

EXCHANGE.

The *Pan-Hellenic*, a distinctively fraternity paper, is a new exchange from M. S. U. It seems not to be vituperative to use the pet word of the *University News*.

The *Inter-Collegian*, the inter-collegiate Y. M. C. A. paper, is well worthy the careful perusal of every student. Time spent in reading it is time well spent.

The *Occident* shows commendable enterprise in publishing the plans and view of the new laboratory building for the University of California. It is an elegant building and a fine picture.

The *Notre Dame Scholastic* thinks that it is just as legitimate to recognize merit as it is to decry the absence of it. The *Scholastic* should first be sure that it has found the merit and then go ahead, but with caution.

College Rambler feels that we greatly lose in having no literary department. We beg leave to differ in two particulars. We have a literary department. We do not lose by our lack of what *Rambler* would have us have.

The *Miami Student* says that the editor of the *Coup d'Etat* cannot agree with THE HESPERIAN in its attitude towards fraternities. That is just right. He can not. There is too much involved in such a thing. He dares not.

The *Coup d'Etat* has suddenly become somewhat famous. It has made a retort to THE HESPERIAN that seems to strike all the "frat" journals. Gentlemen, is it anything to whip THE HESPERIAN? We take delight in the thought for we are not afraid.

Anyone who will take the trouble to read the K. S. U. *Courier* will find that the "barbs" there are not all dead and that, moreover, the *Courier* is trying to do the square thing by both sides for once. We would seriously advise the "barbs" of K. S. U. to stick to their principles, organize and fight. Success is in the air.

The *Kansan* says that "K. S. U. students, whether 'barb' or 'frat' have too much pluck and ambition to permit one faction to run the papers to the exclusion of all others." The "barbs" of K. S. U. may have plenty of pluck and ambition but they certainly have very little to do with the papers down there as any reader can readily see.

The *Southern University Monthly*, for February, gives expression in an editorial to the fairest and least prejudiced sentiments about the two famous Southerners that recently died, that we have yet read in the college papers of the South. We congratulate the writer upon his success in writing something concerning these men that is not extravagant.

The *Tablet*, organ of the students of Kentucky university, not only has no fault to find with the results of co education, but even adds its meed of enthusiastic praise to the working of the system. So would the *Vanderbilt Observer* if its university would but make the experiment. We imagine that the "before and after" full length portraits of the male students of the university would show but few traces of resemblance.

Because THE HESPERIAN is not like many other college journals and does not contain many longwinded essays it receives many criticisms for the lack of a literary department after the pattern of other college papers. The *Earlhamite* is particularly aggressive. It grants that it may not have recognized our aim but cannot see in THE HESPERIAN an ideal college paper and feels happy that it is not alone in its view. To all this we would say, "We are striving after our own ideal not that of anyone else."

THE HESPERIAN is very much encouraged at the outlook for the barb side of the barb-frat question. Many of our exchanges have given us very kind notices and encouragement. Others have called us spiteful and malicious, dyspeptic, snarling and fault-finding, in fact nearly everything. But we still survive under the weighty pressure of such heavy fraternity arguments and will go on in our sight. We believe we are right and until our esteemed fraternity contemporaries can produce something more tangible than opprobrious epithets as fraternity arguments the policy of THE HESPERIAN will remain unchanged so long as the present board of editors have charge of the paper. Every member of the board is heartily in sympathy with the barb movement.

Under the title of "Current Comment" THE HESPERIAN ably discusses the leading questions of the day.—*Ogonts Mo-saic*.

The feminine mind is ever demonstrating its ability and acuteness to perceive matters as they really are.

Professor Thompson of the University of Pennsylvania is the only prominent political economist who supports the doctrine of protection. The rest are free traders.—*Ex*.

Here is a subject for some bright exchange editor to discuss. Those editors that want to enliven their columns of exchange with some discussion here have a chance to do so in explaining the reason for such a state of things as the above item refers to. We will venture the assertion that protectionists will find it a hard task to make a satisfactory explanation.

THE HESPERIAN is an excellent paper on current topics. It keeps all the other journals posted on the events of the day. Is such the aim of a college journal?—*Muhlenburg*.

We desire to inform the *Muhlenburg* that THE HESPERIAN is published primarily for the students of the U. of N. Nor can we see how such matter as above referred to can be any more out of place in a college journal than are long essays upon departed historical characters and trite subjects. It is our hope that THE HESPERIAN may never become a cyclopedia of essays, themes, etc. Such things too much indulged in keep any paper behind the times. The following suits us much better:

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