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F. M. HALL, PRESIDENT.
 Nebraska Art Association
 Organizes.
 Officers were elected by the Nebraska
 Art association Thursday evening. The
 constitution was signed by nearly sixty
 persons, and the prospect of getting a
 large membership is very flattering. The
 aim of the organization is to create a
 state interest in art and to hold exhi-
 bitions. The members of the board of
 trustees are largely citizens of the state
 outside of Lincoln.

The officers elected are: President,
 F. M. Hall; vice president, H. B. Lowry;
 recording secretary, Mrs. T. M. Hodg-
 man; corresponding secretary, Miss Sara
 S. Hayden; treasurer, A. G. Greenlee;
 trustees, C. E. Bessey, D. B. Perry, J.
 Sterling Morton, Mrs. S. C. Langworthy,
 and Dr. Harold Gifford of Omaha.
 President Hall, in addressing the asso-
 ciation on taking the chair, congratu-
 lated the members upon the interest
 shown. He thought it a good omen that
 so many determined people were back
 of the effort to create a live interest in
 art in Nebraska. The work would be
 not only a pleasure, but a benefit, to
 every person who entered upon it. He
 advocated the principle of individual
 work and asked every person present to
 see that he secured one or two new
 members. He saw the spirit of the Hay-
 don art club in the new association and
 he prophesied success.

The former membership committee
 was continued, and a vote was taken
 instructing the officers of the organiza-
 tion to file articles of incorporation.
 The following members signed the
 constitution. The list will be held open
 for several days to permit others desir-
 ing to become charter members to join.
 The names are: T. H. Tibbles, Mrs. T.
 H. Tibbles, H. B. Lowry, F. M. Hall,
 Mrs. F. M. Hall, Mrs. J. E. Orcutt, Mrs.
 J. W. Keefer, Harriet Gilrye Muir,
 Nora L. Holm, Paul H. Holm, Nelson C.
 Brock, Rachel S. Brock, Francis J.
 Pijon, Mrs. W. C. Phillippe, Mrs. A. B.
 Pirie, Mrs. D. M. Butler, Mrs. Kath-
 erine Abel, Mrs. Donna Wilson Crabtree,
 Marie A. Ohler, George R. Chatburn,
 Sara S. Hayden, Henrietta M. Brock,
 Mrs. A. G. Greenlee, Beulah Elson, W.
 R. Hart, J. B. Honon, Heien W. Horton,
 Margaret Palmer, Mrs. T. M. Hodgman,
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 Collier, Mrs. Sarah G. Bates, C. E.
 Bessey, A. H. Edgren, Mrs. A. H. Ed-
 gren, E. H. Barbour, Mrs. E. H. Bar-
 bour, Laurence Foesler, Mrs. Laurence
 Foesler, Sarah Harris, Mrs. B. F. John-
 son, H. P. Eames, Mrs. H. P. Eames, W.
 F. Dann, Mrs. W. F. Dann, Annie L.
 Miller, Mrs. Walt, Mrs. E. O. Miller,
 Mrs. H. W. Leighton, M. D. Welch,
 Mrs. M. D. Welch, Mrs. H. H. Wheeler,
 Mrs. I. S. P. Weeks, H. E. Lewis, Mrs.
 H. E. Lewis, Miss Martha Pierce, Mrs.
 J. W. Johnson, Mrs. J. W. Winger, W.
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Dublin Howard.
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land. When I returned she was wait-
 ing for me. She was older than I, and
 I did not love her.

"One unhappy day I told her so. A
 week later I was confronted by a stern
 and incontrovertible order from my
 guardian to marry her. Loss of the
 greater part of my estates was the alter-
 native.

"I had no hesitation. I chose the
 path that was easier. I surrendered my
 property and entered the army. I was
 young then and work was happiness.
 I rose rapidly, was sent to Canton as an
 attache to the British legation. In China
 I forgot the hopes of my youth so sud-
 denly blasted by the machinations of a
 woman. I entered my new life with eag-
 erness.

"The woman followed me to Canton.
 "You have heard of the web of in-
 trigue in which the weaker sex holds
 the destinies of men at British army
 posts. Two months after my self-ap-
 pointed Nemesis landed in Canton, I
 left.

"I came to America. I wandered
 from city to city, picking up one task
 after another suited to my ability. But
 there was a strand of hopelessness run-
 ning through work and success was im-
 possible. Besides, I had learned to
 drink, and my money was slipping
 through my fingers.

"A longing to return to Canton came
 over me, and I spent my last penny for
 steamship passage. My old army friends
 were shifted or had forgotten me. Hun-
 gry, I applied for employment, and was
 appointed official interpreter for the
 government."

The Hermit took from a closet in the
 wall a much thumbed volume. The
 captain opened it and beheld a Chinese
 translation of the Holy Bible.

"I read that when I've nothing to do
 through the winter," said the Hermit.

"How did you happen to come to this
 part of the world?" asked the captain.

"Rum," replied the Hermit. "It keeps
 a man drifting, you know. Some day I
 shall write a history of my life as a
 warning to others. Perhaps I deserve
 all that I have received. Perhaps I
 was born unlucky. I know that I am
 happier down here in the woods than
 many men who live in luxury."

The mystery of life and death are no
 more difficult to fathom than the mys-
 tery of destiny. The mind that swings
 the planets in their orbits is no more in-
 scrutible than that which sends the
 sons of men groping through the laby-
 rinth of life. Perhaps if "Dublin" How-
 ard were to begin his life anew he would
 live it out to the same bitter end.
 Leonard Robbins.

"He sat at his desk, opening his
 morning's mail, when I entered his of-
 fice," says a friend. "He had a stack
 of letters eight inches thick. Among
 the letters opened were many circulars,
 catalogues, circular letters, etc., nearly
 all under two-cent stamps to convey
 the impression that they were 'honest
 Injun' letters. Everyone of these let-
 ters, circulars, etc., was thrown into
 the waste basket, not one of them being
 read. Finally he finished his mail, and
 after sending the letters to the various
 departments, he turned to me with the
 remark: "We have determined to
 change our method of advertising this
 year. We are going to send out cir-
 culars and write soliciting letters, and
 send out thousands of handsome cata-
 logues, instead of advertising in the
 papers."—Omaha Excelsior.

Then he took up his daily paper and
 looked over the advertisements care-
 fully to see who was advertising the
 kind of phaeton he wanted to buy and
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|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|
| 1810 | 7,239,881 | 1860 | 31,443,341 |
| 1820 | 9,633,822 | 1870 | 38,558,371 |
| 1830 | 12,866,029 | 1880 | 50,156,783 |
| 1840 | 17,060,453 | 1890 | 62,622,250 |
| 1850 | 23,191,876 | | |

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