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**Editorial Remarks**

It is to be regretted that the difficulties growing out of the occurrences of last Thursday in which the girls had a part are being given such publicity through the newspapers. Even a supposititious statement concerning a matter that in itself would be important and perhaps serious if it contained a foundation of fact, is apt to leave a bad impression because of the exciting force it carries with it. A piece of gossip of a sensational character, even though it be utterly divorced from absolute truth, may travel far and cause undesirable results, simply because of the craving of people for something to satisfy their curiosity and morbid interest. People are as a rule ready to receive with great credulity and magnify in their own minds reports that carry with them an element of sensationalism, and which are derogatory to the reputation or standing of someone else. That the girls who had a part in the proceedings that have been condemned should be made to suffer through such conditions is a source of genuine regret.

Their conduct was not entirely inexcusable. No malice or attempt to destroy property entered in. There were none of the elements of a riot about what they did, and they did not resist the voice of authority. They were simply imbued with a spirit which was prevalent and which might naturally affect anyone of the same environment. This merely goes to show that there was nothing enormous about what they did. We do not claim that they were absolutely faultless for what they did, but we do not wish to see their offense exaggerated. We believe that our authorities have judged the situation in its true light, and that by firmly giving the girls to understand that such occurrences must not be repeated, they have guarded against a recurrence of the same. No offense should be given greater punishment than it deserves, and while some of the girls may have offended they have done nothing in which anything approaching incorrigibility was shown.

College spirit is a thing peculiar to college life. Through its agency students are raised to a high pitch of en-

thusiasm and excitement. When it breaks loose it sweeps all before it and few students can withstand its force in the midst of a college demonstration. It inspires, it excites, it infects, and under its influence students are led to do things that perhaps they might not do under no other circumstances, but nothing was done by the girls last Thursday that could be considered as an unfavorable test of fixed character or regular habits, and these are the things to be taken into consideration before we should judge too harshly. We believe that excitement and enthusiasm are the causes of all that they did, and that they really did nothing to merit publicity in the large daily newspapers. In fact it is the space that has been given this matter that has made it seem of such great importance. Our authorities are able to judge and to punish, and that justly, and it would have been much better if this whole matter had been denied such undesirable publicity.

With the victory over Washington another year of successful debate has been closed. Nebraska made it seven straight—a record which no western college can parallel. This last victory is all the more desirable because it was scored not only against a new opponent, but a strong and well-established institution. Nebraska has gone outside of the limits by which she was formerly confined and has invaded new fields with the same success that attended her former ventures. We have a right to feel proud of the record we have made in debate, as this is one of the strong tests of the efficiency and strength of an institution. In whatever test the best intellects of our student body prove superior we can take pride, as it is the purpose of a great institution like our own to build up the intellect and the character, and where the two processes go hand in hand, the best results are obtained. In debating both are involved, and the greater the measure of each the better the combination.

**Y. W. C. A. Notes.**

The May Morning breakfast was a great success. The proceeds amounted to about \$50.00.

Yesterday afternoon the services were led by Dr. Long, who gave a very interesting talk on "The Power of the Unconscious Life." In spite of the rain quite a number were present. The talk was such one could ill-afford to lose.

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