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The students who heard the lecture of Miss Effie Price last year will remember the few words she spoke about our lack of culture. This was a sorry rebuke to an institution of such ranking as ours is, and her words ought to have had some effect, but though a year has elapsed no visible improvement has been made in this part of our education.

And this is one of the most important attainments supposed to be gained by a college career. Do we pay sufficient attention to this? If we did, it would not strike a visitor as the only fault she could find to criticize.

This evil is not confined to the lower classmen, but some of our more or less dignified seniors would stand a good chance of winning the first prize should one be offered to the individual excelling in the lack of culture.

This fault is nowhere more noticeable than in our manner of conversation. We pass over without comment such mistakes as "seen," "have did," "have went," "I done," etc. It would be quite useless to point out mistakes to this class of people. They are beyond reform if they have attained the dignity of college life and still cling to such kindergarten forms of speech. It is the more dignified forms of mistakes we must pay attention to. It is too late to hope for the correction of the others. The expression "between you and I" is frequently heard about the halls. This sounds like the speaker was trying to talk properly and did not know how. "These kind," "differ with" and dozens of other mistakes equally as harsh sounding to the ear, are uttered without the least compunction.

If these things strike visitors who spend only an hour or two in our midst as our greatest fault, is it not time we put a stop to it? It rests solely with the students themselves. If we are to train ourselves by our college course in the way we should go, we should do it the right way.

AMONG the new organizations of the University has been formed the Omaha club. If there is any place in the state from which our University ought have patronage, it is the Metropolis on the Big Muddy. The members of this club have been doing some good work. They have made themselves obnoxious to the "Omaha delegation" in their attempts to urge on the library bill. Thus for they have received but little encouragement from either hand.

But they have the best wishes from all our students who appreciate the work the members of the club have done and all they will do in the future.

EVERY one hopes that the European tour may be a certainty this summer. The one planned for the summer of '96, will be doubly beneficial to our Alma Mater from the fact that a wheel party attracts much more attention than an ordinary tourist party. THE NEBRASKAN wishes everyone able to make the trip a profitable and pleasant time. May it be devoid of mishaps, but replete with pleasing adventures!

AFTER much worry and trouble coupled with a devastating bombardment of questions, Manager Cooley is at last able to state officially, that the Dramatic club will make its appearance March 25th. The club needs all the encouragement the students can afford. See that the house is not empty on that occasion. Help to fill it by purchasing a couple of tickets.

DON'T think it will hurt the pride of the members of the base ball team if you make them a liberal donation. It will not. This is official. Nor is it meet that we send the boys on a tour clothed in rags as our football team was last year. Let the subscriptions be liberal and numerous. Our base ball team has yet to be spoiled by popular applause.

THE procuring of white duck trousers by the battalion will certainly be the right thing. The expense will be so very light that nearly every man will be able to purchase them. This improvement will add greatly to the looks of the battalion on dress parade and will add to the popularity of the cadets wherever they go.

IF THE spirit moves any one to write a college song, then let the song be made public. We are in need of such a thing—something of real worth and original should be produced from the material we have here. THE NEBRASKAN is ready to publish anything in this line, if it contains any merit at all.

It is to be hoped that our University can send a track team to Kansas City this spring to win some laurels in the athletic field. We would like to show the world that we can do something besides play football, and that we can excel in what they are pleased to call "a more manly test of skill."

MAY BE it is not one of the "Functions of a College Paper" to present such things to its readers as the grammatical errors we make, yet as the english department has strayed from its path in telling us "how it ought to be done" we hope we have not encroached upon their territory to any extent.

THE state contest occurs next week and the university should turn out in a body to support its orator. As long as we are in the association, let us do all in our power to win. A multitude of yells and songs should be ready for the occasion and turned loose at the proper moments.

IT is time every one knows that in writing an article for publication, but one side of the paper should be used. Quite a few more or less worthy publications were consigned to the NEBRASKAN's waste basket last week on this account.

### Sermonettes.

It is a strange thing that whispering and giggling and foolish jesting may not be stopped for at least five short minutes during the day. But it seems that it cannot. Even while prayer is being offered during chapel the ill timed fun goes on. It shows to say the least the grossest irreverence and lack of character. Thoughtlessness is pleaded in excuse, but ladies and gentlemen are not thoughtless.

Another thing that looks bad is the wild and unseemly scramble as soon the "amen" has fallen from the leader's lips. All the solemnity of the prayer is taken away by the noisy exit from the chapel. There is lots of time. No need to rush as though life and death depended upon it. If you must save time, save a little of that time you spend down in the halls talking silly nothings.

The fact that it is hardly safe to leave a hat hanging on a peg in the hall speaks volumes as to the honor and character of the students. When hat stealing is common among college bred men what can you expect among the ignorant classes? Surely we have not come to the state university to take a course in the deft art of picking pockets!

Young men, attend the 4 o'clock meetings of the Y. M. C. A., on Saturday afternoons. They will do you good, make you more manly, make you purer and better. Do not be afraid of being too good, no one ever succeeded in doing that yet. It takes more real true manhood to live a christian life than it does to stand by and sneer at the Y. M. C. A. boys. —D.

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