

The New England skating contest comes off in Boston during February.

The St. Louis ball club has been ordered to report for practice, March 15.

The freshmen of Ann Arbor won the winter cane rush by a score of 31 to 28.

About twenty names are recorded as applicants for positions on the ball nine.

Many of the major ball clubs will accept Florida as a favorable field for early practice;

The university of Pennsylvania foot ball team closed the season with a clear gain of \$3,500.

Harvard's foot ball expenses last season were \$10,175; this includes \$702 for medical attendance.

The introduction of a course in gymnastics as an elective is increasing in popularity in eastern colleges.

The classes from preps to seniors are organizing ball clubs, all anxious to be represented on the first nine.

P. J. Conway, the old coacher of Ann Arbor's ball team, will probably discharge those duties this season.

W. O'Connor, who claims to be the champion oarsman of the world, has issued a general challenge to a three mile race for \$5,000.

Iowa's university foot ball club seems to be hardly as well fixed financially as Nebraska's club. They have a team that certainly deserves support.

The Harvard university athletic association permits no one to enter any contest without an examination by the director of the gymnasium, and his permission to do so.

Students expecting to participate in the field-day sports should join the athletic association at once. For membership apply to Fred Barnes, treasurer of the association.

The result of the recent five mile hare-and-hound races of Vale and Harvard established the following records. Vale, 7 minutes per mile; Harvard, less than 6 minutes.

The February number of *Outing* has an unusually sensible article on training, by Malcome W. Ford. It is full of practical suggestions, and all men interested in athletics should read it.

Fencing is in the regular course of physical training at Bowdoin, but is preceded by two years of gymnasium practice, including military drill, work with clubs, bells, wands and heavy apparatus, and running.

Cooney, Chicago's s. s. causes Anson much pain by his familiarity. His pet play in a game is to sneak over to first base, kick Anson on the shins and remark: "Wake up old stuff, we'll beat them 'er duffers yet."

The management of the Hasting's ball club and that of other minor clubs of the state objects to entering a league with the Lincoln colored giants. They are anxious to secure Lincoln in their circuit, if a club composed of other than colored men can be organized to represent the city.

Lincoln will support a club of hard working players though they be amateurs, and they will relish the change from the gang of professional toughs. Strong hopes are entertained that the university club may represent Lincoln in this league, and should they they secure this privilege, we are confident, that by their systematic training under the present management, they will be able to cope with the salaried players of the other clubs.

The action of the base ball team in beginning a course of systematic training is highly commendable from all points of view. It is commendable as students of the university, whose

first duty is attention to lessons. Irregular and spasmodic indulgence in sports and games always detracts from mental work, but the regular and business-like use of an hour each day for bodily training ought to enable any student to keep up his studies the better. It is commendable in the interest of each man's health and safety. The practice of severe athletics always involves more or less danger of injury, and getting into good condition reduces the danger to a minimum. It is commendable again in the cause of athletics, for, all other things being equal, systematic work always wins. W. P. B.

Vale's ball club has accepted a challenge from the Boston league club to play five games at the opening of the ball season.

The Modern Hero.

His head was jammed into the sand,
His arm was broken in twain,
Three ribs were snapped, four teeth were gone,
He ne'er could walk again.

His lips moved slow, I stooped to hear
The whispers they let fall,
His voice was weak; but this I heard:
"Old man, who got the ball?"—*Ex*

ALUMNI AND FORMER STUDENTS.

'91—W. J. Taylor was at the university on the 5th inst.

—Thrift '92, stopped in Lincoln on his way to Chicago.

'89.—Miss Myra E. Clark was in the city last week visiting friends.

'91.—T. E. Chappel is keeping himself down to his work at Harvard.

'89, '90—E. R. Tingley and C. E. Tingley were at the local contest.

F. A. Rockhold is working for a St. Louis firm and teaching shorthand besides.

Mr. Martin Osterholm was in the city on the 27th ult. He is still engaged upon his Swedish newspaper.

Ed. Bryson, '93, stopped in Lincoln on the 29th ult., on business. He is on the road for a manufacturing establishment at Tecumseh.

'90, '88—A. F. Woods and Roscoe Pound have been elected vice president and secretary, respectively, of the Lincoln microscopical club.

'89, '90.—Messrs. T. A. Williams, H. J. Weber, and L. H. Slaughter don't propose to be read out of the late convocation of the Botanical seminar.

'91—Mr. C. D. Schell put in an appearance at the university on the 29 ult., took in the Palladian contest and returned to his school at Ashland on the 31st.

'90—E. E. Gillespie has been elected president of a club to be known as "Nebraska Sons." It is desired that all students above eighteen years of age, born in the state, send their names to the president for membership.

'87.—Mr. J. Schofield, is soon to leave the university again. While here he has been engaged upon a systematic study of plants and especially those of the salt well at the post-office. Next summer he will devote himself to a systematic study of the *Arichhida* in general and these of the state in particular. Besides this, some of his time will be devoted to the development of *Solanum tuberosum*.

'89—A. F. Woods, assistant botanist at the state university, told a few of the things that he knew about the fungus diseases of plants. This is the first time Mr. Woods has appeared in public but he was very favorably received. Indeed he made such an impression that after his talk he was