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The general lack of football enthusiasm and the failure of crowds to turn out to the games has been a subject of comment since the first game of the season. The mass meeting in chapel on last Friday was fairly well attended and considerable spirit was shown. However, not as many tickets were pledged as should have been. Of course every one is busy with their work, but they should at least encourage the team. A part of the students and a small part of the faculty attend the games but it is always the same ones at every game. We venture to say that some students have been here one, two, or even three years and have not seen a single game of football. A part of the members of the faculty and some assistants have been here even longer, some almost a decade and have not aided the team in the least. They have even gone farther than that by increasing the difficulties attendant upon making up back work, they have even hindered the team. While we do not advocate letting the men slip through their classes, we think it would be only fair for the professors to inconvenience themselves a little in order to help the boys along. Many of them do it and receive the good will of the students in return, but others are indifferent. All students and professors and instructors and assistants, should contribute their mite to the success of the team. We expect much of the team and should be anxious to to give it any legitimate aid.

Plans have been made during the past week to enable the University to have an engineers' society. Many of the technical schools have such an organization and are able to support it profitably. Here, we have three societies, one in each group and all struggling equally hard for existence. By combining forces, these three bodies will form a strong organization, able to demand recognition among like societies of other colleges.

The Chicago Record of a few days ago contained a few words from President Harper of the University of Chicago to his students, regarding health. A perusal of this notice brought to view the oft discussed topic of, "high pressure" in colleges. It really is a serious question whether the colleges

and universities of the country develop the youth of our land evenly by this crowding method. Would not half the work, half the time spent in culture studies, produce a far better man or woman if he or she be allowed time for self development? Are we really nothing but automatons with all the originality crowded out of us by required work? To revert to the health side, young men and women in at least the first two years of college life should have half the day for recreation—time to learn outside affairs if you wish to call it such. If this condition existed nerve force would be generated and stored. A student day of eight hours is equal to a laborer's day of eighteen hours and consequently the student needs more time for recreation and relaxation from the attention of close application to his studies.

Upon the college newspaper are placed many responsibilities. There are many things which it should do and some things which it should not do. There are also many things which it should not do and some things which it should not be. In the first place, it should not misrepresent the college which fosters and supports it. Its first duty lies in avoiding this fatal shoal. And no matter what its pretensions, no matter what its intentions, the facts will speak louder than its words and will rise up continuously and forever to condemn it. Again it should not be narrow and selfish in its view of the college world which it is in duty bound to mirror truthfully, faithfully and completely. Virtue, ability, and conscience are never found exclusively and only in a particular group, large or small. It is a college paper's duty to be able to see the good and the evil, wherever they may happen

to exist and be willing to tell its readers the truths it knows. This is only another way of saying that the college paper must not be partisan. It does not suffice to repeat in mere words that it is representative and non-partisan. Its deeds like a man's acts speak much louder than its words. What it is, its readers know because they see and not because they hear its claims made.

Professors of the University of Nebraska are quite often highly honored, however, not so often that we can afford to let a case go by without mention. Some time ago Professor Fossler recognized the literary worth of Rosegger's "Forest School Master" and had it placed in the University as a text. Now its worth is recognized by everyone and a translation of it is to appear as a serial story in the Critic beginning with the November number.

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