

light of these serious matters,—those whom modern society designates as "mashers."

MR. EDITOR: I am pleased to see so great interest taken in your paper as has lately been manifested, and heartily concur with Sans Detour concerning the support a college paper should receive at the hands of the students. I come forward emboldened somewhat by the freedom with which that correspondent has expressed himself, not with the ostensible purpose of benefitting the paper however, but with the idea of giving expression to feelings which I have in common with most of your readers, but which I have so far suppressed. I can recall a time when THE HESPERIAN as well as other papers throughout the state sent in a plea for changes here which all deemed necessary if the University was to live. I also remember how this petition has been answered. THE HESPERIAN has an influence in University matters which no other paper can claim, and this by virtue of its being the exponent of the views of the students. THE HESPERIAN has witnessed discord in our ranks and it has seen the causes of that discord removed. It has seen places filled by incompetent men and the University suffer by their mismanagement. It has also seen the most of these places refilled, this time by good and competent men. And now it again becomes your duty to point those in authority to a new, though old, source of complaint,—the management of the College Farm.

As heretofore managed it has come to be a thorn in the flesh to every supporter of the University. It has become so necessary to bring up for investigation the management of the College Farm, and at such regular intervals, that it really seems as if student life would be an insipid thing without the attendant excitement. I come forward with no new charge, for it is a lamentable fact that the grounds for the same old charges still exist. That there is at present not a single student in the Agricultural department, that there has been but one during the year, and that the prospects for the next year are no more flattering,—all this gives evidence of even poorer management than the Farm has ever before reached. But why is this? I will not go into details; but when students see the harvesting of a crop cost twice as much as it is worth when harvested, when they see the stock poorly cared for when their own class work is neglected,—under these circumstances who, I pray, will wonder at the lack of interest taken in the Agricultural Course?

There is yet another phase of the question. We all know the desire on the part of many to remove the Agricultural Department from Lincoln, and we know that men have said openly that from now on they will fight every measure proposed for the benefit of that department. We know too, with how great difficulty measures pertaining to the welfare of the whole University were passed by our last legislature; we know that promises were made then to the effect that this department should be made a credit to the University and to the state, and only on the strength of such assurances were the much needed appropriations made. In the face of these facts there is great need of immediate and permanent improvement. When the existence of the University is thus made to depend upon the success of that department it becomes a matter of no small moment. Whether or not a change will be necessary before the improvement can begin we do not ask,—only, let us have improvement.

I know that there has been some little trouble between the management and the Farm students, but I am not of that number, and moreover am not actuated by any prejudice against the management at the Farm. Neither is it because I like to find fault that I notice the sad condition of affairs. It

is, finally, because it will soon be noticed by persons less charitable, who will aim not at righting grievances but rather at the destruction of the whole institution.

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