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To all, Ye Readers, Greetings! We wish you one and all a most pleasant vacation, a Merry Christmas of cheer and a truly Happy New Year.

TO OUR ALUMNI.

The editor is in receipt of numerous letters from alumni scattered from coast to coast, congratulating the undergraduate body on the splendid spirit it has shown this year, and praising our victorious football team to the skies.

We would like very much to publish some of these letters, but most of

find his highest ideal of true college life.

It may be that at the University of Nebraska, and our other great western colleges, we do not know what college life is, but it is our candid opinion that we do. The men and women who make up our student body are in no way inferior to those of any of those east-coast colleges that we have ever seen. In fact, in our own private opinion, there is a vast difference in the general average in favor of the physical and mental strength and virility of the western college man.

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them are in bad shape for the printer's use, and all of them contain quite a little personal matter, so that we shall not do so. But we wish to express publicly our appreciation of such a display of interest on the part of these old grads from New York and Philadelphia to San Francisco and Seattle.

It shows that there are some, at least, who have gone out into the "humdrum" that have not lost interest in the old school.

We would encourage them to let their feelings run freely not only to us, but to our successors for many years to come. Strong interest among the alumni, we believe, is a more potent factor in developing college spirit and the personnel of the student body than are the actions of the undergraduates when taken alone.

An alumnus who talks of his alma mater at all and any times, who praises her to the skies, is one of the greatest factors toward bringing about just such conditions as his perhaps lurid imagination pictures.

Such enthusiasm is bound to have its effect on the youngster who is looking for one of the greater universities in which to matriculate. By such tales he forms his ideals as to the sort of life that should be lived as a student, and gradually the desired end is brought about.

Such spirit on the part of the old grads of Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth, Yale and the other more advertised eastern universities has brought about the present condition of things, whereby so many sons of our more wealthy families have formed the idea that in those places alone he can

Many eastern alumni come west and among us spread great tales of doings and sayings at this college or at that college. They laud their football players, they laud their buildings, they laud this professor and that professor, in private and public, by word of mouth and through the press, and the result is only too patent. Some of us, even the most cool, can be at times carried off our feet by such floods of enthusiasm, and the eastern schools today are said to be reaping the cream of western men, through whose added strength the "hot air" reputations of former decades are being maintained and even upbuilt.

Our high school friends and prep acquaintances who go east for an education return to us after four years seemingly considering themselves in a different class. Perhaps they are. Perhaps not! Quien Sabe? It is not for us to pass judgment.

It is but for us who are, or expect to be, alumni of the University of Nebraska to do everything in our power to improve the heritage of those who come after us. To so live and act and speak when we have passed into the broader circles and activities of the business world that those youngsters who will in the future help to put and keep Nebraska on a recognized plane with these older institutions may be influenced to say to father, "Let me go to Nebraska."

Boost for Nebraska, you alumni, make it second nature to give the Uni yell, metaphorically, at all times and in all places.

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