

themselves ill. A dance seems to be the safest and pleasantest and most festive way to vent enthusiasm. This will be the first Annual Charter Day Dance, and it is intrusted to succeeding generations to perpetuate the glorious custom.

There will be no invitations issued; this is the great splurge of "we, the people;" it is everybody's dance and all the students and friends of the University are invited. The committee on arrangements are Messrs. Jas. Canfield, Jr.; Ernest Haughton, C. A. Elliott, Will Raymond, C. L. Tallmadge, Otis Weeks; Misses Etta Gray, Helen Gregory, Florence Winger and Willa Cather.

It is certainly unnecessary to urge all students to purchase tickets at their earliest opportunity. That will come as a matter of course. There are a great many mean men in the world, but nobody is mean enough to refuse to buy a ticket to go to his mother's birthday party, even if his mother happens to be only a metaphorical Mater.

A COMMUNICATION.

A few days ago the genial, pleasant, accommodating Alumni editor of the HESPERIAN gathered me by the arm in that affectionate way of his, well known to all, and plead earnestly for a letter to publish in his column. I was deeply moved by his kindness and very naturally responded "all right," without considering fully the task I was thus taking upon myself. You are all aware that the veracity of the Alumni of the University of Nebraska has been the admiration of everyone. It is to preserve this reputation and pay the penalty of an unguarded "all right" that I make this effort.

The subject the editor selected for me was "The Worthington Military Academy and the Pleasures of Teaching." This institution differs from all the universities and colleges located around this city, in that it is neither a college nor a university, but a preparatory school. In other words, it is all that it claims to be. Its object is to prepare

students to enter the collegiate departments of the University of Nebraska, or any other university or college of equal standing, or even better, if there are any such.

The great majority of the students who attend the W. M. A. make their home in the building. The accommodations are the very best. Steam heat, electric lights, and a complete system of water works have been provided. There is a large gymnasium fairly well fitted up. This is always open, and the students are allowed to use it at all times when they are not otherwise engaged. There is a school room fitted up with desks and tables where a student may go at any time and find a quiet place to read, study or write letters. Besides the school work during the day the students are marched to the school room every evening and required to study for an hour and a half. Chapel exercises, which all students are required to attend, are held twice each day.

The discipline of this school is strictly military. There are ten formations each day at which every student must answer "here" or furnish a satisfactory excuse.

Before I close I must mention the Scientific Laboratory. It is fully equipped. The tables were constructed similar to those in the Freshmen Chemical Laboratory of the University of Nebraska. They are supplied with hot as well as cold water, an advantage not be found in any other laboratory around Lincoln. Hoods for carrying off poisonous or obnoxious gases, apparatus, reagents, and everything necessary for a good preparatory laboratory have been provided.

The second part of the subject assigned has been experienced by many and has had volumes written about it. I will venture the statement that the greatest pleasure of teaching is to be found in the hope and anticipation of a future escape therefrom. I am free to admit, however, that "the half was never told." Visiting day at the W. M. A. is Wednesday afternoons. Those friends of mine who desire the other half are invited to call.

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