

## ATHLETICS.

Two weeks ago our invincible foot ball team scored another victory. Doane college was the victim and Crete was the battle ground. About 12:20 the foot-ball team accompanied by fifty university students and several high school enthusiasts boarded the train for Crete. The ride down was very quiet. Every one seemed to be saving himself until a more advantageous time. Pound, however, was on hand distributing the "old gold" and soon nearly every cane and hat was decorated. Porterfield whistled and tried to appear unconcerned but that picture of the giants on the bulletin board had done its work and we all felt that we would have a hard struggle when we reached Crete. We were met at the depot by several Doane students and a few of the most portly foot-ball players. They had rolled in the mud and their appearance struck many of our faint hearts with terror as we gazed upon their ungainly figures. But we managed to put on a bold front and slowly ascended the long hill leading to the college where away in the distance we could see four poles standing defiantly upon a high hill and were told that there the Doane Hercules would roll us in the mud and otherwise amuse us for one hour and thirty minutes plus the time the umpire and referee summed up the argument of twenty-two men who would undoubtedly insist on talking at one and the same time.

When the two teams finally lined up in mud and slush, determination was written upon every face. Quite a large number of people turned out to encourage the home team, but what our backers lacked in numbers was more than counterbalanced by enthusiasm. The teams were arranged as follows:

STATE UNIVERSITY	DOANE
J. H. Johnston.....	left end rush..... Thomson
Chandler.....	left tackle..... Hathaway
Stockton.....	left guard..... Williams
Anderson.....	center rush..... Mains
Porterfield.....	right guard..... Davis
Lord.....	right tackle..... Sweeney
Skiles.....	right end rush..... LeBar
Girard.....	quarter back..... Chasey
Oliver.....	left half back..... Green
Mockett.....	right half back..... Anderson
A. M. Troyer.....	full back..... Hinmain
U. of N. SUBSTITUTES—Mosher, W. M. Johnston, L. E. Troyer.	
UMPIRE, Marsland.	
REFEREE, Cornell.	

## FIRST HALF.

We are indebted to Dr. Frothingham for watching the ball and the individual plays during the game.

U. of N. started the ball with the wedge but Mockett from some cause was slow in starting and was tackled without gaining anything. Ball was then passed to Mockett and a gain of fifty yards was made. Again Mockett took the ball gaining two yards. Ball now went to Oliver and he made a twenty-five yard run around the left end and secured a touch down, while the "old gold" waved triumphantly in the air. Troyer kicked goal. Score 6 to 0. Doane, by mistake, kicked off the twenty five yard line. U. of N. secured the ball near center of field. By a fumble ball went to Doane who quickly lost five yards and the ball. Mockett now gains five yards. Troyer fails to gain through the middle. Oliver gains through the center five yards. Mockett gains twenty-five yards around the end and everyone looks for him to score but he was beautifully tackled by Hinmain. Mockett makes ten yards and the ball was now passed to Oliver but Hinmain wriggled through the rush line and tackled him, gaining three yards for Doane. Oliver again took the ball but was successfully stopped by Hinmain. Troyer tried to kick goal from field but failed. Doane now kicked from twenty-five yard line. Mockett gets the ball but is stopped by Hinmain. Again Mockett takes the ball, no gain. Troyer fails to gain, ball then went to Doane on four downs. Doane loses ten yards and the ball. Mockett darts around the end but gains nothing. Oliver is given the ball but fumbles it, gaining no ground. Mockett gains ten yards around left end. Again Mockett takes the ball but fails to get through the center. Once more he takes the ball and this time gains five yards around the left end. Doane gets the ball and by a poor kick lost fifteen yards. Girard gets the ball. Mockett is stopped before gaining anything. Mockett is again tackled by the irrepressible Hinmain but on the next trial Mockett gains five yards. Oliver now gets the ball and makes a run of fifteen yards and a touch down. Ball is punted out by Troyer and Oliver falls upon it on Doane's twenty-five yard line. Score 10 to 0. Doane now realizes that there is no hope for her, but is determined to keep the score as low as possible. Doane now kicks well and Troyer fails to catch. Ball is given to Oliver and ten yards gained. Again Oliver takes it and drives Doane back ten yards. Troyer is now given the ball and kicks it. Girard falls on the ball. Troyer again kicks and Doane, as usual, fumbles and loses fifteen yards. Again Doane makes a poor play and ball goes down near their goal. Doane now rises to the occasion and makes a long kick. Troyer catches the ball but is knocked down before he has time to heel it. Foul claimed but not allowed. Oliver takes the ball and gains fifteen yards around the end. Mockett tries the center but Doane is strong there and he gains nothing. Oliver makes five yards. Mockett gains five yards through the middle, and Oliver five more around the end. Ball is now within ten yards of goal. Doane braces herself for the charge but Mockett takes the ball and makes a savage rush within a few feet of goal line and is pushed over the line by the strong rush line and scores the third touch down. Troyer punts out and Chandler falls on the ball not far from goal. Time is now called and the score is 14 to 0.

