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### Editorial Notes.

A successor to Regent Powers has been appointed by Gov. Dawes in the person of Mr. Julius F. Merritt, of Antelope county. While this gentleman is unknown to the most of us by acquaintance or reputation, he has been connected with educational work for some time, and is well known in the northeastern section of the State, from which he comes. The STUDENT welcomes our new regent to his position, and trusts that his service to the University may be mutually satisfactory to himself and the people of Nebraska.

THERE should be no necessity for us to say a word right here that must be said, to the effect that the STUDENT office is not intended and hereafter will not be used as a general loafers' retreat. This office has been fitted up for the express purpose of work essential to the publication of this paper, and nothing else should be allowed within its walls. To employ it, through the exercise of personal friendship or the exhibition of impudence that cannot be insulted, for a study or general conviviality room, is to hinder the legitimate work of the office and to insult the Board of Managers who have resolved to tolerate the nuisance no longer. If a word to the wise is insufficient, as many will be given them as may be found necessary.

If there is one man more than another in our present Legislature who deserves gratuitous exhibition it is our renowned ex-governor, independent, senatorial candidate, the Hon. David Butler. Among his other achievements in the State Senate was the introduction, a few days ago, of a resolution recommending the closing of the University and State Normal School, and urging upon the body of which he is so shining (?) a light the advisability of refusing all appropriations for their support. It is well for the credit of Nebraska that such intellectual giants who deem higher education unnecessary do not represent or control the intelligence of the State. We have no fears of even a serious consideration of the resolution by the Legislature, and do not wish to be so understood. The incident is only worthy of notice as an exhibition of the extremity to which unreasoning prejudice and asinine stupidity can be carried.

A recent issue of the Omaha Herald contained nearly half a page of tirade against the present management of the University, evidently intended to evoke a general newspaper discussion and thereby injure our chances for a proper appropriation from the Legislature. The author of the article referred to has over-shot his mark, and made statements as recklessly as if their simple publication was equivalent to positive proof. The STUDENT does not believe that the venom and demagoguery so manifest in the communication is so nearly concealed by the scattered grains of truth it contains as to lead any friend of the University to answer it by an honest and well-meant argument. This paper admits that the condition of the institution could be improved; but we also insist that true relief will be more surely and wisely given us by the Board of Regents, in whose hands all responsibility rests, than by anonymous and partisan newspaper correspondents, whose zeal for the destruction of the University results in nothing more injurious than the easy detection of their personal identity and a thorough understanding of their actuating motives.

WITH this issue of the STUDENT the labors of the present editorial corps come to an end. As we give into other hands the guidance of our college journal, we would express our common acknowledgement of the numerous recent compliments the STUDENT has received from its exchanges and subscribers; and make our apology for whatever errors we may have committed,—asking only in extenuation that they be regarded as arising from our journalistic inexperience. The aim of the present management has been to make this paper a true exponent of the students in the University,—a promulgator of their wishes and opinions, and a defender of their interests,—to shape for it a policy the characteristics of which should be candor,