

torical associations, and are in this one respect ahead of the eastern schools. But these last few years have made several changes in our western institutions which are not for the best. Many of our colleges are withdrawing from the associations, and many others are thinking of it. But they had better think twice before they decide to drop by the wayside. Which is the better—to see a rising young man's name in the papers as the first orator of Harvard or to see it in the papers as the noted man of muscle, the great player on the Harvard foot-ball team?

#### The Coming of The Storm.

What darkens in the West?  
(Hark, how the gulls are calling!)  
The spread black hand of the storm  
That grows with twilight's falling.

What gathers in the east?  
(Hark, how the beeches rattle!)  
The march of the columned clouds  
That gather to the battle.

Dark and slow, row on row,  
The ranks of the east assemble,  
And under line the sea's ranks shine,  
And the long shores quake and tremble.

The swift scud streams, the white foam gleams,  
And fierce shall the onset be;  
And God be his help that strives to-night  
With the armies of the sea.

Black ridges with white mad manes,  
Beaches that war and rattle,  
And a wind that ranges the wild sea line,  
Driving the waves to battle.

HERBERT BATES.

This poem first appeared in the January number of the *Harvard Monthly*. As Mr. Bates is now an instructor in the University of Nebraska we thought all Uni. of N. students would like to read one of his poems. The poem is full of merit; not only is the form excellent but the poem depicts a very true and vivid picture. It is full of spirit and is far above the poems usually found in the college papers. Mr. Bates is getting quite a widespread reputation, and what is said in compliment of his work is well deserved.

### ATHLETICS.

#### Foot ball in England.

England has the honor of being the birth-place of foot-ball, and it has long been the favorite sport throughout that country. It was from England that the American colleges borrowed the game, but it has undergone such marked changes since in our possession that it is not now recognized by the English as the same game. In England the cities of Rugby and Eaton lead in this sport, consequently what are known as the Rugby rules are, with slight modification, in vogue throughout that country.

Foot ball in England, enjoys in England the same position as a national game, as that held by base ball in the United States.

The team consists of professional athletes, who are hired for the season, as are the ball players of the United States. The players are scattered over the field at regular distances, a superior player placed to guard goal and play begins. The game is essentially kicked through the goal, not struck, or batted through; nor must the ball touch any part of any player, other than the foot of him who kicks it through. This is a distinct deviation from our method of play, in which the ball kicked or passed through the goal counts nothing, but it must be kicked over the goal cross-bar or carried over the goal line to score.

At no time must the ball be touched by hand or arm while it

is on the ground, such a play counting as a foul; but if a catch may be made it entitles the player to a hand or punt kick. If the ball, instead of being kicked through the goal, passes over it, or to one side, it must be brought to the center of the field and play resumed. When the ball comes too high for the player to return it by a kick he bunts it with his head, not being allowed to stop it with his hands. This play merits the applause it generally receives.

The game is strikingly free from the push and pull plays in which the American game abounds. It affords opportunities for the display of more skill; and a man of normal frame can compete favorably in game with the heaviest rushline man in the American teams. We hope the season will come, when the great college sport of America will cease to be a game open only to a few over grown men, and that skill and science will be substituted for brute strength. P. E. W.

#### Base Ball in The University.

An important meeting of the base ball players was held Friday evening, February 5. Mr. Holmes who has consented to coach the university nine, and also to act as catcher, was called upon for information and instruction. The gentleman said in part: Enthusiasm and training are two great factors toward the success of a base ball club. With respect to both of these requisites, Nebraska's university has heretofore been strikingly deficient. In eastern colleges the campus and halls continually ring with organization yells. This has its effect upon making students enthusiastic, and their entering with spirit into any deserving college movement and especially so with athletics. In the east there is the strongest kind of competition in securing a position on the college clubs, but here in the western colleges we have but little competition and often men must be begged to play in a club. This can be remedied only by exciting such enthusiasm that one feels it is an honor to represent a large college in some special line of athletics. Students, turn loose your class and athletics yells, wave the "old gold" in your neighbors face, show the people you have some spirit, and that you can raise some enthusiasm. In this way you will aid in organizing and supporting a ball club of which the university will be proud. Mr. Holmes cited instances, when catching on the Yale nine, where the wild enthusiasm of the supporters of that club held the secret of their victory.

Some pointers were then given as to the February and March training, and the restrictions the players are to be placed under.

Mr. Holmes has kindly offered to give his time to aid in raising the university ball club on a level with those farther east; and the students at large and the ball players in particular will assist him to the best of their ability. It was decided that the club should go into training from 7 to 8 each evening in the gymnasium under the instructions of Messrs. Holmes and Bowen. Charles Chandler was elected captain of the club. The selection was certainly a wise one, for Mr. Chandler has demonstrated in the past, through his connection with foot ball, base ball and tennis, that he is the man for the place. A committee was instructed to draw up regulations with respect to practice and training, to be signed by all members of the club.

The Ann Arbor ball club begins indoor work this week.

Athletics sports are now at their heights in California colleges.

The highest ball player's salary for the coming season is \$6,000.

Arrangements for Omaha's western league ball club have been completed. Dave Rowe will manage the team.