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THE GRADUATE CLUB.

There is to be a meeting of the Graduate Club tomorrow evening, and a large attendance is requested. The Graduate Club in the past has not been as large as should be expected in a university which has as large a graduate school as has Nebraska, and this may be due in some part to the lack of knowledge concerning the club.

2. In spite of these considerations, however, it is evident that football at present calls for an intensity of physical exertion and exposes the players to a degree of danger not consistent with the best interests of students.

3. More serious than these physical dangers are numerous moral evils which plainly exist. It is not necessary at this time to attempt the apportionment of responsibility for these evils, but it is clear that they have far outgrown the vigilance of faculties in foreseeing dangers and in providing remedies.

4. The situation involves so much more than mere athletic relations that it should be treated as an academic problem of grave importance and for that reason the essentials should be considered by the highest university authorities.

In order to carry these views into effect the Senate adopted this resolution:

"In view of flagrant moral and physical evils connected with the inter-collegiate game of football as it is now played, it is the opinion of the University Senate that the university should take immediate steps in furtherance of far-reaching and permanent reform."

To this end a committee was appointed by the president of the Senate to report recommendations at an early date by which the game of football can be made a cleaner and a healthier game.

The idea of abandoning the game is not being seriously considered by the Maroon institution. "It is not

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No special invitations have been sent out, but every student who is eligible for membership in the club is not only invited, but is urged to be present. The speaker of the evening will be Professor George E. Howard.

Football Reform at Chicago.

The "reform wave" has struck Chicago University. At the meetings of the University Senate, the highest academic body in the school, being composed of heads of departments and faculty members, held on December 2 and 4, the following points were discussed and unanimously agreed on:

1. The history of football in the middle West for the last dozen years is by no means a story of indifference on the part of university authorities to the various forms of danger, both physical and moral, which from time to time have appeared. On the contrary, much has been done to reduce the roughness of the game and to elevate the standards of its surroundings.

easy," says Coach Stagg, "to see how any other game would ever take the place of football. Some other game will result if the rules are changed to meet the demands of the agitation. Yet America has chosen its football just the same as England has chosen association football, and her baseball just as England her cricket. In neither country do I believe the national sports will be abandoned or changed. It is all natural selection."

In the wake of this rather encouraging news comes the report from Northwestern University that it will probably take no action against the game. Acting President Thos. F. Holgate, of the Board of Trustees, says that the faculty, in whose hands all athletic affairs are put, does not feel that the matter requires any legislation. The question in which it is most interested is the limiting of all games to an admission price of 50 cents, believing that in such a move lies, to a great degree, the solution of the "commercial atmosphere" problem.

Columbia University, however, is still a stringent opposer of the game. In speaking of the institution's stand relative to the sport, President Butler says:

"The action of the committee on student organizations in putting an end to the present game of football at Columbia University has my cordial approval. The game is no longer a sport, but a profession. It can be participated in by the merest fraction of the student body. The best judgment of those best qualified to judge is that

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Christmas Vacation.

Owing to a typographical error in the handbook issued by the Y. M. C. A. considerable doubt has been occasioned as to the real time the Christmas vacation begins this year. In the handbook the date has been set as Tuesday evening, December 19, at six o'clock. According to the University catalog, the vacation does not begin until Thursday evening, and upon application this was found to be the official time.

The doubt was to a large extent the offspring of an earnest desire that the earlier date prove to be the correct one. Vacations have been cut down gradually each year at Nebraska, until now the Christmas recess lasts just eleven days. Perhaps the rest afforded by the newly instituted mid-semester examinations is considered as a virtual vacation.

The Pillsbury people of Minneapolis recently presented Captain Borg with a unique calendar, entitled "The First Down." It is a miniature gym-girl, dressed in football togs, and playing the game as only gym-girls can play it.

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