

MEMORIAL FOR MRS. KING.

Instead of the usual Y. W. C. A. meeting March 11, there was held by the university the city and the Wesleyan university associations a memorial meeting in remembrance of Mrs. Lulu Green King who died the previous week.

The associations of Lincoln and throughout the state have received a severe blow in the death of Mrs. King, who had been state secretary for a number of years and had held some important offices in connection with this society since her early student days in the University of Nebraska. Miss Kyle who led the meeting spoke briefly of her beautiful life, her devotion and consecration to the work of inspiring girls to live Christlike lives. Dean Wilson spoke of her breadth of character, her intellectual vigor, and her intense spirituality, she was foremost as a student in many of the departments that are now the strongest departments of the Y. W. C. A. association.

Miss Rosa Bouton spoke of her as a student, of her interest and zeal in the work for girls from her youth.

Miss Gregory spoke of her as a sister Delta Gamma; her being filled with a single purpose made even her early life different from other girls.

Miss Beattie of the Wesleyan university mentioned especially her personal interest in every girl.

Mrs. Hall came with a tribute from the state committee of which she is chairman. She brought to our minds Mrs. King's methods of doing the Lords work; she was ever pliable in his hands and ready to do his work in his way. Her work is left for us to do.

ATHLETICS AND COLLEGE LIFE.

An interesting contribution to the arguments relating to athletics and college life is to be found in an article published in the current issue of the Atlantic by L. B. R. Briggs, who shows how in present conditions athletics play an important part in keeping young men steady at a critical point in their lives. The youth who leaves a preparatory school and enters a college finds himself for almost the first time thrown upon his own resources and possessed of an unfamiliar freedom of action. For the first time his elders consent to treat with him as a grown man. He is free from the restraint placed upon him as a boy. Too often his early discipline has not been of the kind to awaken and strengthen his own sense of responsibility.

It is at just this point that his interest in athletics may serve to employ him and tide him safely over the period of transition. The code which surrounds a college athlete is none the less effective because its enforcement is a matter so largely voluntary. Those who enter into the emulation of athletics have something to do outside of the school curriculum and they have certain standards of conduct to follow. They must keep themselves in condition, and that means reasonable hours and good habits. They must not break training. They have a two-fold protection against temptations to revelry—physical health and the pressure of the college sentiment. If their youthful spirits forbid their knocking down to the grind of intense study, this excess exuberance is taken up in a natural and wholesome way.

In short, college athletics, in addition to its influence in building up robust manhood, seems to be playing a necessary and useful part as a factor in moral development. The athletic work of course may be overdone; no doubt at times the conduct of athletics has been marked by excesses and abuses. At the same time it is doubt-

ful if all these evils taken together are to be seriously considered as weighing in the balance against the advantages of the system. The moral value of athletics as a helpful influence during the transition from school to college must be taken into account.

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