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With this issue of the Nebraskan, we cease publication until after the examinations when the destinies of the paper will fall into the hands of a new management, a management, which we believe, will give character and dignity to the Nebraskan. In turning over the reins of office to Mr. Rein and his able body of assistants, we feel that a successful future lies ahead for the paper. We conceive him to be a man who not only has positive conviction on matters of student import, but has the courage and ability to express them effectively and without giving quarter.

The writer wishes to extend his appreciation to the corps of faithful workers who have stood by him during the past semester. If the paper has been a success, it has been due to their untiring efforts and we wish to take this opportunity to thank them. Their work has been one of service, and for that reason is worthy of the highest emulation.

A PARTING WORD.

The policy of the Nebraskan during the past semester has been to analyze conditions as they exist at Nebraska, and to suggest a remedy whenever we thought any good might be obtained by so doing. Nebraska is yet young in the development of an ideal student community. At present we are a student body composed of three thousand souls representing a variegated combination of ideas and ideals. We are here to reap the benefit of a great public endowment, seeking either directly or indirectly an advanced education. Our life here is predicated on a perfect condition of equality, wherein the gift of opportunity is given alike to every student, and where each career, commensurate with like ability and effort, is left to be rounded to its fullest extent. Yet it cannot be said that the students are united, that they act as one, or are possessed of any spirit or ideals that are common to all.

The students are not to be blamed or criticised for this condition. With them it is a matter of temperament, a matter of engrafted and cultivated indifference. Nebraska students come from comfortable farms and prosperout cities where work and industry eclipse luxury and indulgence. They recover the joys of life through the dint of their own efforts or through the efforts of their parents and therefore, have cause to be content with the realization of their own practical independence. This spirit is not conducive to unity and co-operation, for it breeds individualism and selfishness. With each man incensed with the integrity of his own success, ever conscious that he is best able to care for himself, what chance is there for the growth of the social ideal.

Nebraska students do not seem to be possessed of the get-together spirit, yet we have enough faith in humane nature to believe that when once properly directed, they will get it. We believe that when once aroused from its state of dormancy the student body will manifest itself into a co-operate self. The idea of unity and mutual welfare will become paramount. The elation of the many will supplant the exuberance of the few. In a word there will be installed into the heart of every student, a genuine and spontaneous college spirit. To this end the Nebraskan has worked, and we hope that as the year advances, this spirit will be given further treatment and that in the end it will result in the accomplishment of a greater degree of comity between the students.

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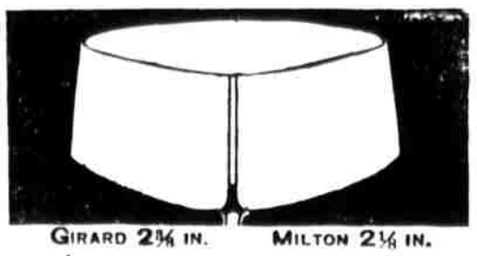
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