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EDITORIAL NOTES.

UNITED effort should now be made for a year of unparalleled progress. Eighteen hundred and eighty-six must be made a good year for the University.

THE University is feeling the effects of legislative blundering in financial matters. If there is anything that a legislature is good for, the patient public has as yet failed to discover it.

FROM the reports to the Regents from the agricultural farm, it will be seen that that department of the University is prospering. It makes but very little stir and bustle, but in a quiet way it is doing much better work than ever before in its history.

THE abolition of military drill during the winter term is one of the most sensible innovations introduced in that department for some time. It will tend to increase the interest in the spring and fall, and as these are the only terms suitable for martial operations, the results will be satisfactory to all concerned.

IT is time to plan for still another new building. The University is now growing almost as rapidly as the one structure under way and the indications are that when it is occupied we will be as badly crowded as at present. An Agricultural Hall will be counted among the "absolute necessities" less than a year hence.

THE HESPERIAN wishes the University a Happy New Year; not the conventional greeting but one

full of heartiness and hope. We hope for growth; for a wider reputation without, and for a warmer and more complete social life within. May a new year find the University striving for better things, and may it leave us richer in having used every opportunity for improvement.

The musicale and art reception at the close of the fall term would give an outsider the impression that the departments of music and art are in a flourishing condition for "foundlings." The appeal made by the Chancellor for a more hearty support for this rudimentary College of Fine Arts ought to awaken the entire University to a sense of its responsibility in this matter. Every student and professor can assist, if so disposed, by quietly advertising the fact that we have real artists among us, and that pupils are needed.

THE ghost of some insulted proof-reader has persistently haunted THE HESPERIAN for years. Occasionally we congratulate ourselves that he has been "laid," but, like the famous apparition in one of Wm. Shakespeare's plays, he inevitably returns, to our great discomfiture. We mention the matter only for the purpose of giving notice that our friends need not trouble to call with the information that we ought to secure a new proof reader. We are conscious of the defects and are trying to work a reformation from within.

THE recent accident has called out the usual number of cranks who insist that the Laboratory chimney fell because it was not properly built. They recall the disaster of 1870, when the chapel roof crushed through to the basement, injuring several workmen, and prophesy that as much trouble will be experienced with the Laboratory as with the main building, the construction of which was notoriously faulty. We would advise them to dry their tears. An examination of the work under way shows it to be honestly done. The accident was caused by carelessness or ignorance. THE HESPERIAN is not personally acquainted with Mr. Lanham, the contractor, and consequently is not prejudiced in his favor. We believe that he has not dealt fairly with the University in the matter of time, but when the building is completed it will undoubtedly be satisfactory in every detail.

THE Regents at their last meeting took an action of some importance to THE HESPERIAN. The debts of the paper are assumed by the University, which, in turn, takes possession of the office and material, leasing the same to the association at a nominal rental. The change places us at once "even with