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THIS issue of the HESPERIAN is the last one that will appear for the school year. The year '98-'99 is past (except final examinations), and now is but a memory with us. The management of the HESPERIAN wishes to state that the paper closes a very successful year. The paper has held to its original purpose of dealing fairly and honestly as far as was possible. The HESPERIAN has always been and ever will continue to be the organ of the great common people of this University world. It has been more of a newspaper this year than ever before, but has not entirely left out the literary department. Its news has been reliable. No attempt has been made at sensationalism. Its editorials have been thoughtful and earnest. Its Bixby's Retreat has been, as ever, spicy and delectable. No effort has been spared to make it a genuine University paper.

In this last issue the managing editor wishes to thank those members of the board and others who have materially assisted him. The entire management and control of a weekly college paper is no small task. It requires an endless amount of time, energy and worry, and the present editor has appreciated every assistance that has been given him. He wishes to state, however, that the literary society members have not supported the paper as they should. They have thrust the management of the paper upon one man and have expected him to make a success of it while they have stood back, rendering at the most only lukewarm support.

For those persons, whether frat or barb, who for certain economical (?) reasons have been too stingy to pay the small subscription price but who have each week taken some one's paper from the letter boxes, the managing editor has nothing but unalloyed contempt. They are the persons who during the past years have hung like a dead weight upon the college spirit of our University. They are the persons who sneak in to see the base ball and football games and then growl because the manager doesn't pay expenses. Could our University only

be purged of this crowd of tight-fisted bigots there would be no trouble in creating true college spirit.

As a last word, we wish to commend those who are to come after us. The HESPERIAN for next year will be controlled by Mr. Plowhead as managing editor, Mr. Marsh as assistant, Harry Garrett, business manager, and W. H. Warner, assistant.

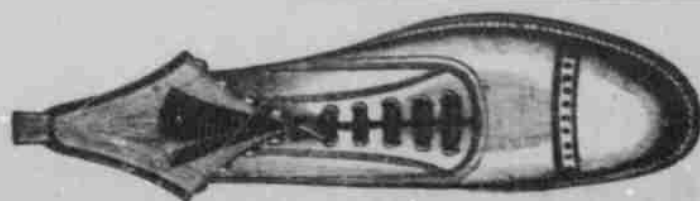
Last Saturday's competitive drill resulted in a victory for Co. B. Second place was won by Co. C. This company proceeded to paint the town. The Capitol building is covered with big C's. This is to be regretted. The University expects much from the legislature, and it is easy to see that this prank will turn many a legislator against further increase in appropriation. If Company C has any love for the University they will proceed at once and scour off those C's.

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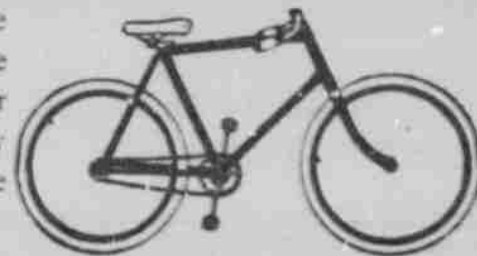
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