

Stand up for the Uni—It is still not too late to buy a season ticket.

Perhaps some students are not aware that the two hundred dollar gold medal, offered by the "National Society of the Sons of the Revolution" for the best paper on the "Principles fought for in the American Revolution," and which was last year won by our "ownest own" R. S. Baker, is contested for annually. Such is the case. This year there is every inducement to enter the local contest. Prof. Caldwell says that the person presenting the best paper to the local committee will not only receive the silver medal offered by the society but also a ten dollar cash prize in addition. This should insure the competition of the best students in the institution. Fierce competition in the local contest means a good paper to go to the national contest. To win in the national contest, where all colleges and universities are free to compete, is an honor well worth attaining. It is not only an honor to the student but reflects credit on the University.

Student Comment.

The young person who enters the State University finds himself surrounded by manifold opportunities for broader development, physical, mental and spiritual. There is that greater freedom, characteristic of University life, which is seldom extended to high schools. The only question is, "Are these students ready for such a change? Are they ready to be thrown wholly upon their own responsibility?"

The one instance where the university freedom is most shamefully abused is in the manner of attending chapel. From the knowledge that one need not attend unless he wishes comes to many the feeling that they need show no especial reverence for the exercises when they do go. The result is that what was once meant for a means of rest and spiritual strength has come to mean to many an opportunity to assemble for a brief gossip or a display of good clothes.

The next consequence is that those who go with a feeling of worship go away, feeling that they have not only wasted their time but that they might have been in better company. To these students chapel exercises are oftener a desecration and an outrage than a means of added strength.

It would be far better if there were no exercises at all than that they fall so wide of the purpose for which they were intended. It would be far better for individuals if they never went to chapel, if they cannot go in the right spirit.

Is it not possible to make this twenty minutes a means of culture as well as worship? Might not

many students have their ambitions aroused, their better natures stirred, their whole lives awakened through this very channel where almost nothing is being done?

Ever since we have attended the University there has been more or less discussion as to whether a student should vote in Lincoln or at his old home. This year on going to register we hear the same old story, that these students have no business to meddle with city elections.

In the first place that question has been settled by the courts, which have decided that a student, who has all the qualifications of an elector in any precinct of the city may vote there, providing he is not making this his temporary home and is not receiving support from his parents.

Even if the courts had been silent on the matter, common sense would teach any fair minded person that the student voters should have the privilege and ought to participate in municipal elections.

When we come to the city of Lincoln, we expect to enjoy the protection of the city government, and to be subject to the laws of the city. Some of us pay taxes into the city and county treasury; then why should we be sent to our old homes to vote?

A large proportion of the young men who enter the University, are not depending on their parents for support and have no intention of going back to them when they have finished their university course.

Let us consider this city our homes and participate in municipal government, which is our right.

While the Chancellor gives chapel talks about the petty thieving, and organized student opposition to it, the thieving still goes on. The students wonder why the check rooms are not made use of as a most effective aid to honesty. It is now the time of year when the cloak rooms begin to be filled with wraps, rubbers and lunches. In the many rainy days of late, students have either been at the inconvenience of carrying umbrellas, rubbers and mackintoshes from class to class, or leaving them in the open cloak rooms, running the risk of having them stolen.

If the check rooms are to be run again, it surely is time to begin, and save a great deal of annoyance to the students.

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