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SALUTATORY.

All hail, blustering New Year! Wel-
come to these latitudes, thou boisterous
cherub, though thy hoary beard shakes
many an icicle, and the harsh breath rushes
from thy frosty nostrils somewhat too fierce-
ly for an infant's! Bear with thee, as thou
recorderst another pulse of Time, joy and
happiness to all who span eternity with
thee. For our dear friends and patrons, we
invoke thy kindest blessings. To the
world deal out with unusual bounty the
annual gifts of knowledge from Nature's
mysterious domain. Drag far onward the
car of progress, before indyding thou usher-
est in another year! Let thy touch be gen-
tle and thy smile loving and tender to the
"weary and heavy laden", that duty may
not be unperformed through thy harsh
chidings!

But we have little time nor talent for
apostrophe. We have taken our seat in
our lonely sanctum once more to-night to
begin the labors of another year. Before
us lies the last year's STUDENT file. We
lay aside our Faber No. 2 and glance them
over. As our eyes hasten from column to
column varied are the memories awakened.
Here is an editorial written one night when
perplexed and weary, in response to the
cry of the inevitable and insatiable typo
for "copy". Of course it is angular, cross-
grained, weak and insipid. Even an editor
cannot grind out "ideas immortal with
glowing thought" from an impaired and
unwilling machine. Here is another in the
preparation of which much time and labor
were spent. We pass it by, while our
heart glows with a little satisfaction and
pride. Hope spreads her wings anew,
warmed by the fires of aspiration.

In this corner is a "squib" which recalls
some ludicrous circumstance in college
life. We indulge in a chuckle at the recol-
lection, but suddenly hush ourselves in sad-
ness, as our eye lights upon a column draped
in mourning—In Memoriam. Silent,
we sit with bowed head for a moment, and
think how hard it must be for aspiring
youth to bow to inevitable fate. We dash
away the starting tear that the memory of

our departed friend wrings from our cal-
ous heart—for we have not been an edi-
tor long enough to quench out all feeling—
while Will strives to shake off Memory.
Have you ever, Reader, when some sad or
some repulsive recollection *would* in-
trude itself upon you all unwelcome and
unbidden, mentally straightened yourself,
and tried by a mighty effort of the will to
tear it from your bosom, or with the will's
iron hand quench it into oblivion? And
did you succeed? Who has not had some
such experience, which ever causes him
to loathe and hate himself at its recollection?
Happy he whose will can banish the
hateful visitor! But where do I wander?

Here in this column is a friendly contro-
versy with some of "our exchanges," which
like a contest between lawyers at the bar,
leaves us better friends for the slight tilt of
arms. Pleasant indeed has been our asso-
ciation with the college press during the
year. Ah! here we have a piece with which
we had taken special pains, from which
what little point and beauty it possessed
have been ignominiously knocked out by
some monstrous typographical blunder—
the editor's bane. How our flesh creeps
and crawls, how we shudder each time we
think of that article! And over us come
thronging the recollections of the very em-
phatic, nearly (?) profane murmurs that es-
caped our puritanical lips, when we discov-
ered it too late for reparation. Alas! how
many hours have we spent in penance in
our lonely closet, Bible in hand, mourning
with bleeding heart over the dire sins thus
committed. But why dream longer over
the successes and failures of the past? The
future demands our attention, and we
resume our pencil. We pause upon the
frosty threshold of the year and contem-
plate the labor before us with feelings of
pleasure, not unmingled with dread. The
duties of the editor of a college journal
are grave. No other institution connected
with our University will tell so much upon
the public. How deliberate, then, should
be our every act. How carefully written
should be each line. With what earnest
thought should each idea be prepared, in
order that the influence of our paper may
protect our best interests as a school.

We have an ideal college journal which
we shall strive as nearly as possible to real-
ize. First, we shall aim to make the STU-
DENT a literary journal. We shall endeavor
to present to our readers a variety of gener-
al literary articles as excellent in quality as
may be. We do not believe that a college
journal should be devoted to the discussion
of college topics alone. It should be a me-
dium of securing a broad literary culture
on the part of students. Our University
paper should become, in time, the literary
magazine of the west. It should be a reflex
of college life, and an exponent of the lit-
erary talent of the Institution. Secondly,
we shall make our paper the index of the
University. Editorially we shall defend the
peculiar principles upon which it is found-
ed, and as the students' paper, we shall pro-
tect their interests. Our ideal paper should
contain all the valuable college news; also
it should possess a refined vein of wit and
humor. Like the gods of Olympus, col-
lege papers, as some are, should not be too
grave and awful to allow a little fun. But
this last is a dangerous thing to meddle
with. To prepare a really humorous or
witty item requires much taste and thought.
Better none than an insipid article.

We earnestly hope that we shall receive
the willing aid of all the students of the
University in trying to realize our ideal.

A UNIVERSITY PRINTING OFFICE.

We desire to call the attention of our
readers and especially the authorities of
the University to the practicability of
opening a new industrial department in
the University.

