

Economy club, is secretary of the Theosophy club, a member of the Class Day committee, Senior class, member of Finance committee Joint Building association and has been a member of the Union Boys Debating club for several years. Mr. Newbranch was also a valued member of the English club, but was compelled to resign from it on account of an excess of work.

The Evolution of Chapel.

Should a student of fifteen years ago call at the chapel exercises, he would see very little to remind him of the chapel of his day. The rostrum was then at the north end of the room, and the seats which faced it were of the fashion used in churches of that period, stiff, high-backed and would seat about six people each, comfortably. Attempts were made to heat it with a hot air furnace at first, and when that was found inadequate huge stoves were provided; but it was never warm in winter, until steam heat was introduced. But bare walls and inartistic surroundings had no power to disturb the jolly good feeling and comradeship which existed among the two or three hundred students who daily assembled there.

About ten years ago the rostrum was moved to its present location, the improved seats were placed in position to give every person in the audience a full view of any late comer to an exercise as soon as he enters the room; the walls were tinted and frescoed; etchings a little later were hung about the walls, and the whole effect was quite charming in comparison. The changes in exercises have been greater, perhaps, than in the room itself. Until about '84, there stood upon a small desk upon the rostrum a silver call-bell, which the one who led the devotions struck when he wished the attention of his audience. A diminutive organ stood upon the floor in front of the rostrum, which was played by some volunteer student to lead the singing. Later came the piano, played by a skilled musician, and chorus teaching in the school which adds very much

to the interest of the exercises. It is now many years since a bare majority of the faculty were men of Christian standing in the community, and it may seem mythical to the present student body with their Y. M. C. A's. and Y. W. C. A's. and "Mission Bands," that a strong effort was made for years to prevent chapel exercises being held at all, an effort which resulted in great harm; for there are people in the state today who believe a student cannot live a Christian life in the University of Nebraska. Chapel exercises were not suppressed, but the University must spend perhaps another decade educating ministers, missionaries and Christian men and women before she can obliterate the impression existing in some minds that she is thoroughly infidel at heart.

ELLEN SMITH.

THE REGENTS PROMISE.

**They Do Not Think the Literary Societies Dead,
Nor Their Work Useless.**

We Will Have a Building, and a Place to Put It.

The members of the board of regents met a committee representing the open literary societies Wednesday morning, December 11th, and listened to their petition for ground whereon to erect a society building.

The regents all expressed themselves as convinced of the benefits of the open literary societies, and well satisfied with the work they were doing. As one of the board said: "The literary societies are a necessary, integral part of the University." They were also very favorably inclined toward the proposed building and believed also that the University should at least furnish the ground whereon to build it.

□ As there was some question as to the expediency of granting a place on the campus proper, however, the regents made this proposition.

The attempt would be made to secure a fifty foot lot immediately adjoining the campus, to be presented to the University