

ception to the rule. After four and one half innings had been played, using up two hours and a half, the Juniors wilted. The score stood 28 to 13 in favor of the invincible Freshmen.

On Friday, May 21st, the cadets and band made their annual pilgrimage, this time to Milford, in order to live on ants and mosquitoes and sleep on the ground for two or three days. They returned on the following Monday, tired, dusty and red in the face, but universally satisfied with the time they had had. These excursions are always greatly enjoyed by the cadets and the people of Milford made this one the most enjoyable that has occurred.

A new departure in the picnic line was inaugurated on May Day. An excursion of those taking the same course of study had been thought of before, but was first consummated by the Classics. On the aforesaid day they repaired to Crabbe's mill *en masse*. It had been agreed upon as rules of the expedition, 1st, That no subject should be discussed more modern than the Peloponnesian War; 2nd, That no word should be used not found in the Attic dialect of the Eightieth Olympiad, both of which were, of course, strictly observed. The Classical picnic was a success. Now let some one propose a mathematical excursion.

The University base ball club, with blood in its eye, and with new suits, went down to Crete on the 15th to meet the Doane College nine on the diamond field. The game was very exciting, especially to Fletcher. Wiggenhorn distinguished himself as a spectator, while Pierce acted as umpire, looked wise and made breaks. The score was: Doane, 15; University, 29. We are not proud of the score, but put it in as a sort of curiosity. The boys came back elated with their success, and especially with the treatment they received at the hands of the Doane boys, and are now anxious to have an opportunity to show them a like hospitable reception. Certainly no one could have been better entertained than were our boys while at Doane College.

We have seen the sad face of the child suddenly color up, the eyes sparkle, and the limbs twitch with a show of excitement and a sense of new life as some picnic scheme or the realization of some other childish indulgence promised him a day of innocent pleasure and recreation. We have seen the tired beast of burden suddenly break from his slow and sleepy gait into a lively canter when turned into the pleasant meadows for a night,—in fine, we have seen all manner of ways whereby inward joy and gratification may be expressed. So we thought until we saw the class in Spanish trying to intimate in some small degree the feelings which took control of them on the announcement that the final examination would be omitted, and the farther assurance that all would be passed. A former editor of this column, a member of that class, was most deeply affected:—"My stars!", he exclaimed as he collected his wits, "I was just going to ask for two weeks in which to cram for this examination."

OPINIONS.

Sans Detour is not, never has been, and hopes never to be concerned in an inter-collegiate or an inter-state oratorical association but nevertheless confesses to a certain degree of interest in their doings. And now that the affair at Lawrence has passed off and the honor has been bestowed and safely secured he feels at liberty to criticise the oration which is given as the one which took the cake. We must confess to a feeling of disappointment. Its length is the only striking feature

about it. The author evidently had an idea, one not altogether new, which is easily discoverable to the careful reader, but it is so aimlessly developed, and the article so lacks the sharp, terse phraseology necessary to the oration which shall move its hearers that we are surprised that it should have taken first honors. But it is notorious that judges on oratorical contests invariably fail to please everybody.

Another thing we feel inspired—but not by malice—to ask, is how a state association consisting of only one college can be recognized by an inter-state association which demands that a state association shall have at least two colleges in it. Perhaps such a rule is ignored when a state like Nebraska cannot support an association of more than one college, but if so it would seem wiser to throw out the objectionable constitutional clause than to violate it.

MR. EDITOR:

Hearing that THE HESPERIAN has devoted a column to communications from those interested in the University and its students, I thought it was not out of taste to mention a subject, well enough understood by those who have left their *alma mater* and begun for themselves the battle of life, but perhaps not so fully realized by the younger, and consequently, less experienced undergraduate. A tendency is shown by those who have sometime attended a co-educational institution to choose their life partners from among those with whom they were associated at college. The pleasant acquaintance and friendship formed within the college walls often strengthens into the bonds of matrimony in after years. Such is the natural course, and we believe it proper and productive of many happy unions. Most students, however scarce think, at least not until near the close of their college days, how very important their school friendships may become to them. This is a good feature of the matter, and yet in one extreme may make sad havoc with the chances of a happy life. I refer to the careless "mash-making" disposition.

While mingling with the whole body of students, as one almost necessarily does in institutions where cliques and "sets" have not gained the day, some degree of impartiality must be shown, and a better opportunity for the choice of congenial associates is afforded than when a choice must be made before a more intimate acquaintance is permitted. There are few students that during the three or four years of college life will not reveal themselves to their fellows, each in his or her true character. At the end of this period almost all will have found congenial spirits among those best known to them. Marriages are a natural consequence. On the other hand, a feeling that it matters not how far such things be carried, how insincere and trifling we may be since we are but students, that student engagements and preferences are of small consequence and will not outlast the college commencement time,—all such dallying can but result disastrously to all who may be concerned.

And now, as young men and women soon to be called upon to choose in all earnestness, I beg you to consider these things and be extremely cautious about forming apparently close acquaintances with those for whom you avow to yourself a dislike. These words of warning are not written by one whose sad lot it has been to make the mistake pointed out. On the contrary, he has every reason to bless that University within whose walls he first met his life-companion. But it is rather written to warn you that your acts as students will affect your future prospects, and mayhap those of your friends, either for good or for evil. Do not then, I ask of you, so conduct yourselves as to be classed among those who make