

of the purposes for which he is attending college: demonstrates that he must be a college student before he may be a college athlete.

It is unfortunate that the student body does not give the team more practical encouragement: the encouragement which consists in a steady and enthusiastic attendance upon practice games, a knowledge of the strong and weak points of the individual player, an intelligent idea of the scheme and force and effect of the different plays. The indifference of the student body as shown to the public did not fail to have a depressing effect upon the players. What should be the prominent feature of a college game has been altogether lacking. This may have been, and doubtless was, due largely to the fact that the great games, the league games, were played away from home, if the matter will be remedied next year when the league games will be played on the home grounds. Kansas was fortunate this year in having the great games with the consequence that they have now a neat sum over all expenses. Kansas students are the most enthusiastic in the west. This enthusiasm inspires the town people and the athletic treasury profits accordingly. The attendance at their daily practice games is said to be seldom less than 300. The crowd at the Kansas-Nebraska game was the most enthusiastic that ever cheered for a losing team, and that our team overcome such tremendous odds as a Kansas eleven and the three thousand unfriendly spectators is to their everlasting credit.

When Lafayette beat Pennsylvania years ago, Yost was the star of the Lafayettes as Woodruff was the star of

they held Kansas on the 3 and 15 yard lines for four downs each time.

Aside from these features the season is not remarkably different from the preceding. The game itself is improving. There is more kicking and end running. The spectator is now a part of the game. His claims to consideration as a spectator pure and simple are being recognized.

C. C. MARLEY, '03.

Having known every eleven that has represented the University, I doubt whether any team we have had would compare man for man with the champions of '08. A. E. Yont, Budd Jones, Dem, Wiggins, Thorpe, and Shedd have made former elevens as strong or stronger at single points. But Melford's men as an eleven represent the best material that has been seen in Nebraska uniforms.

Melford has made an enviable record as a field captain. The precedent of control of himself and of his team, repression of argument on the field and courteous treatment of officials deserves to become a tradition.

The decadence of enthusiasm, and even of ordinary college spirit, has been the most unfortunate feature of the season, manager and coach, who should have been supported cordially and enthusiastically have had to contend with small crowds and positive indifference. Another unfortunate feature has been the continued adherence to the established Nebraska custom of insufficient training. The tradition of the Nebraska team in this regard is thoroughly bad, and is of such long standing—it dates from the beginning—that it will be hard to eradicate. It is to be hoped that Captain Williams will make a good beginning



WILLIAMS, CAPTAIN '09.

Pennsylvania. It was a curious coincidence that later brought them together as coaches of teams each struggling for the western championship. Merit and good fortune gave Yost a second victory. It was a coincidence which shows that this world is not so very large after all. Taken all in all, it is as curious as that which Alumnus Pollard of legislative anti-football fame once called "two coincidences."

Kansas deserves the best of treatment at our hands next year. With a keen remembrance of our doubtful treatment at the last meeting they sought systematically to restore good feeling this year. They met our team with band and coach and five hundred cheering students. They were liberal in the arrangement of transportation and gave the team a reception after the game. The Kansas manager told the writer that he saw scarcely a friendly face at the game in Lincoln last year: that their transportation required them to leave the same night; that the only Nebraska student he got real well acquainted with was one who shook his cane in his face and threatened the direst of punishment did he not cease his yelling for Kansas. Not merely because they have given us a generous and manly return for indifferent treatment, but for the sake of the good feeling which should exist between the two Universities, on unusual effort should be made in their behalf next year.

The best feature of the play this year was the interference. It was developed as never before in the history of the team, and the credit thereof should be given to Coach Yost. Another feature of their play attaches distinctively to the players themselves and this was their remarkable staying power at critical points in a game. The team was not in the best of training and yet with the score 12 to 6 and in desperate danger of losing the game

in another direction. Every team that has represented Nebraska has suffered palpably in comparison with its rivals in wind and endurance.

On the other hand the movement to secure strict and business like control of the affairs of the team and to preserve its character as a University organization, though unavoidably productive of misunderstanding and a friction at first, is most encouraging. The business of student organizations is proverbially ill-managed, and ours have doubtless been managed as well as any. But system and method and continuity of management have become imperative.

On the whole, foot ball has gained in the west, play has improved, and methods on the field and in the management have been bettered. Then too, we have been able to celebrate a victory over Kansas. Could we reasonably ask more?

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I do not understand to this day how the Kansas Medics beat Nebraska 24-9. Of course Nebraska was sore and stiff and had some substitutes in the game, but granting all that, it seems impossible to me that such a thing could have been. The Medics were not good enough to score on Nebraska. Kansas played the Medics twice; the first game Kansas won because they had the good fortune to be in a position to take advantage of a fumbled kick, and because the Medics could not score if they had been playing to this day; the second game was a fiasco, the Medics leaving McCook on a very lame pretext when they saw an overwhelming defeat staring them in the face. It is on the Medics' showing in the second game that I make the statement that the Medics had no business ever scoring on Nebraska. If they could not

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