

which in many of these papers which have taken it upon themselves to criticise us, is classed as "literary." Consider this, brother exchange men, and we believe you will soon change your minds in regard to this matter.

The *University Reporter*, from Athens, Georgia, contains a glowing tribute to the memory of Jefferson Davis. While we realize the estimation in which the people of the south hold the memory of Davis, it seems to us that in a college paper, above all other places, a writer should refrain from unrestricted eulogy of a man who has been the subject of so much adverse newspaper comment in the north as he has. If the writer has any loyalty for his country why does he not accept the existing condition of things with grace and not publicly proclaim his regret that the lost cause did not succeed. In all charity we would advise the *Reporter* to guard against statements of that kind in its columns. The result of such statements is to provoke words of bitterness from hot-headed northern people and to continue the feeling of hostility which should die out.

The *University Review* says in its desperate efforts to disprove our statements concerning affairs at Lawrence, that as a liar we rival Baron Munchausen. Our absence from the city will explain why this little compliment has received no attention in the exchange column. The *Review* man had to go outside our department and accuse the editor-in-chief of writing the item in question. It was as follows:

The fraternities at Lawrence have ruined the literary societies, split the college into factions, and two or three of them have become disreputable even outside of the university. The writer knows of one Kansas mother who will not send her younger son to Lawrence for fear the same element that has made a "lusher" of her older boy in spite of her Christian influences will ruin him. And this young man is a member of one of the "way up" fraternities down there. When the fraternities begin to make a reputation of that kind for their college it is time that the authorities take a hand in suppressing them.—*Hesperian*.

The *Review* man compares the writer of the above with Baron Munchausen as a liar. Thanks! But we insist that the above is not a lie. We print below an extract from a two column article in the *Courier* written by "Professor W. H. Sears:"

There is a growing sentiment among the friends of the university and many of the alumni that the college feeling once so universal at K. S. U., no longer prevails. In the place of this old time fellowship has grown up the most intense rivalries and even bitter hostilities of the Greek societies, contending with each other and with the barbarians for political and social prestige. It is said, and on good authority, that many young men and women are deterred from entering the University because of the close-communion exclusiveness that characterizes its social organizations. And this condition of thing has been attributed to the advent of the Greek fraternities. If this charge be true, is it not time to call a halt? Would it not be well for fraternity men to seriously consider the situation, etc."

And then the "professor" goes on to propose a remedy for all this. When a gentleman, whom the *Courier* labels "professor" and who is evidently an instructor at Lawrence and knows what he is talking about, makes the above admissions, and then goes on to propose a remedy for the existing state of affairs, is it not a pretty fair indication that our first statement is true and not a lie? We could go on and fill a whole page with clippings from K. S. U. papers to prove our statement, but it is of no use. The above is sufficient for any fair minded person. As to the latter part of our statement, the *Review* man "sympathizes with that Kansas mother and her younger son." We suppose that the lady in question, one of the most prominent members of the Presbyterian church of Allen county and a noble Christian woman, would be over-

joyed if she only knew that she had the sympathy of the supposed gentleman whose only answer to statements he knows to be true is "liar." We made that statement from a personal knowledge of the facts in the case. We know of quite a number of equally unpleasant things that might be truthfully said about the K. S. U. If the *Review* man has the good of his institution at heart, why does he not help to right the existing state of affairs and improve the reputation of K. S. U. so that the "many young men and women of the state who are deterred from entering the university because of the close-communion exclusiveness that characterizes its social organizations" may no longer be compelled to stay away from the greatest educational institution in Kansas. At least, Mr. *Review* man, let your discussion of this matter be conducted in a gentlemanly manner if you have within you the inborn qualities of a gentleman.

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