

The spring is come; the summer will soon be here. The voice of the book agent is heard in the land; the sound on the benches is low. The small boy playeth hooky and the large boy breaketh his fingers at baseball. Behold the farmer goeth forth to sow and the yellow-head blackbird plucketh up the young corn by the roots. The patent-medicine man obscures the landscape with his signs, and the politician repairs his warped fences. The poet singeth and the editor winnows his verses in the gale. The summer girl surveys the long row of shirt-waists suspended in the closet and sighs for the summer days; the summer boy seeketh the tailor and his prices. The March wind howleth in the morning and the commandant in the evening. The face of the of the Prof. smileth as he heapeth on the labor and the sound of the "grinding" is low. Yea, the spring cometh. Let her come.

It is a surprise to most people that the rich man's son is rarely successful in life. Possessed of wealth, friends and talents, he begins life with bright prospects. That the poor man's son should overtake and pass him seems improbable. But he has done it again and again and will continue to do so. The reason for the lack of progress in the rich man's son is plain if you look at it carefully. He doesn't have a fair chance. Everything conspires against him. Too many fair lassies "set their caps" for him; too many jovial companions want to enjoy his hospitality. His table is covered with invitations to dancing parties, card parties and theatre parties, until if he will consent, his entire time will be taken up with vain pleasures. No wonder he can't succeed in anything. As a rule when he succeeds he does so not because he is a rich man's son but in spite of it.

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EDITOR HESPERIAN:—There seems to exist in the University a more or less wide spread misunderstanding of the aims and the work of the English Club. A word—unfortunately too long unspoken—will right this misunderstanding. The English Club is not a general literary society. It is a department club, as its name indicates, bearing much the same relation to the department of English that the Political Economy Club bears to the department of Political Science, or that the Sem.

Bot. bears to the department of Botany. The English Club is composed of members of the faculty connected with the department of English and of students who make a specialty of English or who show especial aptitude and inclination for the work. The Club is designed to be a center for informal discussion of books and authors and a help in original work through mutual criticism. Membership to the club is determined by election, after the manner of similar organizations. The number of active members at any one time is limited and it is required that all so-called 'regular' students shall have completed their freshman year to be eligible. There are no other limitations to eligibility, though a certain mastery of English and interest in the work of the Club are tacit conditions.

The English Club has never pretended to be an organization of 'the writers' of the University. It is not a writers' but a students' club. What it does aim to be is an organization of the most advanced students of literary interpretation.

A word more as to the Kiote concerning which, also, there has been some misunderstanding. Nearly every great university in the country publishes a literary monthly. The object of these journals is to encourage cultivation of our mother-tongue, too much neglected by college students. There is no reason why the University of Nebraska should not issue as good a magazine as any in the country. It is to supply the lack of such a magazine that the English Club, probably the only organization in the University adapted to carrying the project through, undertakes the publication of the Kiote. The Kiote is not at all intended to be an English Club magazine, but the literary journal of the University of Nebraska. Contributions are expected from the whole University—student, alumnus, or faculty member. That two of the three editors of the Kiote belong to the faculty is sufficient warrant of impartial judgment.

While the English Club undertakes this venture for the University, it expects in return the same sort of support that is rendered to oratory, debates and athletics—support given for our name's sake and for the furtherance of life-activity in the University.

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