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The editors desire to call the attention of subscribers to the fact that after January 15 all unpaid subscriptions will be \$1.50 instead of \$1 before that date. This is not done in order to extort an extra amount from the subscribers, but to have subscriptions paid up before the last of the year. The announcement was made at the beginning of the year that this would be done, and arrangements should have been made by the subscribers for the occasion. It is hoped that no one will call at the office during the latter half of the year and designate the editor as a base and infamous liar, worthy of no associates on this earth, but destined to meet with members of his class in the far-off future. An early settlement of accounts will be greatly appreciated.

The University of Missouri is about to adopt the elective system in the academic department. The question has already received favorable action from the faculty and now needs only the action of the university council. An advisory committee will be maintained in order to avoid reckless choice of studies by persons in the department. Each student will make out a list of the studies that he desires to pursue and the committee appointed will meet behind closed doors and act upon the selections. The thought that the selections must pass the committee will cause the student to choose his work with care. All personal contact between student and committee is avoided. It is stated that the idea is meeting with almost universal favor with the student body, and already the authorities are planning for a much increased attendance during the coming year.

The question of base ball abolition is now before the students of the University of Wisconsin. The matter will be brought before the athletic association of that institution and settled definitely at an early date. It is insisted that the team is maintained at a loss season after season and thus drags down other sports. Further, the members of the faculty state that the long trips by the team are very injurious to university work. On the other hand, the sentiment of the students seems to be divided. Many desire

the continuance of the sport and spurn the idea of being the first of the large western institutions to abolish the game. It is probable that a compromise will result and the game will be put under graduate management corresponding to the graduate management of the foot ball team. The latter proved to be highly successful during the past season, \$6,000 more being cleared than in the season previous. It is possible that upon this basis base ball might be made self-supporting. Over fifty candidates have already appeared for the team this spring, and it would seem that there is plenty of material for a winning nine.

After all, it seems apparent that editors of college papers are not the only people on earth who suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune. Some time ago a minister in this city got out an announcement for the week and at the bottom of the paper made apologies to Hamlet and ran the following piece of poetry. An announcement as to where the treasurer would be found was also added for the conscience-stricken readers. The lines follow:

To pledge, or not to pledge—that is the question,
Whether 'tis nobler in a man to take
The gospel free and let another foot
the bill.
Or sign a pledge and pay towards the
church expenses!
To give, to pay—aye, there's the rub—
to pay.
When on the free pew plan a man may
have
A sitting free, and take the gospel,
too,
As though he paid, and none be
ought the wiser,
Save the Society's Committee, who—
Most honorable men—can keep a se-
cret!
"To err is human," and human, too, to
buy
At cheapest rate, I'll take the gos-
pel so!
For others do the same—a common
rule!
I'm wise, I'll wait, not work; I'll pray,
not pay.
And let the other fellows foot the
bills—
And so with me the gospel's free, you
see! —D. B.

After so long a time one college has come to the front in a reasonable manner and acknowledged that there is something in the idea started by the University of Nebraska for a new oratorical league. A large per cent of the colleges over six states have spoken on the subject of the new oratorical association, and in nearly every case criticism was passed upon the larger institutions. We take pleasure in quoting from the William Jewell Student:

"A matter that the students of colleges in central western states should watch and consider is the movement recently set on foot by the Nebraska state university to organize a new oratorical association. It seems that Nebraska state university considers that she has cause for complaint, in that, while she bears her pro rata share of the expenses of the existing oratorical association, certain departments of the university are barred from competing in the state contest. Therefore, a committee has been appointed to promote plans for organizing a new oratorical association, consisting of the state universities only of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and one or two other states. Those who are aware of the financial condition of the present oratorical association know that, until last year, it was always very difficult

to make both ends meet. This new organization would, for a time at least, be likely to weaken the old; therefore, the students of colleges that belong to the present oratorical association should carefully consider this matter and when the time comes be prepared to act unitedly."

Just before the Christmas holidays the University of Michigan Daily issued a woman's edition. It represented a vast amount of work and was an enterprise well worthy of student support. And it received it—from the men. On the other hand, the sex for which the paper was published, and whose interests it upheld, failed to stand by the enterprise, and as far as it was concerned it was a failure. In commenting on the fact, the Daily says: "The Daily will continue to get out its regular men's editions, hoping that by next year it will have at least seven lady subscribers on its list." We presume that the trouble with Michigan is found in every co-ed university in the United States. From every quarter comes the wail that the feminine portion of the student body does not support student enterprises or does not materially aid in maintaining university enthusiasm. We regret to say that the condition is found in Nebraska; not so much so, perhaps, that we have to plead for a seventh subscriber, yet it is bad enough. In a short time the editors hope to be able to give an edition to the readers of the Nebraskan-Hesperian published exclusively by the ladies of the institution. On account of the financial failure of the attempt last year it will be out of the question to get up a paper of such magnitude. Yet, if the ladies desire it, they will be given the opportunity to get out a paper of quality rather than quantity. An edition by the Y. W. C. A., and also one by the Y. M. C. A., are possibilities. Other special attractions will be offered during the semester by the editors, and it is hoped that the student body will see fit to support these efforts in a substantial way. Of course, if students do not care for special papers, and would rather read the every day routine of school events, they will be given the opportunity to do so, after the experiments now under way fail.

In many cases during the late teachers' meeting in this city a spirit was shown by men more or less prominent in the education of the state antagonistic to the university. Instead of considering it the crowning feature of the educational system, they deemed it rather an institution used for the purpose of bleeding the legislature of stray dollars and cents that would otherwise have gone to the common schools. They insisted that instead of advancing, the common schools had retrograded during the past few years. On the other hand, the university had advanced on account of an excellent system of lobbying on the part of certain persons directly interested. The student body of this university cannot place a censure sufficiently strong on a sentiment of this nature. The foolishness of the idea is at once apparent, and every effort should be put forth to blot it out of existence. There is no reason whatever why any conflict should be waged between the university and the grammar schools of the state. The realms of each are so widely separate as to make any attempt of this kind exceedingly ridiculous.

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