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**Editorial Remarks**

Just a word to those whose subscriptions to the Nebraskan are due and who have received notification of this fact. It is difficult for our representatives to personally reach everyone against whom we have claims outstanding and to keep track of them all. A prompt remittance to us will be all the more appreciated, as it will help to simplify the arduous duties incumbent upon our circulator. And furthermore all subscribers who leave school can save us a great trouble by notifying us, so that we can make the proper change in address.

The custom practiced by many scholastic publications of devoting a special column to commenting upon and criticising exchanges has certainly outlived its usefulness. If it ever had any, and ought to be stowed away in a secret fastness, with no chances of ever being brought to the light again. In the first place it is not in the sphere of any college editor to pass judgment on a variety of publications from a critical point of view, whether dilating upon deficiencies, or even undertaking to bestow praise unless prompted by the notice of some strikingly good feature. To make adverse comment upon the style or make-up of a rival publication, except upon special provocation, is unprofessional. A rival editor may lack facilities and be laboring under adverse circumstances, and it is certainly not pleasant to him to be reminded of the failings manifest in his publication.

No one could object to well-tempered criticism coming from a high recognized authority, and one might be thus impelled by a desire to work the improvement suggested. There are such authorities in the great field of newspaperdom, but there are few in the field of college journalism. For an irresponsible party to venture adverse criticism of a publication a thousand miles away is like condemning a man in his absence and giving him no chance for a hearing. Only a person having had wide experience and having deep knowledge of the ethics of journalism can criticise any publication, as it should be criticised. The custom, as it prevails in college journalism, has never wrought any good, and for that reason, if for no other, it ought to be weeded out.

Independent effort is the secret of every student's success. The man who trusts to someone else for assistance is not only sure to meet disappointment, but loses much of his own individuality. The assistance that he receives from others weakens him and makes him less dependent upon himself. In the end he comes to realize

his mistake and finds himself incapable of passing a creditable examination, as it is almost impossible for a student to grasp and hold a thing that has been worked out for him. Individual effort is the chief instrument of character building. If a man expects assistance from others that will aid him in obtaining some honorary position, he must show himself deserving of the confidence that he seeks. He should not expect to obtain anything through favor alone, as success, whenever obtained under such conditions, is only too apt to dissolve into failure. The man who is credited with having a pull is generally one who has superior capabilities to recommend him or he would not acquire his opportunity so readily. If he is popular and apparently favored, it is probable that he has some special qualities that merit recognition. Otherwise it would be hard to explain why he should be sought out from among many others, even though considerations of friendship or obligation may play an important part. The man who obtains success is the one who plans and works with one special end in view. The debater, the athlete, and the scholar use no other method in working to realize their ambitions, nor could they find a better one. The man who works is the one who will figure in university life, either openly or less ostentatiously, and the man who idles is the one who will regret that his university career was not a more successful one.

**Students' Volunteer Union.**

Saturday afternoon representatives of the Student Volunteers of Doane, York, Bellevue, Cotner, Wesleyan and University of Nebraska met in the Y. M. C. A. rooms to organize a state union.

Arthur Billing, U. of N., was elected chairman and Miss Smith of Doane, secretary. A committee on constitution and by-laws was appointed and instructed to report at the next meeting, which will be held at Wesleyan, May 15.

The remainder of the session was taken up by short talks from Mr. and Mrs. Knauer, from Africa, and Miss Imhoff, of Japan.

After their talks they were "pumped" by the members of the convention and much interesting and valuable information was obtained.

After the session the Volunteers were taken to the Y. W. C. A. rooms where they were treated to a delicious lunch prepared by Miss Stuart.

**Y. W. C. A. Notes.**

Cabinet meeting April 19th at 7 p. m.

Last week Miss Grace Corder was called to her home at Creston, Iowa, by the death of her father.

"And that He died for all; henceforth live not unto yourselves, but unto Him who died for you," and "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me," was Miss May Davis' text for her talk Sunday afternoon. In a most charming way she showed what we Y. W. Girls might do if we only made these verses a part of our life. A number of new members were formally received into the association. The song service was well attended and enjoyed by all.

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