

Military department of the Nebraska University.

Another important and satisfactory step on the part of this same Board of Regents was the motion committing to the Faculty the privilege of adding an assistant in the Modern Language department, if found advisable.

This is a move in the right direction, and it will prove itself a fair substitute for substitute for a scholarship, as only those students who are best qualified for the position should be permitted to partake of its fruits.

We have many students in the different departments who, by diligent and persevering research, have become quite proficient in certain branches, and if they intend making teaching their profession, they can find no better position of discipline and instruction than that of tutor. This tutor soon graduates, but the Faculty soon find him indispensable, and he is retained as assistant Professor, it being only a question of time as to when he shall don the robes of full Professor.

The University is to-day experiencing just such an instance as the one mentioned and our only request is that the Professors of all departments prove themselves as worthy of their honors and as deserving of their salaries as he.

The two Societies and the friends of the University at large are united in their expressions of thanks to the Regents for their silence to the suggestion that the Societies pay their own gas bills. If the State of Nebraska is too poor to furnish these valuable factors of the University with eight or ten gas jets once a week, she had better close the doors of the institution. The Society is half of the college education, and we challenge the unbiased educator to deny it. The reputation of every University and college receives more contributions from these halls than from the class room, and instead of stunting their growth and development by placing obstructions in the way, they should be nur-

tured now and then with a little financial encouragement. One of the Regents confessed to us, not long since, that above all things the Society must be preserved, as no other one thing had so much to do in shaping the student's future.

All the Societies ask is a broad road, devoid of all hinderances, and the undisputed right of way, to travel upon it. Thus insured they will manage the ship.

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### *Editor's Table.*

The opening of the new year brings the usual number of resolutions on the part of editors and amateur authors. The former promise to be more impartial and wise, the latter to be more interesting and less voluminous. For our part, we think the resolutions of the editors are most needed. To be a critic and at the same time to be just is no easy task. The duty of a critic in amateur journalistic circles is especially arduous. To give the friendly word of warning at just the right time, to rebuke the insolence of the exchange editor, to ridicule the silliness of the "local men," to curb the tendency of most young writers towards length and tediousness, to crush—yes, absolutely to annihilate—the college "poet," is no slight task, but one requiring vast ingenuity, great patience and unlimited tact.

Some critics are too harsh, others indiscriminating; some praise where they ought to blame and rebuke where a friendly, encouraging word is what the young writer is greatly in need of. To be a fair critic one must be skilled in detecting the first