

Cotner University seems to be afflicted with two first base ball nines. First nine No. 2, defeated first nine No. 1, and now claims to first nine *de facto*, and dubs the other nine *de functo*. Consequently there was no game between Cotner and U. of N. on Field Day. Why not put up our *presumptive* against their *de functo* nine?

Low rates on the railroad may be secured for Field Day at Crete if a sufficient number of tickets can be sold. The proper enthusiasm cannot be kept up unless a hundred students from this institution go down to Crete with the "yell." We are going to win and we must have a good strong yell for every victor.

A challenge from Hastings college to a game of foot-ball came to our club a few days ago. The challenge was accepted on conditions, one of which was, that expenses incurred be defrayed by the Hastings club. Hastings generously declined for the present. But look out for next fall.

A meeting of the executive committee of the inter-collegiate athletic association is called at Crete, May 16, to make final arrangements for the great Field Day.

Tennis continues to be the favorite game on the campus. The court is in use from morn till night.

#### The Y. M. C. A. Convention at Kansas City.

A young man attending a Y. M. C. A. convention for the first time, especially if it be an inter-state convention is struck with three things: first, the physical, mental and moral young manhood he sees. In no other kind of a convention has ever been gathered so many young men of so sturdy physique, of so great mental strength, of so grand moral power. Although there were absent Mr. Stag, the great Princeton base ball pitcher, who, when he graduated, was offered \$5,000 a season to pitch but chose to continue college Y. M. C. A. work as a secretary of the international committee, and Mr. Wilder, another leading college young man; and Mr. Speer one of the brightest and youngest professors in Yale; although these leaders in the work for college young men were absent the convention was made memorable by the presence of such men as Fisher, of Kansas, Nash of Nebraska, Lyons, of Iowa, who in the minds of the students of Nebraska, at least, should have had first honors at the inter state oratorical contest last year; Beaver, of Pennsylvania, son of ex-Governor Beaver; Cossam, traveling secretary of the volunteer movement; Spencer, of Yale; Mr. White and Mr. Ober, of the international committee; Boyd, of Kansas City; and besides many others, John R. Mott, of New York. These young men, already of wide reputation, were the leaders in the convention just closed of nearly 600 delegates from nearly every state, territory and province of North America.

The second impressive fact is the immensity of the work. New York, the first Irish city and the second German city in the world, Chicago, Philadelphia, and all the large cities are crowded full of young men, each one working for his own interest, if not often for his own ruin, and against the interest of our own nation. The evil condition and the destructive influence of the young men of the cities of Christian lands is the condition and influence of two thirds of the human race, augmented many fold by ignorance, and the lack of all the influence of civilization of and the knowledge of the Savior of men.

The third point is the zeal manifested among young men, especially college young men. In face of the fact that there pass before the judgment seat of God 90,000 young men every year, who have rejected him, it would be strange indeed if college men, men who lead the world in politics, in

every profession, if many of them were not turning the energies of their lives into a movement to save young men. In Kansas last year 300 young men volunteered as foreign missionaries. About fifty-five months ago fifty-five students of the state university of Missouri, in as many minutes, pledged \$5,000 for a Y. M. C. A. building. For a like purpose nineteen young men of the university of Iowa pledged \$2,000 not long ago. In the 300 colleges having Y. M. C. A. organizations there are 25,000 of picked young men who have consecrated their brains to the work of reaching the young men of every color and race for the interest of civilization. The fact that nearly 600 delegates from almost the entire North American continent met for five days in convention; that Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt at this convention pledged to the Y. M. C. A. \$4,000, and that rich men, and many poor men and women, by large gifts and small, as a result of a single invitation, nearly \$60,000 to the international committee to be used for young men during the next two years, is an indication of the magnitude of the work and a testimonial of the zeal of the young men themselves.

#### NOTES.

The delegates met Mr. Rockhold by chance the next morning after they arrived in Kansas City. Saturday they spent a short time with him in seeing the sights of the city.

To Mr. M's question, "How many of these things am I to eat?" the waiter at Atchison who had set before him five sandwiches, said in all simplicity: "How many more do you want?"

The delegates of the Y. M. C. A. passed close by Parks College, Parkville, Mo., of which Mr. J. Cecil Graham was once a student. While passing each way, the university yell was given with all the power three throats could muster.

#### STRAY PICK-UPS.

About 115 went to camp.

Did you see the president?

To the first nine: "Did you ever get left?"

Geo. Malcolm was locked in his room May 1.

The Wesleyan Grays weren't in it—the parade.

Mr. Butts, you may fall out, your uniform is dirty.

The lieutenant pulls the string and Richard's follows.

Miss Arnold, of Ulysses, was visiting Mr. Larson recently.

It was hard for Pollard to leave his fair one to go to Fairbury.

Miss Florence Smith after an absence of a month is again in school.

Geo. W. Johnson left school May 2, but will be back to take examinations.

Eager will make a fortune, a very small one, selling pictures from Gund's negative.

The state university of Minnesota got the next oratorical convention and contest.

A dainty white straw hat with a pink ribbon on it is what distinguishes the sciophies.

Several of the girls washed their dresses while boat riding at Cushman Park Saturday.

Mr. Graham, J. C., now knows that the distance from here to Fairbury is about \$2.00.

Every available seat was occupied the night of the Cadet Band concert, in spite of the fact that the May festival was supposed to be drawing all musically inclined people.