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Editorial Notes.

LET us hope that the begining of the end has arrived. It was announced the other morning that the uncomfortable condition of the chapel would be laid before the Board of Regents at their next meeting, and an effort made to remedy the evil. Let us hold on and hope a little longer.

IN Harvard and other leading American colleges the pleasant custom prevails of preserving in the college library the photographs of each succeeding class as it graduates. Why cannot our class of '83 inaugurate the custom here? What pleasanter reminiscences of college days could be recalled in after years, than those suggested by a glance over the library albums, full of the faces so well known to our recollections of university life and university work?

THE Regents meet again on the 10th inst. It is to be sincerely hoped that some steps will be taken at that time toward providing this institution with a chancellor. Even if he cannot assume control of the University until next fall term, let some one be offered the place, that we may at least have a prospective head. The University cannot but lose tone in this temporary make-shift condition. If an increase of salary is all that keeps the Regents from taking action in this matter, is not the present time as good as any to present the question to the legislature?

It is with regret that we chronicle in this issue of the STUDENT the resignation of Prof. Draper from our musical department. Never since the establishment of the Conservatory of Music in connection with the University has a teacher given more satisfaction. His pupils, without a single exception, pronounce him thorough and practical in every respect. Although he has been with us but three months, the result of his untiring efforts with the pupils was beginning to show itself both in our chapel services and our societies. Prof. Draper is a gentleman in the highest meaning of the word, and he won the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact. It will be some time before his place can be filled either socially or as a teacher.

THE integrity of journalism is being called into question considerably of late. It is a subject of such importance that too much attention and discussion cannot be given it. The freedom of the press is one of the greatest of America's boasted liberties, and it should not degenerate into a mercenary servitude to men and measures. A fearless and an honest press would seek to hide no fault or folly of nation, party, or individual; would shirk no responsibility, however heavy or disagreeable. How exceptionally few indeed of our American newspapers are entirely free from the partisanship and sycophantism which is so unworthy of true journalism in our progressive time and country. The demand that is arising for a higher tone in that profession, will be met ere long, and those journals who do not wish to be left in the rear had best adopt the honest policy at once.

THE retirement of Governor Nance from the gubernatorial chair is followed by a host of well deserved compliments from the press and people of the state. Few men can look over their official record with as much satisfaction and as little regret as can this young but practical common-sense Nebraskan. Only locally known six years ago, he now retires from the highest position in the state, with the respect and confidence of every man who voted for him. The mistakes he made were few and hard to find. He betrayed no namby-pambyism for sentenced criminals, having pardoned but one man during his four years of office. Assuming no eccentricities of genius, his administration was the ideal one of pure common sense. With such men as this, our young western state would do well to furnish all her positions of responsibility. There are, no doubt, enough of them in the commonwealth, and they certainly can be used to better public advantage than the soaring intellects who are professionally willing to serve the people by advancing their personal ambitions and advantages.