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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

A FEW years since, Mr. A. G. Warner left the University as one of its most promising graduates. Since that time his record has been one that may well cause pride to the institution where was laid the foundation of his success. As an original thinker, and as an able reasoner from the platform and by the pen, he has attracted the attention and won the approval of the most eminent specialists in his line of work. Last May the degree of Ph. D. was conferred upon him by Johns Hopkins University. The students are pleased to learn that Dr. Warner will return to Lincoln soon after the first of January, and that he is to fill the recently established lectureship in political and economic science.

A lectureship in philosophy has been established also. No definite and final arrangement has yet been made for filling the position, but there are strong probabilities that a man who has long been in the minds of faculty and regents can now at last be secured.

The founding of lectureships is an important step in our politics. It will enable us to secure young

men of marked ability who are engaged in original work, and who consequently do not feel free to give more than half their time to instruction. The University needs just such men.

IT IS SAID that Yale men are intensely afraid of overstatement. This is one of several ways that fear comes to be praiseworthy; and it is a matter of comment that our University is manifesting the same fear. For example, the catalogue has heretofore stated that veterinary science is taught in the agricultural course. Now the time given to the entire course is little more than sufficient to gain a fair knowledge of veterinary science alone. The regents have therefore decided to substitute the more modest declaration that students may receive instruction in the "physiology and hygiene of domestic animals." This is precisely what has been taught heretofore, and it is surely better to bound our promises by our ability to make them good.

IT WILL certainly do no harm to glance backward to last year's field day. The recollection may not be particularly agreeable, but it ought, at least, to be wholesome. A past blunder if kept well in mind can hardly be repeated; and the day mentioned was the occasion of a series of blunders that cannot easily be paralleled in the history of the University, and that will, let us hope, never be approached in the future.

The first blunder was the total neglect of all preliminary arrangements except the securing of a few prizes and the preparing of a program that no attempt was made to follow. In the morning when the judges and the spectators came, it was found that not a measurement was taken; and it was over an hour before contestants enough to begin the program arrived. It is not strange that the judges expressed an inclination to return to their offices. We are not prepared to say whose fault all this was; but it is certain that if any half dozen energetic students had begun in time and had worked with a will, the day would have been much more entertaining. If the committee on arrangements did not have time for everything, they should have asked for help.

In two or three cases the contests were interestingly close and the records were good; but as to the rest, it would have done fairly well for the average