

IT seems to us that the students do not take sufficient interest in athletic sports. They should see to it that by the beginning of the spring term the University has a base-ball nine in the field that will be a match for any college nine in this or the neighboring states. They should take steps towards organizing a foot-ball team. Perhaps there is already a sufficient number of good players, but then it would not be well for us to engage in a game with any other college until our men are provided with suitable wearing apparel. It would not look well for us to send out eleven men, as representatives of this University, and have no two of them dressed alike. Let some enterprising person take up a collection and see if he can not raise sufficient money with which to purchase suits for our foot-ball players. We are sure that the faculty will be generous, and that the students will perform their duty. All that is needed is for some one to make a beginning.

WID you ever stop to consider how enthusiastic the students grow over some matters and then how suddenly all interest in those same affairs dies out? If you have not noticed this we may be permitted to call your attention to the students' amendment league. There were a few meetings of this body held last term. A well known lawyer of this city addressed one of those meetings. A constitution was adopted and officers elected; but here the matter rests. Now is it right that this state of affairs should continue? We believe that a great majority of the students are in favor of prohibition, but if they ever expect to accomplish any good for the cause of temperance it will be necessary for them to take more interest in the league. It is only by hard work that any good results can be accomplished. We have no faith in the man who attempts to carry all before him in a wild rush. We believe that the slow, deliberate man is the one who always succeeds. Let us then get to work in the interests of temperance and that too without delay. Be assured that the saloon element is not idle. Bribery, fraud, in fact all means will be employed by the enemies of temperance to defeat the prohibition amendment. What will be the fate of the amendment is beyond the power of any man to say, but one thing is certain, the contest will be very close. Each one of us may be able to accomplish some good. Let us then take action and united action at that. If nothing better is possible then let each of the literary societies have an amendment program, say once a month. Give the opponents of prohibition an opportunity to present their side of the case in those meetings if they so desire. At any rate let us do something and not remain quiet until it is too late.

THERE is one old stock argument used by fraternity members in attempting to persuade people to join them, that the friendships formed by the members of a fraternity for each other are stronger than those formed in any other manner. Now it seems to us that this argument is rather weak and that in most cases the friendship existing between fraternity members is, to say the least, highly artificial. A person enters school, he is here for a week or two when some fraternity decides that he would be a desirable acquisition. He may join that fraternity. Now he has only a slight acquaintance with his new brothers and they know very little about him. But the ties of brotherly love are supposed to bind him strongly to the other members. Suppose he does not find his new associates congenial and that in turn he is distasteful to them, then will he, because he happens to wear the same pin and to have vowed eternal fidelity and friendship to his lately found brothers, play the part of a hypocrite? From experience we know that one should exercise the greatest care in selecting friends. It is only by long trial that one is able fully to discover who are his friends.

For our part we prefer to enjoy that free, open friendship that we know comes from the heart than that which comes simply because one happens to belong to a fraternity. We prefer to be free to choose new friends if old ones are not all that may be desired, rather than to be bound for all time to any such organization as a college fraternity. We believe that any specimen of humanity to whom the name man may be rightly applied, will assist a friend just as much as possible whether they happen to belong to a fraternity or not. Let the new students then choose their friends, but at the same time they should be careful lest they may have the misfortune to enter upon a course which they will ever afterwards regret.

The literary spirit in the K. S. U. seems this year to have died almost completely. — — — Is it because there is no talent in the university? Are we to say, and are we to believe, that there is not as much literary talent in the university at present as there was in the good old days of yore? — — — What, then, you will ask, is the cause of the decline of literary work? Why, if there is material, do you not have live societies? The principal cause may be looked for in this our element—the *social* element. It is surely and effectively killing all literary interest in the university. — — — Do you wish to graduate from an institution like this — — — and yet be unable to give utterance to your thoughts in public. — — — Have a clause inserted in the constitution of the oratorical association that in order to enter a contest the aspirant must be a good and efficient member of a literary society.—*Review*.

And thus for a couple of columns our Kansas friend bewails the fate of the literary societies in