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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE articles in our column of "Opinions" in this issue give promise that THE HESPERIAN is to become more truly a students' organ. We are assured of more contributions from the same pen, but hope to have others than "Sans Detour" become contributors to this column. It is much to be desired that THE HESPERIAN become a more constant medium for the use of students.

THERE is much inconvenience, and more indignation, felt concerning the present poor arrangements for distributing the mail delivered at the University. Many of the students are addressed at the University and the amount of mail that accumulates here to be distributed by the janitor as he can find time is simply more than he can find time to handle. We would suggest that the office of the Steward or the Librarian's desk is the proper place of distribution, and hope that some change for the better is among the things possible and soon to be realized.

SOME time ago we took occasion to comment upon the excellent work done by the ladies' debating club in connection with one of the literary societies. We meant to speak only of the work done, and therefore did not think it was necessary to state that there was more than one such club in the University. There are two, and we have every reason to believe that

the work of each is valuable to the young ladies who take an interest in it. One of them, however, antedates the other quite a little in point of establishment, hence we spoke of the work done by it as representing the accomplishment of a long-trying ladies' debating club.

WE were correct in the statement, in our last issue, concerning the date of Commencement and the reasons for a change this year, except that we did not give all the causes. The work of the year has been often interrupted by various unforeseen events, and the term is lengthened for this year not only that the work may be completed but also that we may avoid, another year, those interruptions occasioned by the State Fair and the meeting of the State Teachers' Association. This will be accomplished by the change since the date of Commencement determines the date of the Fall opening, and by the change that will now occur on the last day of the Fair.

AS students of the University we are always glad to hear of any attempt to broaden its sphere of usefulness. The faculty now talk of establishing a chair of Veterinary Science. Action upon the question by the regents will not be taken until June, but it is probable that such a chair will be then instituted. In time this means extensive improvements upon the College Farm and a new building upon the campus. If these things are accomplished, this department will be most important one, from a practical point of view, to the farmers and stock growers of the state. A knowledge of the diseases of domestic animals is too often lacking when most needed, and instruction in this necessary adjunct to agriculture will be very welcome to the young farmers of our stock-growing state.

ONE of our literary societies has lately hit upon a scheme, the spirit of which we hail as tending in the right direction, and would recommend the other societies to adopt some similar plan. This is the plan:—The corresponding secretary is instructed to enter into correspondence with all graduate members of the society, requesting literary contributions to be delivered before the society in person, or should that prove inconvenient, to be forwarded to the corresponding secretary who shall read them as a part of the regular Friday evening program. Some of the productions have been already given, and not only added to the interest of the exercises, but also awakened many pleasant memories of old times and associates now gone from among us. They acquaint, directly or indirectly, the new student with the old, the under-

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