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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

ON account of the circumstances in which THE HESPERIAN is placed, the newly elected editors are unable to do all they desire. Scarcity of materials hinders the prompt publication of THE HESPERIAN to a great extent. However it is to be hoped that this scarcity will soon cease to exist. Steps are being taken toward the improvement of the paper in several ways. The editors do not desire to assume upon themselves credit for the performance of a task which has been impossible to others; but if the measures proposed by the preceding editors, can be carried through, the students may expect improvements. Our task is to carry on to completion what has been commenced by others. For this, in spite of all disadvantages the new board will labor faithfully.

THE organization of the Delian Society marks the beginning of a new period in the career of the literary societies. During the past two years the tendency has been to increase membership without regard to the facilities for taking care of the new members. It is unquestioned that eighty or ninety stud-

ents in one society will fail to do literary work with the same degree of efficiency as a lesser number. The organization of the Delian society will avoid this difficulty.

As the number of students was constantly on the increase, it was only a question of time when a new society would be organized. The only difficulty in the way was the danger of injuring one or the other of the old societies, by the withdrawal of members who could not be spared. This difficulty has been avoided. The old societies are in a condition to spare some of their ablest members. Under the leadership of these, the Delian society should prosper. Especially as it has the good will of all at the start. The formation of the Delian is an indication that the true principle of development in literary societies has been recognized and followed.

IF the University is in the oratorical business to stay, it is time something were done toward perfecting the organization of the local association and ascertaining what other colleges are doing. It is true that some are preparing to enter the local contest but great uncertainty exists as to the whole affair. The secretary of the association seems to find great difficulty in getting necessary information from the present state association. No steps have been taken toward fixing the date of the state or the local contest. It is not certain that the University will be admitted to the state association. Vigorous measures should be taken at once. Very little time exists at the most for the University to make a creditable appearance in the contest. If it is desired that the University be successful in the state contest, the students must not only give the local association hearty support but insist that the details be arranged at once. It is highly desirable that the local and the state contests be held as late as possible. In this case the University must not be blind to its own interests. It was a question, at the start, whether or not the University should enter the state association. Now that it has been decided to do so, dilatory actions should not be taken. A wavering policy deserves nothing save defeat. Let every thing be pushed to completion as soon as possible. Constant endeavor and the utmost vigilance will insure a contest in which the University will be on equal terms with the other colleges.