

was well and profitably spent. They will probably have another chance to win laurels next year and they will be better equipped to enter the contest.

Judging from the enthusiasm that was displayed towards the close of the debate, the contest next year will be looked forward to with much more interest. Unless some unforeseen hitch occurs on the part of the Kansans, the debate will have been a success and its continuance next year certain. It is probable that by that time our sister states, Iowa and Missouri, will recognize the importance of these contests and apply for admission. Certainly such an event would be welcomed and more honor and glory would accrue to the winner. But the battle would be more keenly fought and the good affects more reaching in their scope. Let these debates be an established thing and the aim of the universities in giving all the requirements of a solid education will be fulfilled to a greater extent. Let us show to what little world there is out side of the college, that our education does not all run to foot ball.

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The action of the faculty of Cornell college, in turning the government of the student body into the hands of the students themselves, has attracted universal attention. Under the system now in vogue at that institution, no student can be expelled or in any way disciplined by a member of the faculty. While this body still has a hand in the government, yet it has only the power to say "yes" or "no" to such measures and laws as may be proposed by the student council.

This student council, selected by the students themselves has the direct power. Its chief function is to maintain order and discipline in the college. It is composed of representatives from each of the four classes who are supposed to be aware of any movement for mischief that is on foot, and to check it if possible. The system was called into existence by the prevalence of "cribbing" at examinations. The instructors decided to place the students wholly upon their honor, and withdrew the monitors from the room during the time of holding examinations. A student committee was appointed, and from this grew the present arrangement.

Whether this experiment will be successful is as yet a matter of doubt, but on the face of it, the appearances would indicate a failure. The president of that college ascribes the adoption of the new system to "Cornell spirit. Cornell spirit, is certainly nothing to boast of, if it give rise to an evil which the faculty is unable to put down. If cheating is so customary at examinations, that severe measures must be adopted to stamp it out, it is not reasonable to suppose that it can be done with justice to all, by leaving it to these students themselves.

Theoretically the scheme of placing the power in the hands of the students themselves, and teaching them the art of self-government seems very sensible. But

to an outsider it looks as though the faculty had merely established a body of students to act as spies.

At any rate, the fact that it has been found necessary to devise a scheme to put down "cribbing" lends a bad aspect to the affairs of the eastern college. The true difference between the eastern and western college student is seen here. As a rule, the western student attends his own state university, because his parents have not the money to send him "east." He is desirous and anxious to obtain a high education. He places all his energy in his work. When examinations approach he does not find it necessary to resort to any dishonorable means to pass satisfactorily. He knows why he is in college and works accordingly.

The great eastern colleges are already noticing a falling off in the attendance from the western districts. We are rapidly outstripping our effete competitors. Let them keep the rich man's son, who "cribs" his way through a college course, because he has not brains enough to obtain his diploma honorably. We know what education is out here, and another decade will show our standard as high as anything the east has ever produced.

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THE EXCELLENT record attained by the foot ball team this year is one to be proud of. Not so much because they won the pennant, but because they conducted themselves as gentlemen should when away from home, and the reports that have reached us bear witness to this fact. Neither pugilism, nor any of the bad features of foot ball have been a factor in our playing, and the clean and manly game our boys put up, may well serve as a criterion for some of the boastful eastern teams. There has not been an instance of a man being ruled off the field for slugging or misbehavior. Kansas college papers, though our rivals, speak of the gentlemanly conduct of our players, and admit that they won the game there, honestly, and fairly because we outplayed them.

This clean record will go far toward strengthening the team next year, as the objection many parents have against the game will be removed when they see that the moral character of their sons is not the least in danger, but in reality is strengthened.

The impression it will give the outside world will be a good one. The alleged funny papers are always ready to magnify the least of things to astonishing dimensions. The conduct of our team will go far to lessen any bad effect that has arisen from these and other causes. The populace at Omaha were treated to an example of what our team is. Foot ball has many enemies there and elsewhere, but these have become fewer in number when they witnessed what a manly game could be made of such a rough sport.

We earnestly hope that our team will do as well next year, but we know they will in this respect. But we are proud of what they have done. We can point with pride to the results of this season's work, and answer many of the strong objections that exist.