

## NEBRASKA ART ASSOCIATION.

The old Haydon Art Club which has done so much for art in Nebraska has been changed into the Nebraska Art Association.

The officers are President, F. M. Hall; Vice-President Dr. H. B. Lowry; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Sara Hayden; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. S. Raymond; Treasurer, A. G. Greenlee. The trustees are Chancellor C. E. Bessey, President D. B. Perry, Crete; Hon. J. Sterling Morton, Nebraska City; Dr. Harold Gifford, Omaha; Mrs. S. C. Langworthy, Seward, and Prof. F. M. Hodgman, state university.

The primary object is as formerly to give the best possible annual exhibition of the product of foreign and American artists. The high previous character of these exhibitions is attested by the recent purchase by the



R. D. ANDRESEN,  
Chairman Sneak Day Committee.

executive committee of the State Teachers' Association of the right of admission for their members.

It is also intended to cultivate art in the state by encouraging the organization of local auxiliaries, arousing of an art sentiment in the public schools, the establishment of prizes to be competed for by Nebraska artists, the building up of a state art gallery through purchase of pictures and the endowment of art scholarship. A handsome prospectus is being issued explaining the plans of the association. President Hall is the foremost patron of art in Lincoln and is pushing some very ambitious plans.



S. J. P. ANKER  
Chairman of Monument Committee.

## A QUESTION OF NERVE.

I.

I left her and she bade me take a kiss  
—To him! but offered no security,  
No evidence of debt;  
And I—and I— why I  
In short my nerve was gone  
And I asked none!  
I heard her "say" and shook my  
head  
Respectfully, obediently;  
Indifferently? No. Timidly!  
And said—  
I did not care?  
No. I would do my best as messenger.  
(Poor slow, slow, timid fool  
So much to blame!)

II.

I left her and I hid me straight to  
him  
And told him of the sent-by-proxy gift

"Twas up to him to take.  
An he—and he—why he—  
In short—he wished it!—yes  
But not that way  
He heard my "say" and shook his  
head  
Regretfully and mournfully  
Yet firmly and decidedly  
And said  
He did not care  
For any second handed gifts in his  
(And thus he sent it back  
—Not much to blame.)

III.

I left him and returned again to Her.  
And in the flickering fire light's fitful  
glow  
I took her hand in mine;  
And I—and I— why I  
In short repaid thereon  
One chaste salute.  
She drew it back and shook her head  
Provokingly and daringly  
And blushing and prettily  
And said  
She did not care  
To have her gifts thrown back upon  
her hands.  
(And if my nerve came back  
Am I to blame?)—Ex.

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