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**NOTICE**—All subscriptions should now be paid and collection will be commenced accordingly. Any one wishing to avoid the inconvenience of being "dunned", should notify the business manager before January 15.

The policy of the university always has been and we trust, always will be to remain at the fore in college undertakings. The latest move on the part of the university is the steps taken by the local debating association to perfect an interstate debating league between the universities of Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. The officers of our debating association are taking the lead in this matter and they hope to carry their plan to completion before the close of the college year. The prospects are very favorable to organizing a league, as the above named universities have taken kindly to the proposal. The league will be formed on a plan similar to that between Harvard Yale and Princeton universities. The latter have been carrying on a series of discussions which have aroused a great deal of enthusiasm and have merited the attention of leading educators as well as the praise of the press. The New England public speaks highly of the debates, and it certainly has given a great impulse to encourage them among other universities. College debating is gradually supplanting oratory. It is the friendly, social and intellectual rivalry of the future. The necessity of cultivating it is apparent. In truth many of the foremost universities devote no less to it than to any other course of study. It is indeed fitting that western universities should rank along side of Harvard and Yale in the practice of this art. Every effort should be made to perfect such a league. The formation of such a league will be of no little credit to our Alma Mater and those students who by their foresight and industry have made their efforts bear wholesome fruit.

A writer in last Sunday's Journal, under the caption of "Bohemia" says that the "state university is becoming cosmopolitan." We do not take exception to the latter statement, but we do most decidedly question the wisdom and expediency of making the character of the sketch a subject of ridicule and literary sarcasm in connection with the university. We do not know the motive of the article nor do we care. Why then hold this innocent man with his peculiar foreign traits up to the public as an example of university cosmopolitanism? Is it not a moral injustice? How does it concern the public as news? "Bohemia" as the Journal correspondent says is odd and even makes his appearance ridiculous in the light of American manners. But what of that? We certainly should refrain from displaying his oddities before the public as a peculiarity of university environment. The "Bohemia" has talent, no one denies. The Nebraskan does not wish to be understood as an exponent of "Bohemia" and his peculiar ways. A correspondent who can display his literary talent and sarcasm in no other way than by taking such subjects for his sketch, certainly adds little to the field of journalism.

Members of the faculty are putting themselves in touch with the school life of the state by delivering addresses here and there in connection with high school commencements. This is a step which is praiseworthy and certainly will bear fruitful results. It has been only within the last few years that the high schools of the state have awakened to the fact that the university is capable of wielding a mighty influence for good in educational training. Their appreciation is attested by the number of invitations different professors have received this year in the way of delivering commencement sermons and graduating addresses. The high schools

thought strange that the lady orator are certainly entitled to get all they can from our professors in this respect. The good that accrues is reciprocal. The faculty can see the failings in the high school system and give wholesome advice as to its improvement. On the other hand the pupils are inspired with higher educational ideals by listening to a carefully prepared address on some choice theme. We rejoice in this deserving recognition of the faculty's earnest efforts in behalf of advanced and thorough methods of teaching.

The Pershing Rifles are making extended preparations for an exhibition drill. As it will be necessary to hold it in the armory, the tickets must be limited. It has been suggested that a small admission fee be charged, and the receipts be turned over to the disposal of the athletic board. This seems to be a good plan, as it might be possible for the athletic board to use the money advantageously, and it would rid the Rifles of the burdensome question, of how the attendance is to be limited.

### TO HIGH SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

It is well known that through a wise provision of former tariff laws, the schools and colleges of the country have been permitted for many years to import books, chemicals and apparatus for their own use free of duty. This has made it possible for many of the smaller schools and colleges to supply their libraries with books, and the laboratories with chemicals and apparatus, so that they have been able in many cases to do as good work as the larger and more wealthy institutions. For some reason this wise provision has been left out of the tariff bill now pending in congress, and unless the people of the country protest, there is a likelihood that the bill will be passed in its present condition.

This is a matter of interest to every student, to every school, to every community in our country. It will be a grave mistake to lay a tax upon education which shall make the burdens of every community heavier, and congress should not be permitted to pass the bill without strong protest from every town and hamlet throughout the land.

Let every school board, every principal, every library, every laboratory, every scientific society, every literary club, send in a protest against this feature of the bill. Ask that the new tariff bill be so amended as to provide for "the importation of books, chemicals and apparatus for the use of schools and colleges free of duty." Write to your congressman now, or it may be too late.

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