

gives a brief, general survey of Monte Carlo, and several touching scenes from the life led there, by which he brings out the character of the people of the several ranks of life. Aside from the short stories, the serial, "A Traveller From Altruria," by Will Dean Howells, is continued. The closing paper of the number, is an article on Lord Beaconsfield, by Adam Badeau, which is profusely illustrated by cartoons from the London Punch, from 1847 to 1880.

Base Ball Prospects.

As the time is drawing near for the base ball team to begin its annual practice in the gymnasium, it seems that a few words concerning the game and its prospects for the coming season at the Nebraska University should not be out of place here. Everyone doubtless realizes the advantages to be derived from the friendly contests between colleges. They increase the spirit of friendly rivalry and college spirit, without which a college would be undeserving of its name. They urge us to put forward our best efforts, both intellectually and physically. While oratory benefits us intellectually, base ball playing benefits us physically, and to a certain extent intellectually. It sharpens our wits. It teaches us precision and gives training in a practical manner in the guidance of the body by the mind.

In base ball as in foot ball, team work is the watchword. To accomplish this end, good, hard, conscientious work is required. There must be respect and friendship among the players, and each should be actuated by the desire to aid the rest. There cannot be perfect team work, when there is enmity between the players. The minds of all should act as one, with but one object in view, and that to win. Occasional brilliant plays do not win, but steady team work. The aim of the practice in the gymnasium, is to prepare the team for good hard work as soon as the

weather becomes favorable for out-door practice. Running will be an important feature of this work, as there is nothing that strengthens the mind and gives such endurance as running. There will also be given a course in gymnastic training. Particular attention will be given to batting as soon as out-door practice is available, as this is the team's weakest point. We should have a good batting team by all means, as many games are won simply by timely batting.

Our base ball team this year promises to excel all others. With nearly all last year's team in school, and with the new material at hand, we should have a team to be proud of. Several new students have already given proof of excellent ability, but until the team gets down to regular and systematic work, nothing definite can be said concerning its strength. There will be about thirty candidates, which will give the captain ample material for the formation of a splendid team. In the choosing of men for the team, the players of last year's team should have no advantage over the new men. We want the best players, and we must have them.

The greatest drawback to the team in the past has been lack of support from the student body. Of course we have abundance of lung-power support, but if the students would go down into their pockets with the proper spirit, as they do in all large universities, our base ball season would be a *financial* as well as a *howling* success.

New suits for the team are needed badly. The old suits are worn and patched, and present a ragged appearance unworthy of the institution which they represent. The finances of the Athletic association are in a precarious condition, and the profit realized from the kindness of the Oratorical association, in giving us a per cent of the admission fee at their local contest, is hardly more than enough to pay up the deficiencies of the foot ball team. If we desire to make the base ball season a success we must do our part. The team will do theirs.