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### *Editorial Notes.*

THERE is much of a wail over the manner in which the all-powerful attraction of the skating rinks has drawn certain students from their studies and their other school work. Curse not, kind friends. If it wasn't the rink it would be something else.

It is with more pleasure than usual in such cases that the HESPERIAN notes the arrival from Sweeden of Prof. Hjalmer Edgren, the new occupant of the chair of Modern Languages. In the name of the students we welcome the professor to the University of Nebraska.

THIS paper is in no wise connected with the medical department, yet it knows enough to give a little valuable advice in that line. The spring term is the hardest of the year for study—a veritable terror to both professor and student. Now if less moon and starlight and more sleep be taken by the ladies and gentlemen of our constituency, we are certain that the results will make the registrar smile when the reports go in. Try it at least one term.

The medical class graduated from this institution on the 19th of March, can be favorably compared with the product of any doctor-factory west of the Atlantic. Taken as a whole, the medical students in attendance here are manly and womanly young people, with fewer faults than the average of their class, and less recklessness than was to be expected. The HESPERIAN believes that when the standard of admission is raised to the point now contemplated, that our College of Medicine will take an honored place among the schools of like character in the west.

THE Methodists of Kearney conference are making preparations for the founding of a new college,—the third controlled by that denomination in this state. The foolishness of such a course ought to be plain to anybody—even the worthy but short-sighted gentlemen who are so anxious to dot Nebraska with christian "colleges." The first college at York, no sooner shows signs of rising above the grade of a preparatory school than nearly two-thirds of its support is withdrawn in favor of a new institution. In the conventional language of journalism, "comment is unnecessary."

THE lecture by Prof. Mills upon Emerson was not so well attended as it should have been, but as well as could have been expected. The students were not enthusiastic on the subject, and many of the members even of the society that brought the professor here failed to attend the lecture. The fact is that men who are willing to lecture are too numerous to make the advent of one of them very much of "an epoch in college life." The rule of going to hear only such men as are already famous may cause one to miss some excellent and inexpensive treats but on the whole it is the most economical one to follow.

OUR chancellor seems not inclined to discourage the great American vice of speech-making. It was formerly pretty well confined to the students, but now the professors are "trotted out" on various occasions ranging in importance from an ordinary meeting in chapel to the inauguration of a new man. This cannot be an evil because there is a certain natural limitation in the form of an inclination to stay away that will ever prevent it from becoming such. All the addresses have thus far been good but the wonderful ease with which one can get "too much of a good thing" is to be remembered, and the awful depression consequent upon an audienceless lecture should "give us pause" even while it is yet even infinitely far away.

As warm weather comes on the mind and body destroying nature of theme work makes itself felt more forcibly. A student can skip recitations, cram for examinations, go through on cheek, or evade his duties in countless ways, except he be oppressed by the horrid nightmare of a theme. Under such circumstances

"No rest the laboring slave may ask,  
Forever worrying o'er his task."

the slow revolving days but add new burdens of mental anxiety, till at last the "authorities" and the "sources" go madly waltzing through his dreams to the ragged music of "page references", while in his waking hours, the black cloud of impending failure shuts out all joy, and his very food seems seasoned