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SOME PROGRESS.

We rejoice that the chairmen of the Nebraska Cotillion have begun to pay up. The steps they have actually taken are indicated on another page. Whether their action is due in part or in whole to the war we have waged against needless expense is immaterial; and it is only mentioned for the purpose of further sustaining our right to speak. The fundamental fact in relation to the economy we seek is that SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN DEFINITELY MADE.

We must confess that we honestly doubted the ability of the chairmen to do as well as they have. We have thought all along that the class would have to pay their deficit. That is why we wanted to know. That is why we wanted them to explain the facts to the classes; so that they might take up the evil and pay the bills. But now, in view of their recent commendable actions, we submit that there is no longer any reason why they should be put to the necessity of explaining to us their business details. Reparation is in every way superior to explanation. And since these men are in the very highest and truest sense friends of ours, as intimately and as favorably known to us as we ever expect to have men, entitled absolutely, in all matters save those which involve the public interest, to our privacy and confidence, we are genuinely glad that they have seen their duty as it really is, and have made entangling explanations, by them or by us, entirely unnecessary. There is a proper and courageous act.

We must remind them, however, and we must assure our readers, that simply because a creditable beginning has been made is no sign that we are going to drop our struggle for needed reforms. Agitation with us is entirely too dangerous a remedy to content itself with such chimerical results. We

say to all students, THAT WE SHALL NEVER CEASE TO FIGHT EXTRA-VAGANCE UNTIL EVERY STUDENT INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY IS LIVING WITHIN HIS INCOME. NEITHER SHALL WE STOP OUR FIGHT FOR CHEAPER AMUSEMENTS UNTIL THE PRICE OF LIFE AT THIS UNIVERSITY IS FIXED BY THE FELLOW WHO IS LEAST ABLE TO PAY. We believe in social life. We think that a reasonable amount of well regulated mixing is a beneficial if not a necessary part of every man's education. And we expect to show you, that if your individual desires to shine and cooperate with the rest of us for the social good of all, we confidently expect to get the right amount and kind of social life for thirty or forty dollars a month. But, of course, men, you can't go to twenty dollar formals. And, of course, women, you can't wear a fifteen dollar gown if you are financially speaking only a fifteen-cent lady. That stands to reason, and that is exactly where WE STILL STAND.

From this stand, for the good of the University, our friends must not seek to divert us. Those who are responsible directly or indirectly for evil must of necessity come in for more or less damaging publicity. That is the rule in public life, and the University demands it. Neither must they suppose that the conclusions we have reached are only snap judgments based on disputes between a tricky politician and his henchmen; for the average politician is at best but a feeble pauper competing socially with the man who can blow in more than he can earn. They must know that the conclusions we reach are the result of a four-year struggle to become not only reasonably intelligent but a fairly congenial and effective worker in a more and more cooperative age. They must finally know that what was in our freshman year only a prejudice

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