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### Editorial Remarks

Director and players taking parts in the two plays given by the Dramatic club Saturday evening deserve the highest praise for their excellent work. The attention and hearty applause accorded them by the large audience proved their merit. Both productions went far beyond what had been expected.

Bowdoin college. The letter is more than a defense of fraternities, it is an argument that they should exist. In it Mr. Minot says:

"The fraternity gives its members a home and congenial associates. When he enters college it sets before him noble ideals of manhood and high incentives, which help draw out the best there is in him; it spurs him on to excel in scholarship and other branches of undergraduate activity; it sets a Ruard over his conduct, lest he bring reproach upon the pin he wears with so much pride. In the management of its affairs it gives him a practical business training; in its hall he gets a drill in debating and speaking which proves a lasting benefit; its chapter house becomes almost a home for him, with all its influences for good which this im-Its intercollegiate features broadens his view of the educational world and renders doubly pleasant his visit to sister colleges and his meetings with college men all through his life; it gives him as an undergraduate the benefit of the acquaintance of many alumni, a circumstance which becomes a valuable asset when he enters upon his life work, and it gives him precious friendships, which will be cherished among his deatest possessions while life remains.

"The fraternity has done much to wipe out the old rivalry between the lower classes, which made hazing so serious a matter in former times; it selves the eating club problem, and by its chapter house saves the erection of new dormitories; it gives the college desirable centers of social intercourse and activity, and provides a pleasant means of entertaining prospective students and other visitors; it gives the college its most loyal alumni, because the man who does the most for his fraternity will do the most for his college, both as a student and in later years; it binds the alumnus closer to his alma mater, and gives him a warm welcome and generout hospitality when he returns at commencement or at other times.

#### Contra.

Sir: I consider the traternities one of the most powerful elements of disintegration in our college life and vastly regrettable on that account. On the college as a whole they have the effect of weakening its power of effectual activity by the scattering of its energies and purposes.

Socially a college maintains its standing and influence mainly through the different societies which are organized and upheld by the students. Such are the athletic, literary, musical and dramatic organizations which meet for a common purpose and work for the Minnesota's action in arbitrarily re- glory and name of the college. The fusing Nebraska the right to have at next important factor in college life

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least one official for the game which is the class. A unified and enthusiastic was to have been played Friday by the girls in Minneapolis seems entirely unwarranted. Indeed their own retraction of their position upon learning that we couldn't be bluffed seems to confirm this. The sting of two defeats in two days at the hands of Nebraska evidently has created an overcautious spirit in gopher-dom. This is the first break in the hitherto pleasant relations between the two universities and it is to be hoped that it will be the last. Yet the ladies' management did exactly right in cancelling the date, and calling the very apparent bluff.

#### Pro.

The prize which the New York Tribune recently offered for the best letter defending college fraternities has been awarded to John Clair Minot, '06, of

class can do more to raise the general level than any other element in the college. The students of the same class have like interests, like duties and like difficulties to overcome. Brought together by all these things which they have in common, they have occasion to form the true friendships which are likely to become life friendships.

Now, what function does the fraternity fill which the above mentioned factors in college life do not? Not only does it satisfy no need, but it saps the life of other institutions which are essentially collegiate. The social activities of a student, from the very nature of things, have some limit. If she belongs to a fraternity, that comes first and other things next. When class and fraternity interests clash, the loyalty which every good student should have for the class has to make way before her fraternity bath. Her class becomes merely a means of securing

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