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**Editorial Remarks**

The annual harvest of overcoats is being gathered in from the halls of the various buildings on the campus, by unscrupulous persons who have no further regards for the property of others beyond appropriating it to their own use. An overcoat is a useful article these cold winter days, and few are willing to part with theirs without some satisfaction being given in return. This is the philosophy of the situation and it might be well to view the matter in a little stronger light. To ensure absolute security for their overcoats students should patronize the cloak rooms that are now open. The difficulty of access to the one in the main building is enough to make anyone willing to run the risk of hanging his coat up in the hall, trusting that his will not be the fated one among so many others to be taken. But it is certainly to be deplored that such petty thieving should occur in our midst, and at the same time it is quite a problem to reason how it may be rooted out. Few would be aware that anything was wrong if they actually saw someone walking off with another's overcoat, as they can not be expected to be able to keep tabs on the wearing apparel of others. The cloakrooms are the only safe place, and each should acquaint himself with their location and put his overcoat in safety. This is the only reasonable thing to do, and if each one takes this fact into consideration and acts on it, perhaps some of us may not in the future have to make the rounds of the pawnshops in an attempt to locate and recover our property.

Debating here will soon assume a vigorous activity, and those excelling in the arts of argumentation will be delving in volumes of lore to increase their knowledge of weighty subjects assigned them for investigation. The schedule, though not fully determined yet, will nevertheless be strong. Whatever delay there may be in arranging it will be only for the purpose of making it of greater strength. Other institutions are waiting on us, instead of we on them. A number of prominent institutions are anxious to meet Nebraska, and wrest from her the laurels she has gained, and it is our only desire to meet those best fitted to strive with us for such a result. Nebraska is willing to defend her title against the strongest that can oppose her, and an easy and sure schedule is not desired. Other schools that we have met are now training their debaters along the same lines in vogue here, which testifies to the excellence of the system that has brought our University to the front. Matters are even now in a good way toward arranging a meeting with a

strong eastern neighbor, which will be able to give us a contest to our own liking. While nothing is as yet definite we may expect a schedule that will give the opportunity that we desire—that of meeting institutions of such standing in debate that we may be able to test our abilities in this line with most fitting and capable opponents.

We wish once more to call the attention of University people to the ways in which they can help us. We especially ask contributions to our alumni page and anyone can help us in this respect by handing us any items of information that he may happen to have, concerning anyone who formerly attended this University. Also, if anyone has a letter received from an alumnus of this institution, which contains something of interest to University people, we request that it be handed to us for publication.

**WORTHY ORGANIZATION.**

**Some Facts About the Innocents and Their Work.**

College life in any institution that is thoroughly alive and growing, presents to the minds of both faculty and students, many phases that demand attention apart from the class room. Things that are equally important in rounding out that training which students seek to acquire and which the instructors so diligently strive to give. Ordinarily it is the part of the instructor to guide and direct, the part of the student to work for himself.

Yet in some things the student must be his own teacher, and all work together on the same footing. Both faculty and students must co-operate to promote the best interests of their institution; to foster and advance that spirit which will keep it alive and growing.

In attempting to do this it is not always a well organized effort on the part of the student body. With the feeling that more could be accomplished if ways were better defined in our institution, thirteen worthy men in the Senior class of last year talked matters over and finally banded themselves together for the advancement of all worthy interests in connection with University affairs.

They called themselves the "Innocents." Desiring to make it a permanent organization of strength they elected as honorary members some of the faculty, and going back to the beginning of the University they chose only those of the alumni whom they thought stood for the best in college and in life.

It is not a fraternity organization, and represents no one side or feature of life in college, but stands for every phase: for athletics, debating, military, for the moral side of student life, and in fact every department wherein their support would be a help or was needed particularly.

It was the idea to elect as successors each year thirteen Juniors whose names are to be announced on Ivy Day. Last year the mantle fell on the following men, of '04, who should carry on the work:

L. P. Hewitt, E. R. Buckner, M. E. Townsend, A. J. Coates, R. S. Harris, C. E. Bell, C. H. Bryan, H. T. Parker, Ira Ryner, P. J. Harrison, Norton Ware, N. M. Cronin, E. L. Bridge.

To succeed these thirteen men of the class of '05 will be elected, and there is no ill luck in the number, for any man who stands for the things embodied in the student life that is best, is considered eligible and will not be chosen because he is a friend of an "Innocent," but picked for his merit.

This year the organization is carrying out the original idea of lending support as best it may and is responsible for taking the initiative in several improvements accomplished.

Instance the better organized rooting at football games where its lieutenants, L. P. Hewitt and Clark Bell, performed their parts faithfully and well.

The reception of our team on its return trip from the Kansas game was pushed by the "Innocents." In all such things some one must start the

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this organization to see that it is started and that all join in. Opportunities for good work present themselves often and it is the hope that none will pass by unnoticed. Next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock Chancellor Andrews will address the young men of the University on "The Claims of the Church." Every organization having a connection with the University is urged to turn out en masse, and make it in reality the University affair which it is. The "Innocents" wish to aid and support any movement and every movement that promotes the upbuilding of student character and of University work; to help when others lead, to ask all to work in unison with the organization when it may chance to take the initiative.

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