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WHEN THE NEBRASKAN started on the third year of its existence last fall, it did not promise wonders of any sort. It simply remarked that it was a college newspaper, an "all around college newspaper," which would chronicle the events of our little student world without prejudice and fear, and lend its voice and influence at all times to such causes and questions which may arise.

The college newspaper is a sort of nondescript publication, scattering its editorial and local events promiscuously throughout its columns, and chronicling with equal importance (probably by two lines) the fact that "Mr. B—made a trip home last week," with such happenings as "a senior scrap," or the account of an interesting and important debating contest. THE NEBRASKAN has attempted to guard against this inconsistency by giving to each event the space and description its importance warrants.

We have tried to do the "right thing" at all times, and in presenting to our subscribers this elegant issue, we are but following out this policy. In return we ask the aid of each and every one of you in helping us to maintain the high standard of excellence which we have started upon.

We need not mention our "specials" from Kansas City and Lawrence, but every subscriber may expect

the same excellent service in the future that we have given in the past.

We will not promise a "charter day" or "commencement" number, but such things are among the possibilities of the future. To warrant such undertakings, we want the hearty support of you all. Help us by writing a squib or two. Help us by mentioning THE NEBRASKAN to your friends and classmates, and urge them to take it. Patronize our advertisers, since by so doing you can get better bargains and at the same time you will aid us very materially. If you will do this (it don't take any extra effort or time), you will help lessen the burden of the business management, and in return we will give you all that your support warrants us in doing.

We are all working for the honor of our *Alma Mater*. We expect the present issue will go abroad over the state, showing what we are doing here, and attracting many more to our circles. In as gentle a way as possible we have endeavored to inform the public of the needs of our institution. We have combined this with an expensive issue which will be of lasting and appreciative worth to every one. We hope that our efforts, feeble as they have been, will help turn the tide of public opinion toward favoring such a state institution as this with as large an appropriation as can possibly be spared.

As we bid you each and all a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year, we wish the same for our old "Uni." And we hope that Santa Claus will bring her an appropriation of such an enormous size that it will take the whole foot ball team to lift it.

THE LOCAL contest to decide the candidates for the coming Kansas-Nebraska debate, is over, and the result of the movement cannot but be gratifying to its projectors. The officers of the debating association met with many discouragements at the outset. Such a contest was a new thing and many did not predict success of any sort for it. After the contestants had registered several withdrew, others did not take the trouble to withdraw but when the time came for them to appear at the preliminaries they did not even inform the secretary that they did not intend to debate at all. There were several earnest workers however, who went into the debate for the good they could get out of it and possibly the honor. The majority of them worked harder and spent much of their time in preparation. Of course all could not win but the other four who will not go to Lawrence can feel that their time