when at the University, but we believe he has composed his master piece thus far in the three stanzas which appear in another part of THE HESPERIAN, entitled, "Under the Palms."

The local oratorical association will meet next Tuesday to elect officers and to register those who desire to enter the contest this year. A dozen or more students have signified their intentions of entering. The cause of the increase this year is due to the fact that the three oratorical contests will be held here this year, and much ambition is entertained to win the inter-state. This year there are several students from the fraternities who are intending to contest for the honors of oratory, and it is hoped that more interest will be manifested by all organizations. Let all who are interested attend the meeting on Tuesday and register their names for the local battle for the selection of the University's representative.

At this time it seems proper to offer a few suggestions concerning the management of the library. We do so not in the

spirit of criticism of those in charge, for no such criticism can be made. THE HESPERIAN gladly endorses the policy of the present librarian. But there are ways in which the service of the library may be improved, and which do not concern those directly in charge. On several occasions, especially on dark, cloudy days, the lights have not been turned on as soon as they were really needed. This is very injurious in its effects. Students are thus made to strain their eyes for fifteen or twenty minutes before the lights are on. The stack room of the library is not always properly heated. It is sometimes quite chilly, and students often find it necessary to remove to the general reading room. On a cold day, the stack room requires much more heat than other parts of the library because of its situation in the north wing of the building. A more uniform temperature should be kept up. The defects in lighting and heating are doubtless due either to the apparatus employed in heating and lighting, or to the operation of it. But wherever the cause lies, attempt should be made to remedy it.

Misses Ella and Eva Leonard, former Uni. students and Palladians are both holding responsible positions as teachers this year. Miss Eva Leonard, who for two years past has been employed in the Wymore schools, was this year elected to the principalship of the East Ward school with an increase in salary. Miss Ella Leonard was this year elected to the principalship of the West Ward school in McCook. She is very enthusiastic over her work and is meeting with a marked degree of success.

Commencing on Monday, 21st inst. we will sell History Paper and Theme Paper in unbroken packages, containing 500 sheets, for 35 cents. The paper is ruled or plain, as you may desire; is full size and made from 24 lb. Munroe Royal. Books and Stationary Department. HERPOLSHEIMER & Co.

The Astronomy class sat up Sunday night to see the predicted shower of meteors. Their efforts were not crowned with very great success, since the clouds covered the sky. A few students tried it again on Monday night and they were more successful. Several meteors were seen.

Maurice A. Hyde, '98, who has been in Chicago, since his graduation, working in an electrical plant has returned home on an extended visit. Mr. Hyde has a good position and enjoys the work but his health has not been very good.

Kappa Sigma has extended invitations for an informal party at its rooms in the Courier block next Tuesday evening.

THE HESPERIAN reporter had the pleasure of being shown through the marble works of Kimball Bros., at 1500 O street. They have lately added a great many marble composition statuettes of famous artists, musicians, generals, admirals, etc., together with exact reproductions of the masterpieces of the famous sculptors. Such beautiful things as Kimball Bros. have for sale cannot be seen at any other place in the city. They are anxious that the students should call and also bring visiting friends to see them.

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