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CONTRIBUTIONS.

The next issue will contain the first of what, it is hoped, will be a series of short stories and poems to be contributed by people in THE University of Nebraska,—as Professor Bessey avers it is legally to be termed. (That, by the way, is an interesting point. When the legislature passed the bill in 1869 providing for a state university, it voted the name should be The University of Nebraska, so the article is never properly dropped.)

Now, as for these contributions, it is hoped that they shall be first and always from the students, if possible.

suitable for literary treatment, or who has some composition already at hand, that the Nebraskan be allowed to publish it. And the suggestion might not be out of place that for the first time, at least, you do not attempt a "Paradise Lost." It looks easy, but, alas, it is not.

EVENTS OF FORMER YEARS.

Happenings of former years as recorded in the Nebraskan:

Five Years Ago Today.

Charter Day exercises were held in the Armory.

General Black delivered the address in the evening.

Two Years Ago Today.

Charter Day exercises as usual. Alpha Theta Chi won the inter-fraternity relay race.

AN INTERESTING FIND.

Metallic Crucifix May Have Belonged to Spanish Friar in 1542.

E. E. Blackman of the State Historical Society Museum yesterday became greatly interested in a small metallic crucifix shown him by A. A. Nielsen, a student in the Engineering department. The crucifix was recently found buried with a skeleton unearthed by N. C. Sasse, near Orleans, Harlan county, Nebraska.

The particular feature that makes this discovery especially interesting is that somewhere in this region is the place where Padilla, the first Spanish friar and missionary in western United States, was killed by the Indians in 1542. "It is highly probable," says Mr. Blackman, "that the skeleton and crucifix may be those of the famous Padilla."

Mr. Blackman will consult with some of the local priests to see if the cross can be identified with those worn by friars in Padilla's time. There is evidence that the cross was worn by one whose vocation demanded him to take his life in his hand, as there is near the foot of the cross a small

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These will be published not every day, nor every week, but simply once in a while. So, not any great number of contributions will be needed, but the more there are submitted, the greater likelihood is there of the appearance of good material in the paper. Let us request, then, of every one who has ever thought of a subject

bas-relief of a skull. At the top of the cross are three letters, apparently "N. B. L.," in explanation of which Mr. Blackman could offer no suggestion.

If the crucifix can be identified as one of those worn in the time of Padilla, there is little doubt but that the priest's skeleton has been found. There is, however, a possibility that the missionary distributed crucifixes among his converts, in which case the present relic might have belonged to an Indian. Mr. Blackman will make a trip to Orleans next summer for the purpose of examining the skeleton to determine whether it is that of a white man or an Indian.

The skeleton was found in a sitting posture, with the cross resting on the sternum, just below the chin, indicating that it was suspended by a thread about the neck.

As the grave of the martyred Padilla has for centuries been sought by Catholics of the country, this discovery will probably lead them to make a careful investigation on this clue.