

declared that literary societies were old fogies and away behind the times. How then do they reconcile this statement with their recent action? But desperation knows no laws and in casting about for means with which to revive their waning fortunes, the frats have not cared to carry out a policy in harmony with the statements of some of their prominent members. The society may struggle for a few months. The frats may catch a few unsuspecting members by offering as a bait to them all the advantages of a fraternity with those of the open society. Yet be assured of one thing—if the fraternities ever gain the ascendancy here, then no longer will they take any interest in literary work.

This last movement has been forced upon them. Let the good work go on. Let us force them to maintain a literary society just as long as any of them are left. We shall be able to do so if the barbarian societies continue in the same course that they have followed during this year.

IT has been suggested that it would be a good scheme to organization an inter-collegiate athletic association in Nebraska. Now it seems to us that this would be a very good thing to do. And the proper time to take steps for such an organization will be when the representatives of several educational institutions meet at the state contest.

Western colleges do not take sufficient interest in athletic sports. Let the different institutions of Nebraska then attempt to arouse some enthusiasm for manly sport and thus set an example for other states to follow. We have already a state and an inter-state oratorical association. Why not also have a state and an inter-state athletic association? Anything that will tend to bring together students from different institutions of learning should be encouraged. The more intercourse there is between students of different schools the more will those students respect and appreciate each other. The student who knows only what advantages are offered by any single institution, is pretty apt to be narrow minded and to imagine that his school is the best in the country.

It is to be hoped that the various colleges and universities of the state will give this subject some consideration.

WE have taken occasion several times before now to remind the students here that they do not take sufficient interest in the local oratorical association. If we stay in the state association an effort should be made to win the contest once in a while at least, and not allow the denominational colleges to carry off the honors every year. In striking contrast to the small numbers that took part in our local con-

test was the large number of contestants at Doane. The latter institution has not perhaps more than one third as many college students as there are in the university and yet at Doane there were nearly three times as many on the contest as there are here. In the constitution of the association there is a clause that limits the number of contestants from each literary society. Now that clause should be removed. Give everybody who desires it, a chance to go on the local contest.

The societies should wake up and appoint, before the end of the year, orators that will represent them next year. No matter how much brains a student may have it is impossible for him to write a first-class oration in three or four months and carry his school work besides. To conclude, if we do not wish to bring discredit upon this university we should either withdraw from the state oratorical association or take more interest in preparing for the state contest.

SINCE it is not very long until the inter-state oratorical contest will be held in this city, we may be pardoned for asking the students what arrangements have been made for entertaining those who will soon be our guests. Of course a committee has been appointed to superintend affairs in general but unless the committee receive the hearty support of the students, little can be accomplished. The students should remember that the reputation of the university is at stake. They should take more interest in this matter than they have been taking. Perhaps they do not know what should be done. If this is the case it is only necessary for them to call upon the chairman of the committee on entertainment and he will cheerfully give the desired information. Now do not postpone all action until a week or two before the contest. If you delay until then it will be too late to accomplish anything. Large delegations are expected from all the states and a special train from Kansas. We cannot afford to allow those people to think that we are inhospitable. Since this concerns the whole institution we hope to see all students, regardless of political feelings, unite in an effort to give to our visitors a most hearty welcome. Let it be the aim of each student to do all in his power to make it pleasant for them. Let us give our friends such a hearty reception that they may long recall with pleasant thoughts the time when they attended the inter-state contest at Lincoln.

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