## SECOND HALF.

Doane is determined to play ball this half and starts out by kicking the ball down near our goal. Mockett gains five yards, then Oliver gains two yards. Mockett makes two more yards. Troyer now tries to kick, but Doane gets the ball and plunges into our rush line, but finds it a stone wall.

The ball is now kicked over our line. U. of N. kicks from twenty-five yard line. Hinmain gets the ball and starts for a long run, but is neatly tackled by Girard. Doane now runs up against our rush line two consecutive times, but always is stopped when she reaches it. Doane now fumbles and U. of N. gets the ball. Mockett gains two yards. Oliver, twenty yards. Girard makes a poor pass and loses five yards. Mockett now gains five yards, and Oliver does the same. Signals are misunderstood and U. of N. loses the ball on four downs. Doane is now tired of running up against our rush line, so kicks the ball and U. of N. gets the ball. Ball is given to Oliver and he makes ten yards. Once more he takes the ball, but this time is successfully tackled without gaining anything. Doane gets the ball and kicks, but gains little. Again Doane kicks and Troyer catches it and kicks the ball along on the ground, giving it to Doane. Doane seems determined to do nothing but kick the ball and consequently loses fifteen yards. Again Doane kicks and loses fifteen yards, and is forced very near her goal. Ball is now passed to Hinmain behind the goal for a kick, but our rush line is upon him and he fumbles and Porterfield pounces upon the ball making a touch down. Troyer now punts out and Skiles makes a fair catch. Troyer fails to kick goal. Score 18 to 0. Doane now kicks from her twenty five yard line and Oliver gets the ball near center of field but makes no gain in the scrimmage. Doane is now playing on the defensive and some of our are becoming winded. Mockett tries the center but finds it invincible. He now tries the end and makes fifteen yards. Oliver takes the ball and plunges ahead fifteen yards. Troyer kicks the ball and Doane returns it with interest. Ball becomes our property in middle of field. Oliver and Johnston now change places. Johnston takes the ball but is unable to advance it. Mockett takes it and does likewise. Troyer now tries another kick. Doane fumbles the ball and Skiles drops on the ball gaining fifteen yards. Johnston now takes the ball but is tackled gaining nothing. Mockett makes no gain. Troyer tries it with like result. Troyer now makes a poor kick but gains fifteen yards. Hinmain gets the ball and Doane makes a good kick. Troyer makes a fair catch and a forty yard run while every U. of N. sympathizer yells himself hoarse. Mockett now fumbles but loses no ground. Troyer makes a low kick and Mockett falls on the ball twenty yards nearer opponent's goal. Troyer now fails to gain. Doane is determined to prevent another touch down as time will soon be called. Mockett makes no gain. Ball is passed to Troyer for a kick but Doane gets the ball. Doane now kicks and gains ten yards. Again Doane kicks and Mockett falls on the ball. Mockett now gains five yards through the center. Troyer kicks and U. of N. secures the ball. Oliver now gains ten yards through the center. Time was called at this point with the ball in Doane's territory. Score 18 to 0. Mr. Jones of the high school was time keeper. After tossing our valiant captain and half back, Mockett, the crowd dispersed to meet again at the college building.

