

Teachers' Association.

The holidays will witness another annual gathering of the State Teachers' Association. The 'small boy' will again be dissected, analyzed and flayed. The sources of knowledge will be exploited, the founts of culture tapped. The notorious perversity of 'school boards' will be aired, and the introduction of 'music' and 'art' favored and disfavored. In general the strong knights and fair ladies of the ever-famous birch will meet to talk over their failures and successes; hopes, plans and theories for the advancement of the Schools of Our Own Nebraska. We have a strong liking for the American Teacher, he is a composite of independence, nervousness, energy, child-study and rigid rules; but in spite of all this he is making or unmaking our future citizenship. On the whole he seems to be doing fairly well. He is a faddist and runs mad on novelties but he usually checks himself before reaching the precipice, which is much in his favor. Of course his head is composed of impossible and unprecedented theories but "it takes all kinds of weather to make up a year and a sphere" so we won't grumble. In the end he is right; in the end he is of value; in the end we say he is the strongest and best influence on our future men and women.

Alumni Notes.

Miss Martha Burk '95 is soon to be married to Mr. Harley of Lincoln.

Clyde C. McDowell '97, is visiting his many friends in the University.

Zeno Crook '97, is circulating around the library this week.

Miss Maude Atkinson '97, is acting secretary of the Y. W. C. A. until the new secretary, Miss Tompkinson, of Michigan, arrives!

Miss Julia Wort of the class of '97, who is teaching in Schuyler this year, will spend the Christmas vacation with her sister in Lincoln.

Miss Anna Broady, '97 has been elected teacher of Latin in the Beatrice High School. She will take the place left vacant by Miss Burks' resignation.

Hugh Wilson '97, stopped off with friends Friday evening. He was on his way to Denver. Hugh has been working in the Black Hills.

Fred E. Clements, '95 has in the December Naturalist an article on "Peculiar Zonal Formations of Western Nebraska." This is really a part of the photo-geographical work done by Messrs. Clements and Pound.

Mrs. Ida Atkinson, '83 is working up the subject of the origin of populism in Nebraska for her master's thesis. Mrs. Atkinson is also working for her Doctor's degree at Chicago University.

Prof. Conway G. McMillan, is an alumnus who has brought much credit to his alma mater. He is now in the University of Minnesota. The latest work published by him is entitled, "The Vegetation of the Shores of the Lake of the Woods."

The Pershing Rifles will give a hop at the Lincoln, Jan. 14, 1898.

The following officers were elected by the Palladian debating club: W. O. Ayers, president; S. B. Sloan, vice-president; H. L. Sams, secretary.

A visit to Herpolsheimer & Co's. store during this season is like a peep at Fairyland. Mountains of toys and Holiday goods meet the eye at every turn.

The University sent fifteen delegates to the Y. M. C. A. state convention. They all report a most enjoyable and profitable convention. Their reception by the Hastings people was a royal one.

Delian Debating club elected the following officers Saturday night: E. F. Warner, president; E. G. Woodruff, vice president; Mr. O'Connell, secretary; and Messrs Sayer and Anderson attorneys.

Following is a good list of books from which to select a present for your friends: Quo Vadis by Lienkiewicz; The Christian by Hall Caine; Choir Invisible by Jas. Lane Allen; Captains Courageous by Rudyard Kipling; Beth Book by Sarah Grand; School for Saints by John Oliver Hobbs; A Son of the Old Dominion by Mrs. Burton Harrison; Hugh Wynne, Free Quaker, by Mitchell; The Green Book by Jokai. We have all these books at cut prices as well as a full line of Fountain Pens, New Stationery, Music, Violins, Guitars, Mandolins, Music rolls, etc. Book, Stationery and Music Departments, Herpolsheimer & Co.