

to, as the commencement of more definite work, and greater activity, in the associations throughout the state. For several years Nebraska has been behind other states, especially Kansas, for various reasons, the most important however was the need of a state secretary who could devote his entire time to the work of organizing and strengthening associations in the state. This great need has now been provided for. The incoming state committee were authorized by the convention to secure the services of a state secretary provided the money for this work would be raised. Mr. Weidensall of Chicago, who was sent by the international committee to look after work of securing funds for carrying on the state work, succeeded in raising the required amount, and the first state secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Nebraska will be in the field on January 1st, 1888.

A second step in advance was made on the line of district conferences, one of which will be a college conference, and is to be held very soon. It will be of importance to all colleges in the state. It is hoped that Secretary Wishard will be present and address the conference. Topics of interest and profit in carrying on the works in the colleges will be discussed. The importance of urging greater activity and effort among the Young Men's Christian Associations of our University and colleges of Nebraska cannot be over estimated. Young men are going from these institutions, who, with their trained intellects will become men of power and influence in our commonwealth. How important it is that this strength and power be turned for God and the right. If the scores of young men who leave the institutions of learning in our own state, could be won for Christ they would be like streams of living water for the healing of the nations.

St. John realized the importance of reaching out after young men when he said, "I invite you young men because you are strong"; here we have a class strong, not merely in a physical sense but equally strong intellectually. It is said that few college men are converted after graduating, and since there is no middle ground between a Christian and a non Christian life, unless we win our fellow students to the service of Christ while they are in college they will either openly or under the cloak of culture instill into the minds of those with whom they meet, false ideas of life, and poison those over whom they have an influence with infidelity, skepticism, atheism and soul destroying vice. How important it is that we go forth, having on the whole armor of God, to more earnest consecrated work among our fellow students. We are in the midst of a ripened harvest field of strong young men. Who can estimate the value of what they may accomplish by their influence and example in the cause of Christ, and the value of their immortal souls invoiced in the light of eternity.

The delegates who attended the eighth annual convention have, without doubt, to a man, received such an uplifting that they returned wiser and better, to resume their work from a higher Christian standpoint.

STRAY PICK-UPS.

Where does Stephens get his bouquets?

Why don't the fraternities initiate somebody?

Prof. Hunt preaches at Louisville every Sunday.

Chancellor Manatt was for some time quite ill but is again at his post.

Prof. Hunt was in attendance part of last week at a Baptist convention at York.

Tutor Hodgman had the misfortune to sprain his ankle, and was kept from his work a short time on that account.

Buy your clothing of Mayer Bros., 122 Tenth street, near O. Harry Heffleman left last Thursday for a few days stay at Grand Island.

The Philodiceans gave a musical programme in the chapel last Friday evening.

The cadets will have a sham battle with blank cartridges some time this term.

The University cadet band furnished music for the Odd Fellows on the 20th ult.

The scientific club met last Saturday and listened to an interesting talk from Dr. Billings.

The electric bells have had a thorough overhauling and now tend to business more promptly.

The deep gloom which accumulates in the room where the Juniors recite French has already impaired the color of the wall paper.

Stephen Langworthy was hurt in the cane rush and forced to go home. He has now recovered, however, and is with us once more.

Parsons Chapter of the Deciples of the Red Flag will meet to-night at their hall on O St. to consider the feasibility of burning the University.

Mr. Kramer was unable to orate in chapel upon his appointed morning because of the great desire for his company felt by several lower class men.

Gov. Thayer attended dress parade Friday, and expressed himself much pleased by the appearance and discipline of the cadets. He promises soon to give them a regular review.

Ralph Platt fell several steps on the *Journal* office stairs last week and sprained his ankle. It has nearly recovered now, and he regrets that he will be obliged to drill again soon.

The regular periodical exodus from the U. of N. to the penitentiary and insane asylum has commenced. We hear that Webber and French are among the first victims. Over study did it.

The Juniors had a very pleasant meeting at the residence of Miss May Tower, the evening of the 22nd. At least it was pleasant till towards midnight when they found that their overcoats and hats had grown tired of waiting and gone out of the window in company with some mischievous lower class men. Some of the '8gers shivered home with handkerchiefs over their heads.

The University battalion is steadily improving, and it will soon be difficult to distinguish the recruits from the veterans. Improvement is nowhere more noticeable than in the band. Many of the boys never played before this term, and the first time they appeared it would have been hard to tell when they commenced or quit playing had it not been for the base drum, but they are rapidly gaining confidence and lip. We predict that before the year is out they will play as well as any band in the state.

The class of '88 met last Saturday morning to effect, for the fourth time, a "permanent organization". If organization depends on the officers elected we think they have it now as the following list will show. Pres., Codding; vice pres., Miss Talbot; sec., Wagner; treas., Smith; hist., Miss Benedict; master of ceremonies, Matthewson; detective, Stout; Poet, Miss White; prevaricator signor, Schofield; attorney, Polk; orator, Barrett; prophet, Miss Barrett; dish washer, Rogers; artist, Jansen. It may be that some of the class were overlooked, but if so it is because they did not attend the election.