Doane took her defeat gracefully and gave us a hearty reception in the evening, followed by an excellent impromptu programme. Mr. Chadsey in a few well chosen words made us welcome, and expressed the wish that we might meet again when his foot-ball team would roll us in the mud and reverse the score as it then stood. The famous quartette was on hand and delighted us with some excellent songs. Messrs. Pound and Marsland responded for the university in their usual happy manner, and then Mr. Greene gave us a dissertation on "mud," or "the Doane college foot ball team" which was highly appreciated. It may truthfully be said

that Doane was far more successful at entertaining than she was at foot ball. This perhaps may be accounted for largely from the fact that in the former her co eds took a prominent part. We all made many pleasant acquaintances, and it was with reluctance that we bade our entertainers good night and retraced our steps to the depot. The train was late, and the good accommodations promised us by the railroad officials failed to materialize. We spent the time in ghost dances and story telling as best we could in the depot building until a freight train hove in sight. Then we started to walk to the end of the train in search of the caboose. It was a long train and we were short of breath. Hence many fell by the wayside, and the train moved on without them; but fortunately another train was close behind and Faurot told the brakeman that it was a financial impossibility for him to stay in Crete all night. So the kind-hearted brakeman succeeded in stopping the train, and soon all were aboard. Then began a chapter of tumult and confusion. Songs and yells filled the panic stricken passengers with horror and nightmare. The brakemen abandoned the caboose and took refuge with the engineer. One old gentleman in the corner of the car ventured to ask if there had been something going on. "Going on!" shouted a chorus of voices, "18 to 0 in favor of the university, *frigida dies est cum relinquimur, est cum relinquimur, est cum relinquimur, frigida dies est cum relinquimur*. I feel like I feel like;" but the old man had gone outside to reflect upon the time when young America respected the aged. When we arrived at Lincoln our hearts were made glad when we saw the band and a large number of students waiting to welcome us home. For two hours and a half our loyal friends and fellow students had stood in the cold expecting our delayed train. Surely when we see our efforts appreciated like this we feel encouraged. After a triumphant march up town headed by the band, we reached Chancellor Bessey's residence and endeavored to wake him up, but it was late and he had already heard the news and slept peacefully on. It being about one o'clock we repaired to our several abodes, there to dream of the Doane co-eds, mud, and the defeated foot-ball team.

If the annual field day is to be successful this year preparations for the same should begin at once. The inter-collegiate athletic association, as most of the students well know, was organized about one year ago at the time of the state contest in oratory. The 7th of June last, our first contest took place. Considering that it was a new departure and that but little preparation was made, the different colleges should be congratulated for the way in which the contest was conducted. But we saw last year many evils to be corrected, many improvements to be made. Let us impress every member of the athletic association of the U. of N. that our great weak point came through the lack of preparation. We received our share of the prizes simply because other colleges had made as little preparation as we. Let us do all we can this year to make the inter-collegiate field day successful. New officers are to be elected the 13th. of March. The presidency this year will go to Doane in accordance with the rotation agreed upon. The U. of N. will be entitled to some lower and more important office, and should see to it that we are well represented. We are also entitled to one of the board of managers, a very important position as the success of the field day depends largely upon this board.

Professor Frothingham, instructor in bacteriology, has resigned his position in order to accept one in the Harvard medical school. He won many friends during his short connection with the university. To him the foot-ball team owes much of its success. As a result of his careful instruction, no team has ever been able to score a point against our boys.