

"And doubtless unto her is given  
A life that bears immortal fruit  
In such great offices as suit  
The full grown energies of heaven."

Miss Briscoe was a charter member of the Haydon Art Club and last spring was elected director. The following resolutions of respect to her memory were recently passed by the board.

*Resolved*, That in the death of Miss Florence Briscoe the Haydon Art Club has suffered the loss of a most valued member and at the same time a director who cherished warmly the interests and advance of art in our midst, who was herself an unwearied student of the beautiful aspects of God's creation, and whose talent, had she been spared to complete her studies, gave promise of unusual success.

*Resolved*, That the secretary be instructed to tender to the parents of the deceased assurances of sincere sympathies.

### ATHLETICS.

It is now one year ago that we took up the duties of this department. With this issue our responsibility ends. This department is but one year old. It was begun partly as an experiment and partly because the growing interest in athletic sports made it necessary that more attention be given to this special feature of student life. The past year has marked a considerable advance in all branches of athletics—base ball only excepted. First the campus has been put in such condition that athletes may exercise without fear of stepping in post holes or stumbling in climbing over mounds of dirt and brick. A further improvement will be made in the spring by removing all trees in the northwest part of the campus. Secondly the university now has a well equipped gymnasium and a competent instructor of physical training. This, of course, is the most important improvement, and is recognized to be such more and more every day. In fact this is the thing we long have sought.

As soon as rough weather sets in the student has a place in which to continue his exercise. Hitherto, when for a few days the weather permitted, a great deal of violent exercise was taken and then there was probably a week's relaxation which made the work done worse than useless. Regular and continuous work has been substituted for irregular and spasmodic work. Now the students have taken hold of athletics in a more systematic way than ever before. Organization and unification have characterized the work throughout the year. A new constitution has been adopted by the athletic association which provides for new and better methods of controlling and regulating the different athletic organizations. A university bicycle club has been organized and a few rides taken that will be told of by future historians and poets. Foot ball has been put upon a scientific footing and an interstate league formed in which U. of N. is the only representative in Nebraska. More interest has been shown in lawn tennis and the association has increased in membership. Everything is favorable for more courts and renewed interest in the game at the opening of spring. A successful field day was held at Cushman park, and over two-thirds of the prizes at the state field day were taken by the U. of N. representatives. Last but by no means least a young women's walking club has been organized.

The athletic department has tried to keep abreast of the times and give its unbiased support to each and every one of these branches of athletics. How well we have succeeded let our contemporaries as well as posterity judge. The work, on the whole, has been exceedingly pleasant. We have invited criticism and at times have had that article in abund-

ance. Some accounts of foot ball games may have been too long to suit the English department, which requires seven hundred words only in one article, or on the other hand they may have been too short to suit those who participated in them. But we lay down our pen with a consciousness of having performed our duty. We sincerely hope that to him who takes up this work will be accorded the same encouragement and aid that has been accorded us, and that this department in time will become one of the most interesting departments of the paper.

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The foot ball season is over. Our team stands where it did at the end of the season last year—at the head. At the beginning of the season there was plenty of good material, but very few knew good foot ball when they saw it. It is true that we played several games last season and were never worsted, but this fact was due more to the lack of discipline in our opponents than to our knowledge. It was not until late this season that a coacher was secured and anything like team work begun. Many now, who have never kicked the sphere, know more about the game than the best players knew last year. The great game of the season, of course, was played at Omaha in which we were not only outweighed but also outplayed and slightly dismayed. Dismayed most at the rank decisions of the referee. We would have been beaten badly enough with fair decisions but Hofferbrook should join our supreme court where his decisions might once in a while be overruled. We will meet you again next year, Iowa, but will expect to play against eleven men only. No doubt, a good coacher will be secured early in the season next year and foot ball will be played as never before. Some of the old players will not be back, of course, and the first month will be spent in selecting and rejecting new material. A person of good judgment must do this work. The captain of the Princeton team found some of his best men playing on the different class teams. Many of them were not thought good enough to play even on the "scrub" eleven. But the keen eye of the captain watched them and saw that with the proper training they were just the men for the team. Probably the greatest mistake in selecting a team is made in assigning to players positions for which they are not fitted. The captain must here also keep his eyes open and make no mistake. A man might be a failure as guard, yet make a good tackle. The captain for next year should be selected now so that he may form plans and dream of foot ball during the summer. The present captain has proven worthy in every respect and it is very probable that he will be re-chosen unanimously. We shall not be here next year but we expect to read in the athletic column of THE HESPERIAN the following interesting items:

Flippin is a great half back.

There are fifty applicants for the eleven positions.

Every candidate for the eleven is training two hours daily.

One thousand students saw the first interstate game played in Lincoln.

Johnston is a great captain.

The full back weighs 190 pounds.

When the ball is put in play every man follows it.

The manager has decided to play no more foot ball at Crete.

The second eleven has secured brand new suits and are ready to play any other team in the state.

The U. of N. took revenge on Iowa this year.

The foot ball players have been excused from military drill.

Lord plays one of the ends this year.

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Now for a skating club.