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**Editorial Remarks**

The fences around and on the University campus since the Senior-Junior attempt to outdo each other in securing space, have become quite prominent for advertising purposes. Even the iron fence along the street has become conspicuous with a sign.

We question the propriety of such advertising, admitting at the same time that the cause is a good one. But there are many other places just as conspicuous, just as well adapted as the fence. Yet the sign appears for reasons unknown to us, and people passing wonder if the janitor will not soon be putting the towels out on the front fence to dry.

The University Hall tower has proven an excellent place for signs this winter, and it also places the sign in a place where it may be seen by all. Bulletin boards are also furnished for advertising purposes, yet the fence receives the preference.

One more splendid victory has been added to the glorious record of Nebraska in debate. We may well be proud of our representatives who last night defeated by unanimous decision the representatives of a college which has made such an enviable record in the debating world of the middle west. Especially pleasant it is to know that the contest was characterized by the most friendly feeling and we hope that the relations in debate between Iowa and Nebraska will not be discontinued with this debate.

Tuesday evening our other team will meet Washington university in Memorial Hall. We have great confidence that our team will too come out of this contest victorious and if the case which our team put up last night is any indication we may rest assured that we can soon report nine instead of eight successive victories.

**From the Far East.**

Sam Anderson, '03, who is now treasurer of the Syrian Protestant College at Beirut, Assyria, writes an interesting description of educational life in the Orient.

Dear Nebraskan:

It greatly rejoices me to receive copies of The Daily Nebraskan and to get news of the U. of N. so dear to the heart of every one of her sons wherever they may be. But it isn't fair to always receive and never to give in return; so here are a few words about an American college in Syria with which your obedient servant is connected in the capacity of one who handles the "shekels" of the institution. The Syrian Protestant College is an outgrowth of direct missionary work. Long before the college was dreamed of missionaries had established primary and grammar schools in many parts of Syria. In 1865 it was thought that the time was ripe for establishing an institution. Now there are over seven hundred bona fide students and a property valued at not less than one million dollars.

There are eleven fine stone buildings in a campus of forty acres, beautifully situated west of the city, overlooking the blue waters of the Mediterranean and commanding a magnificent view of the Lebanon range for perhaps thirty miles. The buildings are: The medical hall, containing the museum of botany, zoology and geology; assembly hall, with a seating capacity of nearly one thousand and containing a fine pipe organ; Dodge hall, containing the school of commerce; Jessup hall, Fisk hall, and Bliss hall, all large, commodious buildings containing dormitories for students; and finally the observatory in a neat stone structure. It contains a fine eleven-inch telescope and the latest scientific astronomical and meteorological instruments.

There are five departments, preparatory, collegiate, commercial, pharmaceutical and medical. In the preparatory school the entrance age is 12 years.

The college course leads to the B. A. degree and is of four years' duration. It is similar to the classical course in America, save that the classics are omitted and some of the modern languages are substituted. The Orientals bubble over with poetic sentiment, and many of them are literary men of high rank. The scientific spirit, however, is just beginning to be cultivated. The instructors are Syrians and Americans in the preparatory and collegiate departments, the proportion being about half and half. All, with one or two exceptions, are college graduates. There are four from Princeton, two from Lafayette, one from Oberlin, two from Worcester, one from Chicago and one from Brown. We have good times together in the staff room, where we meet after meals for recreation. College songs, boxing and a "rough house" occasionally give the needed relaxation from the hard work in the class room.

The commercial school is more than an American business college. It covers that, but much more.


The school of pharmacy is a two years' course in pharmacy and kindred subjects. The student must practice one year between the first and second years.

The school of medicine gives a thorough four years' course in that science, which is really up to date in both text books and scientific apparatus.

The college draws its students from all parts of the Orient. Not only Syria, but Turkey in Europe, Egypt and Greece and the Greek island furnish large contingents. Their religions and their sects are as varied as their nationalities. Moslems, Jews, Armenians, Druses, Greek Orthodox, Copts, Greek Catholics, Maronites, Roman Catholics and Protestants are all represented.

Now and then there are racial or religious differences among them, but as a rule they are quite peaceable together, and sit side by side in the class room on equal terms. Two things are chiefly responsible for this. One is the common language, English, the other is athletics. In recent years great efforts have been put forth to foster athletics among the students. Association football and track athletics are very popular, and class and department contests are regular occur-

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ences. On Field day, S. P. C. banners and colors, scarlet and white, are everywhere in evidence. Baseball does not seem to take here, though efforts have been made to introduce it. A good deal is made of water sports. The Syrians are fine swimmers.

The religious life of the college is interesting for many reasons—chiefly because of the diversity of the religious life. Chapel exercises are held twice daily and are compulsory. Beside the regular college services, however, there is a strong Y. M. C. A. which holds a regular meeting on Wednesday evenings. There are over two hundred men in a score of Bible classes and here the best and deepest religious work is done.

I need hardly say that the S. P. C. is a men's college. There is, of course, no such thing as a "co-ed" in Turkey with the low ideals of womanhood existing. But there are schools for girls and women, nevertheless, and good ones. There are three or four in Beirut. SAM ANDERSON, '03.

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