

## Base Ball Prospects.

Despite the fact of considerable delay, the prospects for base ball in the University are brighter than they have ever been before at this time. After much deliberation, Assistant Manager Biss decided to sacrifice his own interests for the good of the University, and accepted the management. He has taken hold of the work that Captain Reeder has started, with a vim that makes success certain. Already dates with five big eastern teams have been offered us. A trip east is almost a certainty now. The trip will come between May 14 and 28. A four days' trip into Kansas will probably be taken the first week in May. Manager Bliss promises at least six games with rival college teams this year. Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Ames and Washburn will probably be here next spring.

A great many promising base ball men realize that it is worth their while to get out and hustle for a place. Already over twenty-five new candidates have reported to Capt. Reeder for in-door training. Many more intended to begin later on. About ten pitchers will practice daily in the cage from now on.

All of the old men are back except Wells and Kindler. They were both valuable men; and we could ill-afford to lose them. But there are a number of excellent men trying for the places left vacant by them, as well as those who will give some of the old men a hard race to hold their positions.

Dr. Hastings has arranged his classes in the gymnasium so that the cage will be open to base ball men from 12:30 to 1:40 and from 3:30 until 6:00. He has also started a class in physical training especially adapted to base ball men. All men who wish to play should arrange to take it if possible. The time will be from 4:00 to 5:00, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, also Saturday afternoons.

## Valuable Gift to the Library.

Mr. Daniel Gutleben, of Lincoln, one of the Senior class, has recently donated to the University library two rare and valuable volumes on Railway Engineering.

They are written by Daniel Kinnear Clark and printed at the famous publishing house of Blackie & Son at Edinburg in 1855. They are large folio volumes, one devoted to the text and the other filled with finely executed plates, which are interesting and useful as illustrating the history of the development of the railway locomotive.

The library welcomes such gifts, and it is probable that many such books would willingly be put into the library if it were generally known how useful they would become and how gladly they are received.

Don't forget the excursion to Crete, Saturday night, February 4th. Any who wish to join a party who are going to the joint debate at Crete, see F. G. Hawxby, or Plowhead at once. The U. B. D. C. will be represented by Messrs. Ed. Hager, S. M. Hawthorne, and C. P. Craft. The party will leave the B. & M. depot at 6:10 p. m. and start back from Crete at 11 o'clock the same evening. A rate of one and one-third has been secured.

## LITERARY SOCIETIES

The Delian Doane debates will take place at Lincoln, February 17th.

The Union-Doane debate takes place at Crete, February 4th. A large crowd will accompany the U. B. D. C. debaters to cheer them on to victory.

The work in public speaking has become so popular that a demand was made for a repetition of English 11 the second semester, which will be the same work that was done last semester. A large number have registered for this course.

Recently the debating clubs have been discussing legislative questions. The Palladians will discuss Senate File 36, providing for establishment of public libraries in school districts at their meeting Saturday night. In discussing these bills the clubs form themselves into legislative bodies.

A number of University debaters have begun to contribute articles to the press. The all-absorbing question, "Expansion," is the theme of their efforts so far. August Meier and Clifton J. Platt have contributed several articles to the Post on this question. The Omaha World Herald will undoubtedly offer the boys a chance to present their views in the near future.

The Delian program given last Friday evening was a very successful one. The hall was crowded by an appreciative audience. J. F. Boomer read some verses; Mr. Horer gave a bright, witty oration; E. A. Pillsbury and O. T. Reedy gave extemporaneous speeches; Miss Lilian Chase sang two beautiful songs. The farce was an attractive part of the program. The parts were taken by Frank Edgerton, Harry Garret, Flossie Archer and Jessie McCallum.

The Palladian Society had a class Friday evening consisting of Will Moore, Minnie Guile, Mr. Joy, and Miss Fowler. Mr. Moore had a story of western life on the cattle ranges which he read well. The audience evidently approved of Mr. Moore's selection. Minnie Guile's selection was on the "Calico Cat." It was unique and delivered with spontaneity. Miss Fowler's parody was bright and witty.

Special mention ought to be made of Mr. Joy's sketches of Chattanooga life. The enlisted men who have come back to us are very modest and display a real reticence and a disinclination to speak of their doings in army life. It was only with difficulty that Mr. Joy was persuaded to read us these sketches that the society found so very interesting. They were well written and were real, true stories of camp life. Miss Lilian Chase sang for the society a beautiful ballad. The resonant notes and clear articulation impressed all who heard her.