

The Preparatory School.

During a period covering a quarter of a century the university of Nebraska has carried a two years preparatory course admitting students from the 8th grade and country schools. Last June these two years were dropped. This was in accordance with a plan formulated several years ago. As soon as these courses were discontinued by the state, a new educational problem had to be solved. How were students entering deficient and "conditioned" to be cared for? Many students now at the University have a deep and feeling appreciation of the difficulties of making up work under the haphazard systemless way that has existed heretofore. Instructors also have had experiences that were not delectable. So when the organization of the Preparatory School to the State University was announced last spring, all hailed it and said it was the right thing. They thought it the right thing because they saw that it would be a great advantage to both University and students to have all work for which the state was no longer responsible put under a proper organization at the lowest possible expense with the full responsibility to all concerned that attaches to a school of such nature. This is history repeating itself right here at home. Hardly a great university in America that does not have one to a dozen or more private preparatory schools near it and doing it inestimable service. This is just what the preparatory school is doing. It serves the university by furnishing it students equipped for the higher work after its own fashion. It serves the deficient or conditioned student by giving this equipment under the best instructors that can be had from the University at an expense that comes the next door to free tuition. It was thought by its friends when the school last spring announced its rates that they were too low. But this fall it makes a still lower rate and is prepared to serve new students needing to make up work at a rate that can be offered only by an organized school and then by the most careful and thorough organization and management. Should University students support a school of this sort? It is not necessary to ask, for students know what is to their own advantage

and those who don't know, in this case, can easily find out by stepping over to the office of the school in the University School of Music building. At any rate, it might be a good thing for students to look the school up and see what it is doing or what it can do for them or for their friends who may want to prepare for the University.

J. F. Boomer, who was compelled to leave the Uni last year, has returned to finish his college education.

Homer House and I. W. Kenagy spent a portion of the summer travelling with the Wesleyan Quartette.

The Palladians, those who were in the city, picnicked Aug. 27. No one present fails to report a splendid time.

Oliver Reedy did work in Summer School, attended weddings and took a good rest so that he would be able to meet all the trains this week.

Mr. Joe Reed, who was in the Uni. last year, has been elected principal of a ward school in Beatrice. Mrs. Reed will continue her Uni. work.

Mr. R. C. Roper spent the first few weeks of his vacation with his parents at Parker, So. Dak. The rest of his vacation was whiled away in Lincoln.

Germain Towl met with a painful accident this summer. While attending the dynamoes at the Omaha Packing Co.'s he stepped into a vat of hot water, scalding his foot and ankle.

W. B. Hunter, '97, may not return to enter the college of Law as he had expected. It is reported that he will teach a school somewhere in Dakota—probably at an Indian Agency.

Prof. R. B. Owens has been appointed commissioner of the electrical section of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition. He has full charge of organizing and superintending the electrical department of the great exposition.

The library building of the Iowa state university was destroyed by lightning this summer. The loss was \$100,000. Of this; \$50,000 was in books, \$17,000 in apparatus and \$33,000 in the building. No insurance.