

not only answer these questions in the affirmative but should be required to demonstrate their truth upon the diamond.

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The second annual meeting of the Nebraska Inter collegiate Athletic association was held in the chapel of the university March 13th. Mr. Greer of the Wesleyan university was elected temporary chairman, and on permanent organization he was elected president of the association for the ensuing year. Mr. Munson of Cotner university was made temporary secretary and on permanent organization C. M. Skiles was elected secretary of the association. Mr. Munson was elected vice-president and Mr. Green of Doane was elected treasurer. Doane secured the location of the next field day. Several amendments to the constitution were then introduced and unanimously adopted by the board of directors. To become binding they must yet be passed upon by the local associations of the different institutions that comprise the state association. One amendment allows hereafter five delegates to the annual convention and each delegate to have one vote. The date of the convention is also changed so that hereafter it will be held the day following the oratorical convention. The next convention will be held at Lincoln under the auspices of the U. of N.

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Now let us boom the next field day. Those wishing reserved seats at Doane to see the second great exhibition given by the athletes of Nebraska colleges may secure tickets of Mr. Sweeney. According to this gentleman, every man, woman, and child in Crete will be present with their pocket-books and enthusiasm to help boom the contest. We hope they will be there and we promise you, Doane, that the U. of N. will be there with both feet and all her athletes. As a mild sort of prophecy we will also state that we expect to be there when the prizes are distributed. Let us impress upon each and every college this fact, that the success of the state field day will depend not so much upon the work done then as it will upon the work done before that time. If you would boom the state field day, boom your local field day. In every college there are many students, often the best athletes, who will stand by and look on unless you, by some extraordinary means, arouse them to action. Do not let an athlete escape duty this spring. If he will not enlist for the fray voluntarily, draft him into the service by mild force or strong persuasion. Appeal to his class spirit, his college spirit, anything to induce him to shake off his bookishness long enough to get out doors and show his skill or endurance in a physical contest. In eastern colleges almost every student takes daily exercise upon the campus. Let us follow their example.

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#### TO A FOOT-BALL.

Stripped of the tough ox-hide that shielded thee,  
Thou liest in my hand a ruined mass,  
Thy shapely figure once so fair to see  
When full inflated with sophomoric gas  
Now inelastic lies; while a ghastly rent  
Bespeaks a freshman's toe on mischief bent.

Fair was thy form, when with lightsome bound  
Thy sides responded to the vigorous blow.  
In airy circles o'er the admiring ground  
With light elastic leap thou once did go,  
But now, alas, thy happy days are o'er,  
Thy flaccid form will joyful leap no more.

In the shock of furious fight where feet meets feet,  
Or groaning borne 'neath vanishing arm away,  
Or, haply rescued by pursuers fleet,  
The gauntlet's stern requirements then must pay,  
Oft have I seen thee; with a secret dread  
To hear the dire explosion of thy head.

Oft hast thou struggled in the furious fray,  
Patient, ever patient to the last.  
Thou Stoic, is it mine to pity thee  
That through so many struggles fierce hast passed?  
Nay, rather admiration be my share,  
My head is empty; thine wasteful of air.

#### ALUMNI AND FORMER STUDENTS.

'88.—The following is an extract from a letter received from J. G. Smith by A. F. Woods. Only those acquainted with the famed botanical seminar will be able to appreciate it fully:

*To His Grace Viscount de la Microtome Sem.:*

And now it becometh my most arduous and painful duty in this the year of my reign the third, to cause to be written my decrees unto my most faithful followers and vassals of my hereditary province of Pie.

The news hath reached me by way of my ambassador at the court of Saint James, that our most ancient foes and inveterate enemies the lits do wax exceeding strong and do declare and signify through the mouths of their chief men that they are some, yea, also considerable.

Therefore, I do unto my most loyal vassals declare that the chief men of my province of Pie shall immediately make war upon the aforementioned lits, and shall subdue and toss them so that they shall become mindful of their condition. Therefore, I command ye, most noble viscount de la Microtome Sem, that ye shall raise an army among my loyal vassals, and that ye shall arm them "cap a pie," and that ye shall issue unto them sufficient munitions of war and rations of pies and rocks to crack them with, and that ye shall immediately smite them root and branch and shall remove them (the lits, not the pies) so thoroughly from the face of the earth and from the campus that the coroner's jury will be unable to discover more than a bucketful of the remains. \* \* \* And there be here a great city and many people so that all the land seemeth full, many people there be which seemeth full likewise, from the drinking of that strange Gugguls, and of quantities of divers and sundry other liquids, the names whereof are to me unknown. And likewise there also do be here a school like unto that of which my own province is a part, and the young men be in great numbers, but the co-eds be few, for there be a superstition in these realms that it be not good for a woman to know much for the reason that the talking power of her be very great and it be feared if she be allowed to know more the power of talk be increased, some say three and some say tenfold. But thanks be unto our knowledge of Pie; this superstition be no longer binding among those of our faith for have we not known Archangelica? And it cometh unto me by rumor that the archbishop of cyclops hath taken unto himself a seminana. Now, therefore, let there be great rejoicing in the land, and may it so likewise happen unto every one of ye. \* \* \* "Whoop, show me a lit."

In the name of "I heloscysteschryspthalmus," I remain,  
sirs, yours most obedient and humble,

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The farewell reception given to Professor Warner by the Palladian society on the evening of March 18, was a grand success. A good program was rendered, speeches were made by the following alumni: J. A. Barret, '88, on "The Society, a Social School" set forth the social advantages derived from a literary society which he considered by no means the least. C. S. Lobinger, '88, on "A School of Politics" very eloquently set forth the advantages of a society from that standpoint. W. O. Jones, '86, on "Our Graduate of '85," talked more or less on his subject. His speech was decidedly droll, to say the least of it. Professor Warner, on "The Palladian, its Past and Future" made a very pleasing and profitable speech. He made some good suggestions that every society might profit by. Some good selections of vocal and instrumental music were features of the evening.

'90.—Mr. T. L. Hall is nominated for councilman from the Third ward on the democratic ticket, with a fair show of election.