

drill is necessary for the physical well-being of the students. Military pomp should be recognized, at best, as a necessary evil. If it is the object of the regents to make our university of preparatory school for West Point, then we have mistaken the object of our institution. If we have, then let us forget that this school was founded that men and women of this state might here receive a liberal education without joining the regular army for three years. Let us even forget that time and money means anything to the students. So far as we are personally concerned we are glad to say that we finished our military career here in the good old times when the cadet had as many individual rights as the janitor of university hall. But our heart goes out for the poor prep. Down with the linen regulations. The world needs civilians, not soldiers.

WHY is there so little college spirit in the University of Nebraska? This is a question we have been thinking about for some time. The university students seem to be asleep. We meet our professors day after day in the class room. Some of us attend a social now and then. But the majority of the students do nothing but dig into their books.

Out of the seven hundred students, there are about four hundred young gentlemen. During the foot ball season, only twenty-five or thirty could be induced to play enough to give the first eleven what little practice they needed to keep them in training. Frequently our first eleven assembled on the grounds for practice, and found only five or six to oppose them. It was seldom that even all of the first eleven could be kept on the foot ball grounds an hour at a time. Is it any wonder that the university eleven met with several defeats?

During the fall term, an attempt was made to organize a base ball team. Several different days were set for practice, but only a few men responded to the call. Consequently, little progress was made. The foot ball committee had only about thirty from which to select players for the first nine. It may be that the best material in the college has been chosen. Yet it does not seem probable, for surely there are men among the other three hundred and fifty that would make good players, if they would only come out and practice.

At the first meeting of the local oratorical association, there was not a quorum present. We had to adjourn without transacting any business. The next meeting was for the election of officers. Only seventeen students attended this meeting. The election of officers is the most important work the association has to do. Notwithstanding this, the university let that responsibility rest upon two per cent of the student body. Is this not one reason why the univer-

sity has never sent an orator to a state contest that could win the honor of representing Nebraska in an interstate contest?

Why do the students have so little college spirit? Is it the fault of the faculty, or is it a lack of patriotism on the part of the students? THE HESPERIAN thinks that it is a little of both. However, we are inclined to throw most of the blame on the students.

In the first place, the students do too much class work. They load themselves down with too many hours of study. They carry so much work that if it is done properly, no time is left for anything outside of the class room. Too many of us are inclined to carry all the work the rules will allow. It seems as though we think the only good there is in a college course is found in books. This is a gross mistake. Let us remember that when we get out into the world, a book cannot be found that will tell us how to meet the trials of life. We cannot turn to our Greek text book and find how to tell whether certain men will cheat us out of a few dollars every time we make a trade with them. No, this can be found only by dealing with men. Why not begin to study the ways and customs of those within our college walls. Many college bred men fail in life because they attended too closely to books, and paid too little attention to the ways of the world. They are too "bookish" to cope with men that know how to brave the storms of life. Let us remember that opportunities for studying human nature, that will never come again, present themselves in college. Here we come in contact with people of all descriptions. Almost every type of humanity is represented. All of us are in sympathy with each other. We have the same trials, and, to a certain degree, the same temptations. Let us open our eyes, and see how our class-mates overcome these obstacles of college life.

We should not forget that we are here to lay the foundation for our future. We all expect to make a mark of some kind in the world. Each has his own ambition. While we are fitting ourselves for the part that we hope to take in the world's drama, let us remember that a strong constitution is the first thing to be sought. Without it all our efforts will be useless. One of the most admirable things that goes with a brilliant intellect is a fine physique. However, even the latter is of little value unless we have good health. We cannot be too considerate of our physical wants.

It is the duty of every student to take a certain amount of exercise. Now that we have a well equipped gymnasium, we should make use of it during the winter months. Here we should train ourselves for the outdoor sports that will come with spring. Our gymnasium receives too little patronage.