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The challenge from Minnesota for a track meet deserves the heartiest response from Nebraska. The consideration shown our University speaks well for the judgment of the Minnesota gentlemen, and for our physical director. Nothing but lack of financial support should prevent the acceptance of the challenge in the spirit in which it is sent.

If there is yet remaining in the University a spark of interest in intellectual contests of any kind it will certainly be in evidence tonight and tomorrow night in the chapel.

On these two nights will occur the final debates of the debating association to decide on the nine debaters who will represent the university in the coming contests. As was the case with the oratorical contest nothing remains to make these two debates a great success except the crowd. It remains to be seen whether the anticipations of those interested will be so woefully disappointed as was the case with the contest two weeks ago.

We have pride enough in our University to believe that there was a great mistake made at that time which will not soon be repeated.

The only way to show appreciation of the efforts of those engaged is to turn out and cheer them in their endeavors.

There will be no excuse if the chapel is not filled on both evenings.

It seems too bad, that at Nebraska, interstate "scraps" so-called, have become largely a matter of history. Students are not expected to study all the time, and in just such contests as the "scrap" referred to, do they find employment for wit and muscle. College and University faculties generally are not over-severe upon the offenders, and they act properly in extending the hand of leniency. But when it comes to a question of an undergraduate class tampering with the sacred relics left by a former class; it is another matter entirely. The beautiful and appropriate custom observed in many eastern schools of planting on Class Day the Class Ivy or Class Tree was symbolized by the class of '92 when they left the '92 boulder on our campus. The relic, if so regarded, should enjoy perfect immunity from class interference upon the ground of courtesy, if no other. And we trust it has. That said boulder has been tampered with by any undergraduate class we much doubt, and would venture the opinion that the same class courtesy shown graduate mementoes in eastern schools will be found in Nebraska.

In the coming debates nine sturdy fellows will be chosen to represent Nebraska in debates with Kansas, Colorado, and Missouri. In our humble opinion the three strongest ought to be pitted against Kansas. Last year Kansas defeated our debaters and this year the contest should be a repetition of two years ago. The Kansas-Nebraska contest will be held in Lincoln.

The "New York Voice" in its campaign against the Princeton Inn should not uphold other institutions wherein drinking, though private, is carried on to an equally large extent as at Princeton. The thing should be condemned from the standpoint of point of principle wherever found. Not simply because the Princeton Inn flourished at Princeton University should that institution be blacklisted by the Voice, when other eastern colleges in non-license towns contain an equally large if not greater percentage of drinking students. Very possi-

ly, and in many cases truly, where drinking must be indulged in privately... is so indulged to a much greater extent that if the drinker be in a public place. The fact that Harvard is situated in a temperance municipality does not signify that its students are any the less drinkers than are those at Princeton.

Every once in a while students come in contact with a man whose narrowness of views on University subjects is surprising. Such must have the feeling experienced by those who listened to or read the published account of the pulpit editorial delivered last Sunday by Rev. L. T. Guild, pastor of Grace M. E. church. No other proof than this attack on University events is needed to show that the reverend gentleman's views are somewhat warped.

Among the things which call up his very righteous indignation against state Universities in general are the college boat race, the college yell and foot ball.

As for boat racing, students here know nothing of it and hence will not dispute the words of this all wise man.

But we always knew that there was something dreadfully wrong with the college yell. There is no doubt that it has been the cause of all the trouble that the nineteenth century college youth has succeeded in getting into. It must be banished at once. How can the authorities sit still while such a dreadful peril menaces this great University? Here is a crisis which calls for prompt and heroic action.

After giving the stock arguments against football the worthy divine attempts to bolster up his untruths by citing the case of young Serf of Doane college, who was killed two years ago. He states that Serf was literally slugged into eternity. Anyone conversant with the facts knows that this is absolutely false and that the same cause of the death exists in every contest or trial of muscular strength, in play, earnest or otherwise. There is an element of danger existing in all sports and sometimes results in spite of the utmost care. The same cause for fear exists in every race two boys run, for it was simply in a race that the accident occurred. Serf was running after the Kansas man who had the ball and on catching him both were thrown with such force as to cause the unfortunate event. In addition it may be said that victim had been repeatedly warned that he was physically unfit to engage in muscular exertions and had failed to heed the warnings.

