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This reminds us that not long ago we were asked by a certain "co-ed" if we believed in co-education. Most certainly we do. In fact, how could the dear creature exist without some of the portentous, omnipresent G. K. R.'s, R. S.'s, etc. We remember reading in that dainty, iconoclastic, cynical little "Philistine" about a doctor who cured forty-four cases of hysterics in a girls' school by allowing the young ladies to associate with young men an hour or so each day. We doubt if some Nebraska cases could be cured by such economical treatment, but do not think the venerable doctor very far from the proper mode.

The class of 1900 deserves the praise of the entire school for the admirable manner in which they conducted their election for the annual board. From the looks of things at their previous meeting it was feared that partisan spirit was so strong that the class would be seriously divided, no matter who should be elected. However, after being given time to cool off the class got together last Friday and elected a board which seems to be satisfactory to all factions. No ill feeling whatever seemed to be engendered by the election.

With such good feeling and loyalty to the class as was shown, there is scarcely any doubt that the century class will put out an annual which will equal in merit if not excel any similar publication sent out previously.

The board seems to represent all factions and organizations of the school, which will go far in obtaining the necessary financial support.

The editors elected seem to be the best persons in the class for their respective positions, which goes far towards ensuring a successful sophomore.

The annual oratorical contest of the University of Nebraska takes place in the chapel this evening. From the general interest displayed there will doubtless be a large attendance to encourage our orators in their efforts. No student, who has any interest whatever in college events, can afford to be absent from the chapel this evening.

It is the only way that we have of showing our loyalty and appreciation to the institution to which we owe so much. There is little enough that the students here can do to repay, in even the smallest degree, the favors that are being showered upon them by the state.

It is only by upholding the honor of our institution in all events in which she is interested and in showing our interest by our attendance that we do anything at all in return for what is being done for us.

As long as it is the will of the students that there be oratorical contests and that the University of Nebraska remain a member of the State Oratorical association, it is certainly their duty to support these contests in every possible way. Tonight the way to show an interest is to be present at our local contest.

There is a movement on foot among the fraternities to establish a Pan-Hellenic Baseball league in the University.

This idea has been successfully carried out in numerous eastern colleges and universities, furnishing much amusement and sport to the members of the Greek letter societies, and to the schools at large.

The plan is a good one and should be pushed forward by all those who are interested in such matters.

Last spring some enthusiasts tried to work up such a scheme, but for some reason or other things never materialized.

In order to get things in working order let all the fraternities elect a baseball manager from their organizations.

These managers can meet together, effect a permanent organization, decide on dates of games and if necessary, elect a general manager of the league.

Already two fraternities have elected their representatives, but nothing can be done until the others signify their willingness to join the league.

If such a scheme is to be carried out it must be done very quickly, so it behooves all the fraternities to talk business.

The mass meeting in the chapel Wednesday morning was productive in showing us that no real oratory flourishes in Nebraska. The term declamation was rightly applied. For a number of years our orator in the interstate contest has been laughed at and his oration ridiculed as stiff and awkward, yet to us he appeared in a favorable light.

The trouble seems to be that we have no one here whose business it is to guide us in oratorical matters. Our subjects are well chosen, no doubt, and the orations well written, but no amount of choice, well written matter will enthuse an audience if languidly spoken and with possibly stiff gestures. Our contestants have to struggle along by themselves with a little aid here and a little aid there, but without systematic oratorical training. Just as long as Nebraska remains without an instructor in oratory, so long we may expect our contestants to fall below those of sister state Universities.

The importance of oratory was fully brought out Wednesday morning and it remains for us to bring the matter of a chair of oratory practically before the University authorities. Could not the Oratorical association do much in this matter? The fact that Kansas University has a regular instructor in oratory ought to spur us forward. No doubt such a step would greatly aid Mrs. Manning and relieve her of her arduous burden.

### COLLEGE NOTES.

Mr. Sousa was entertained during his stay in Ann Arbor recently by the Delta Chi fraternity.

There was a cane rush at the University of Missouri last week, between the upper and lower classmen. The ringleaders will probably be expelled.

The Northwestern University baseball team is in rather had lines on account of lack of financial support. A mass meeting was held to discuss the question, but the only students who promised to support the team were the base ball captain and a dozen "co-eds."

The University of Wisconsin has offered \$100 to Captain A. C. Anson if he will consent to coach the Wisconsin base ball team this spring.

Harvard is planning to build a boat house costing \$25,000.

Cornell recently defeated Pennsylvania in joint debate. One of the Cornell representatives was a young lady.

The regents of the University of California have decided to establish a college of Commerce as one of the departments of the University. President Kellogg is directed to make application to the president of the United States that an engineer of the United States navy be detailed, in accordance with the act of congress approved in 1877, to act as instructor in the college.

All the candidates for base ball practice at the University of Chicago must undergo both mental and physical examinations.

The annual cost of maintaining a modern battleship is over three times the total annual expense of an institution such as Johns-Hopkins University.

Eleven out of 33 honor men at Harvard last year were also prominent athletes.

From actual statistics it is shown that at Andover the foot ball eleven of last season had a considerable higher scholarship average than that of the whole school.

### CHAPEL ADDRESSES.

Miss Sargent, the Woman's Dean at Lake Forest university, Chicago, and Dr. Marcus A. Buell, dean of theology in the Boston university, gave short talks in chapel Monday morning. Miss Sargent's "little word" to the students was to the effect that they should choose a life work that would be pleasant for them, instead of an uncongenial occupation. There is too much striving in wrong places already. If one does not know the profession that will be pleasantest, let him wait until it comes in its own time.

Dr. Buell prefaced his remarks by saying "Were you ever in Boston?" and explained that people were divided into two classes, those who had been to Boston and those who had not. He said that the aim of education is to be a preparation for the emergencies of life. In all training the drudgery must be gone through with if necessary and something is likely to come out of it all. The higher and pleasanter things are a later development. Dr. Buell's philosophy is that if you do both the pleasant and unpleasant in the right spirit you will be heard from in the world.

### DELTA GAMMA ANNIVERSARY.

Kappa chapter of the Delta Gamma fraternity will celebrate the twenty-sixth anniversary of the national organization on next Saturday. The fraternity to the number of thirty-six will go down to Beatrice in a special car over the U. P., where they will be entertained by Mrs. Maurice Deutsch, '92, a charter member of the chapter. The festivities will include a banquet, at which Miss Helen Harwood, '96, will be toastmistress. They will go down at 8 p. m.

Miss Ura Kelly of Omaha will come down for the Delta Gamma celebration and be the guest while here of Miss Joy Webster.

### COMPANY B HOP.

The third annual hop of Company B will be given at the Lincoln Light Infantry hall on Friday evening, March 25. This has come to be recognized as one of the social events of the college year. The committee in charge will consist of First Sergeant F. L. Rain, Sergeants Davidson and Lau, Corporals Harmon and Smith.

### THE SENIOR BOOK.

Affairs with the senior class book are progressing nicely. The attractive little book of 100 pages containing the photos and short sketches of the seniors will be issued about May 1. The work of the committee may be delayed somewhat by the neglect of a few seniors to hand in photos, but it is hoped that if this delay occurs at all, it may be of trifling duration.

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