

We quote a few of its expressions of villifying abuse: "Rank-est," "dirtiest," "most illiterate," "damnable lies," "sple-etic bumps on sickly brain," "malicious stuff," "it lies," "riff raff," and "sneaky sheets" are edifying samples. It is a shame that such a man as the exchange editor of the *Index* didn't live in the middle age, that he might write diatribes for the inquisition. To be pitied is the college that must descend to such a specimen for an editor of its paper. As to our charge that the *Index* is not an original and enterprising paper, we have this to say: that any man that has read the college exchanges for a year, knows that the *Index* cuts no figure among them. The *Index* is good for nothing except abuse. In that it is not original, though perhaps enterprising. In conclusion we desire to express the hope that these few remarks may have as wonderful an effect as our former ones did. If they do, we shall be amply repaid and satisfied.

ATHLETICS.

It is with a feeling of some embarrassment that we take up, not only our new duties, but the duties of a new department. To many of our readers this department may seem to be an unnecessary evil. But while the classification is a new one the work is meant to be only an enlargement of what hitherto has been done for athletics under some other department. Athletics during the past year have received such an impulse as to justify the board of editors in creating a department that shall in the future be given up entirely to this line of work. While the disadvantages of a new department are many the advantages are not few. There are no precedents to follow and we will therefore plough the new furrows (this illustration is chosen to get the sympathy of our legislature) and plough them to suit ourselves. No one can say when we lay down the editorial pen that we disregarded the time honored custom and policy of our predecessor, or left the department less flourishing than we found it. We shall not lay down any set rules that shall govern this department for the reason that those rules might be broken. Of one thing, however, our readers may rest assured, we will use all honorable means in our power to build up the athletic department of the University without regard to race, color, class, or previous occupation. In the field of athletics, we trust Prep and Senior, barb and frat may meet and work for a common end. Already the University stands foremost of Nebraska colleges in the two great college games, base ball and foot ball.

It is to be hoped that our foot-ball team will have an opportunity to meet the Doane college team in the near future, but we do not think that our team will always be successful if practice is neglected. There is no reason why the team should not keep up practice even if there is no prospect of a match game soon. The team should practice at least twice per week. Then, when a day has been arranged for a match game not near so much time will be required to put the team in good playing condition. It is to be regretted that the team does not feel the need of practice except just before a match game. Why not organize a permanent second eleven? There is no doubt that a second team can be organized that, with sufficient training, may equal or even excel the first eleven. This team should have suits and practice as regular as the first eleven. The two teams could then play practice games together and would soon be able to put two teams into the field, either one of which would prove invincible against any college team in the state. The athletic association should push this matter and lend all financial aid possible to fit out a second eleven.

But few of the exchanges that come to the office have a well filled athletic department. The *Occident*, of Berkley, California, pays a great deal of attention to out door sports, a fact from which we infer that athletics receive considerable attention at that place, and that the students on the Pacific coast are wide awake. The *Swarthmore Phoenix* devotes several pages of its last issue in recording two great victories recently won by its foot-ball team. The *Rugbion* laments that athletics at her college are below par and suggests that their latent energy be expended by organizing a banjo club. They, no doubt, believe that by so doing all who live near enough to hear this club practice will be obliged to take a walk and thus exercise, so necessary to athletics, will receive a new impulse. According to the Hiram college *Advance*, foot-ball in any form is strictly prohibited by the authorities of the University of Heidelberg, Germany. The authorities probably think that the duel offers a much more humane way of shuffling off this mortal coil.

It is not too soon for our base ball enthusiasts to begin light practice in order to be in good condition when spring opens. It should be remembered that but a few of our old players are with us this year, hence new men must be secured and this can be done only by getting the men out and testing them on the diamond. Both the pitcher and catcher of last year are now absent. Candidates for these positions should begin practice at once. Let us keep up our unbroken record of successes this year.

We are glad to note that the tennis players have improved some of the pleasant winter days in practice. It is to be hoped our tennis association will make a better record next spring than last.

ALUMNI AND FORMER STUDENTS.

'90.—Miss Dena Loomis is teaching in the Cherry street school.

'77.—Chas. L. Brainard is chief enrolling clerk of the senate.

'90.—F. W. Russell is superintendent of the public schools of Greeley Center.

'83.—S. V. Malloy is superintendent of public schools of Junction City, Kansas.

Dan. W. Bush expects to be back from the west in time for the state oratorical contest.

Roy Wheeler, a student last year, is working for a railroad contractor at Deadwood, S. D.

'90.—Harry K. Hottleman is a student in the law department of the University of California.

W. C. Dorsey is working for his father in Beatrice. He expects to return to school next term.

Russel Newman formerly of '83, is in the employ of a grain and lumber company at Oakland.

Misses Gund and Goodell, of Wilber, formerly of the class of '93, left last week for a trip through California.

L. A. Chapin, formerly of '91, is in the employ of the freight department of the Union Pacific railway at Omaha.

Chas. R. Welden, formerly of '94, is teaching school in Dawson county. He expects to return to school next year and finish the course.

BARRIS-TIBBLES.—Married by Rev. Dr. Curtis at his residence, January 20, J. A. Barris to Miss May Tibbles. Both are former students and are well known in University circles.