After finishing with football the worthy man proceeds with a most unwarranted and inexplicable attack on the young ladies' minstrel show. His revolving wheels evolves various sentiments somewhat similar to the following one quoted bodily: "Oh ye shades of all Alumni from classic halls, look down and see what you have missed, and see the finale disciples of our great professors of literature and science put on flower garden stockings and appear before an unconstrued and misinterpreted as in the classic halls of our great University in a nigger show."

More of like nature could be presented but this one is sufficient. Probably the best treatment for such an idiotic discourse is silent contempt but it is hard to remain quiet when the life of our University is so misconstrued and misinterpreted as in the case in the pulpit editorial above referred to.

Of course if the entertainment had been given for the benefit of the missionary society it would have been eminently proper, but so much charity going to waste on a worthy portion of college athletics is more than this dear man can stand.

THE FINAL DEBATES.

Tonight and tomorrow night March 25 and 27, the final debates of the local debating association will be held in the chapel. These debates will decide who shall represent the University in the coming debates with Kansas, Colorado and Missouri. Out of the sixteen men who contest in the "finals" nine will be chosen who will uphold our colors in the three interstate debates.

The question for Friday night is resolved "That the United States Should Annex Hawaii." The speakers on the affirmative are McNaughton, Maguire, Kindler and Dent. Those on the negative, Perry, Hawxby, Warner and Muer.

For Saturday evening the question is, resolved, "That the United States Should Control the Nicaragua Canal." For the affirmative are Matson, Taylor, Kemp and Ewart, for the negative, Sackett, Hager, Miss Stull and Baker. With such material as this in these

two debates the University public is assured that the finest speeches ever heard, in such contests, in the University will be heard in the chapel on these two evenings. Not only is the best material that the University affords represented, but never before has such a vast amount of work been expended in preparation as is the case with the present finals. The debaters have taken time and energy from their regular work in order to ensure the best possible showing. There can be no doubt that interest in debating has never before reached such a high pitch as at present and also can there be no doubt that never was there better material in the debates or such active competition for places in the contests with the three neighboring states.

According to the constitution of the debating association, the choice for places on the debates with Kansas, Missouri and Colorado will be determined by the rank of the successful competitors. The one receiving the highest markings will have first choice as to where he shall go, the one winning second place shall have second choice and so on till the last one, who naturally will take the only position remaining.

The three debates for which contestants will be chosen in the present finals are as follows: With Kansas at Lincoln on May 6th, the question to be discussed being: Resolved, "That the English Cabinet System Would be Beneficial to the United States." With Missouri at Columbia, on May 13th, with the question: Resolved, "That the Annexation of Hawaii Would be Beneficial to the United States." With Colorado college at Colorado Springs on the 23rd of April, and the question: Resolved, "That the United States Should Construct the Nicaragua Canal."

It is no wonder that with such important contests in the future that a great deal of friendly rivalry is now to be seen on the part of the different debaters and debating clubs. These clubs intend to turn out in a body to cheer their favorites and have already reserved portions of the chapel for their accommodation.

No repetition of the slim attendance which characterize the oratorical contests feared by those interested as the interest is too extensive among all classes and departments of the University. With a large attendance and much enthusiasm there is no question but that this will be the two greatest debates in the history of the college.

The judges who will mark the aspiring candidates will be Professors Sherman, Auslie, Caldwell, Lucky Fling and Judge Reese.

WHERE WAS THE NIGHT WATCH?
They laughed to scorn the gate's great lock,

They scaled the fence and got the rock,
And they pulled their freight at one o'clock.

Mr. Bowers,
With pick and spade they laid to rest,
The boulder—'92's bequest,
And who they were—you never guessed.

Mr. Bowers,
Today it lies beneath a mound,
Of old Nebraska's sacred ground,
Oh! Why were you not around?

Mr. Bowers,
Alas! its worse to let the stone,
Go down beneath the campus loam,
Than Oury should his pens bemoan,
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