

building, where Gov. Holcomb unveiled the commemorative tablet. The tablet bears the following inscription:

"The University of Nebraska, Mechanic Arts Hall, North Wing, 1897. A Gift of the People, by the Legislature of 1897.

Silas A. Holcomb, Governor,

Charles H. Morrill, President of Board of Regents."

The crowd visited the different departments of the new building, expressing approval by yells and laughter. Miss Bouton with her cooking school were serving refreshments on the lower floor, and they were much visited.

Student Comment.

When, in the course of college events, it becomes necessary for one student to dissolve the social bands which have united him to others, and to assume among some students that dependent and would-be superior station, he should ask himself two questions: First. Will such a course do justice to myself and further the ends of my ambitions? Second. Will such a course do justice to the organization to which I owe everything for my standing and position among the students? Of course, the first is a selfish question, but selfishness is the root of all evil, the secret motive of every traitor. The second is unselfish, sacrificing, magnanimous in its motive. It is the same spirit which prompts the patriot to take up arms in defence of his country, to say "My country first, myself, last."

From the standpoint of an outsider of the junior class, and to one who views the action of one member of the junior annual board with the spirit of absolute disinterestedness other than as every student of the University is interested, the self-concerned and determined attitude of one of the business managers on the board to retain his place in spite of the fact that he has discovered all allegiance to the organization which he was elected to represent, and in spite of the fact that this organization protests against him, is simply unadulterated selfishness mixed with concentrated egotism, to say the least.

Next to, if not co-existent with, the qualification of competency in selecting members for such a board, is the question of representation. Not only does this principle apply to the board as a whole, but to every separate department and function of that board. The editors, business managers, and associate editors, should all be representatives of the various students' interests.

The case in question is not a question as to the representation of the board as a whole, but rather as to the representation of the *business* part of the board, which is now entirely in the hands of one faction of students. The Union Society which has entered a protest and asks for its former representation, and the other societies endorsing its action, will have acted simply for fairness and justice in the business management of the annual. It was not for personal or selfish reasons that such an action was taken up, but for the broad and sound principle of just representation, a principle, which, under "ordinary conditions" is admitted to be right in the present case even by staunch defenders of the member of the board in question.

When facts are considered, the position of the societies must be looked upon as just. The representative on the board in question, was a member of the Union Society when elected. As a member of that society he was supported by the junior class members of the society for the place he now holds. As a member of a literary society, he was supported by members of other societies. He was supported by the fraternities because they also recognized then, at least, that one business manager should be a society member. Some doubt existed at the time as to his future attitude toward societies, but he repeatedly assured members of his own society and others outside that he would not withdraw his allegiance, and upon his word of assurance he was elected to the place he now holds. Mr. Van Valin is now associated with the Greek letter fraternities, and in such capacity he has received honors in the military department. Is he satisfied? No. He now demands honors at the hands of the societies which he has deserted. He still wants to represent them, and feels that they should gladly be proud to have *him* as their honored representative on one of the most important publications in the University. He says he will do them justice. He might, but is he? This is what they ask, simply justice, nothing more. But consider his attitude. In trembling voice, he says, "Oh, let matters slide; don't stir up hard feelings in the board; let us work in harmony." The Union Society is in the right in standing for a barb representative on the board. The other societies are right in standing by their sister society.

The Senior Reception.

The Seniors were very enjoyably entertained at the home of Chancellor and Mrs. MacLean last Thursday evening. The Chancellor announced that the reception which he proposed to give the Seniors was to be very informal, so the most bashful and retiring Senior had no hesitancy in going.

Most of the Seniors of the academic and industrial colleges were in attendance, while many of the Senior laws were also there. Japanese lanterns, hanging outside, indicated the location of the Chancellor's home. Besides the Chancellor and Mrs. MacLean the respective deans of the academic, industrial, graduate and law colleges received the guests who were introduced by the president of the Senior class, J. S. Smoyer, who stood at the Chancellor's right.

Everybody appeared so free and easy that it seemed more like a children's birthday party than a gathering of young men and women just ready to make their debut in the heartless business world. Everybody seemed determined to make everybody else feel at home, and these good resolutions were beautifully carried out.

After refreshments had been served the guests repaired to the Chancellor's hall where they were entertained by some charming pieces of music. The Chancellor, in a short talk, expressed his pleasure at receiving, at the same time, the Seniors of the three colleges. He expressed the hope that the time was not far distant when there would be three distinct