A department in which students could
learn the art of practical printing, we be-
lieve, could now be established in the
University, with very little expense com-
pared with the great benefit which would
result therefrom.

As most of our readers are aware, we
already have a student's printing and
publishing association in the University,
under whose control the HESPERIAN STU-
DENT is published. The benefits already
realized by a number of the students,
from actual experience in our small of-
fice, have not been trivial. All the typo-
graphical work on the HESPERIAN is done
by students. Under our present form,
employment in type-setting is afforded to
three persons a large portion of each
month. The skill and efficiency already
acquired in the printer's art by those
whose experience has been confined main-
ly to the STUDENT office may be learned
by noticing the typography and the
"make-up" of the journal.

There are now at least *twelve* students
in the University who understand some-
thing of type-setting; as many more
would be glad of an opportunity to learn,
especially, if by so doing, they could earn
something to assist them through their
college course.

But we have no press, and but a limited
amount of material, even for our present
requirements.

We have long felt that a printing office,
provided with good presses and ample ap-
pliances, could be established in the Uni-
versity on sufficiently large a scale to al-
low all the printing of the Institution,
including catalogues, circulars, letter
heads, addresses, the HESPERIAN, &c., to
be performed therein, at a great saving of
cost to the State; besides conferring many
benefits, as an industrial school. We
were much gratified to learn recently that
Prof. S. R. THOMPSON had already parti-
ally matured a plan for carrying a pro-
ject of this character into effect. In re-
sponse to his request, we have made a
careful estimate of the material and ex-
pense necessary to establish a printing
office on the following plan: A room will
be fitted and furnished in the basement;
type and fixtures procured sufficient to
keep ten typos constantly employed, with
the design of furnishing employment
from the first to *twenty* students, working
by relays, each student laboring a certain
number of hours each day; a good power
press also to be procured; the work per-
formed to comprise all the University
printing, including the STUDENT, and in
all probability, a large Journal connected
with the Agricultural department, pub-
lished semi-monthly; in addition, "job
work" could be done.

The approximate cost of the whole es-
tablishment would be about \$2100., in-
cluding a \$250. power press.

It seems to us almost unnecessary to
advocate an enterprise which on its face
promises so much.

It would be economical for the State.
We now have one industrial department
connected with the University—the Agri-
cultural College. It is doing a good
work; but many thousand dollars were
expended in its establishment. Four stu-
dents are now enjoying the advantages

afforded by it, receiving for their labor
nearly sufficient compensation to meet all
expenses of board and incidentals.

In this new enterprise only a compara-
tively small sum need be expended, while
many more would receive the benefits. At
least *fifteen* students from the very com-
mencement would willingly accept em-
ployment.

There is no more instructive art than
the printer's; certainly none more useful
and necessary. As a means of mental
discipline it is invaluable. No better
school could be devised for a person en-
tering upon a literary life than a two
year's drill in a well conducted printing
office. Here punctuation, orthography,
taste in style of composition, would be
acquired. To be an expert proof-reader
or type-setter would be a valuable posses-
sion to a literary man. The value of this
art as a life profession places it among
the most lucrative and desirable indus-
tries.

There would be another source of
practical benefit in the enterprise. An
establishment of this kind must be car-
ried on systematically. Everything must
be done in a business-like, methodical
manner. In fact, an opportunity would
be afforded of learning the practical man-
agement of a printing establishment in
all its minutiae. There could be no bet-
ter means of acquiring a business educa-
tion.

We believe, from actual knowledge,
that a printing office such as we have de-
scribed, could be controlled and man-
aged within the University itself, without
employing professional aid, within less
than three months from its organization.

It would not only be a great advantage
to many students practically and theoret-
ically, but it would attract students to the
school, and be another upward step in
raising our University to the first rank.

THE PRESENT LEGISLATURE.

The history of the past has led us to ex-
pect no great exhibition of sagacity, or
wisdom in our legislative body. Seldom
have the chambers of the Capitol re-
echoed with the eloquence of a modern Ci-
cero, or the wisdom of a Nebraska Peri-
cles. A stranger observing some of our
grave law-makers in the past, would have
imagined(?) from their costume and bear-
ing that they were better fitted to dis-
cuss the gentle variations of the Paw-
nee war-whoop, or frame a moral code for
controlling a herd of American bison,
than to play the role of Nestor "Whose
speech sweeter than honey was flowing,"
or prescribe laws for an intelligent and
growing commonwealth.

We do not feel inclined to boast of our
past Nebraska statesmanship. The moral
and intellectual tone of our legisla-
tures have not been such as to furnish the
greatest incentives to young men of
lofty motives and exalted ideals of Poli-
tics and statesmanship, to induce them to
aspire to such honors. They have rather
felt inclined to shun them until less dan-
gerous opportunities were offered. We
do not desire to derogate any one. We
have been fortunate in possessing many
good men—men of ability and honor—
among our legislators, of which our un-
paralleled advancement as a state, in part,
testifies.

There has been corruption among our
public men, but probably no more, all
things considered, than in eastern states,