

ing visitors as he escorts them through the University. The HESPERIAN has too much confidence in the University authorities to believe that visitors are being deceived and the foremost organizations of the institution defamed with their sanction. But why the authorities will permit one, who so hopelessly fails in his duty to remain an employee of the University, the HESPERIAN is not ready to answer. The fact that this particular guide is a recent victim of the "preachers' frat." does not *entirely justify* his conduct.

ORATORICAL ELECTIVES. Officers are to be chosen in the Local Association. This is an important matter. We cannot afford to let it pass and put "just anybody, in the places of labor and honor. College Oratory is being revived, it is gaining ground every day here in the University and men should be put at the head of the organization with both brains and push sufficient to keep the interest growing and spreading. In a couple of years we will be called upon to entertain the Inter-State Ass'n and then we must be prepared to extend our hospitality as well as show our courtesy. We must not be unprepared; we must not be found wanting in interest or honest support. Hence we should continue the revival of the present year. It's a good thing; push it along—and push it *hard*. This is not a concern of one faction or one clique; it is a matter of general and paramount interest to all who owe allegiance to the University of Nebraska. The responsibility is not upon a few, it is upon all, and all should manifest an interest by attending the meeting and influencing somewhat the choice of officers for the coming year. A number of good men are already mentioned for the high places and the prospect is that a close contest will be made. *Will you not take the trouble to get yourself to the meeting?*

BASE BALL.—Baseball prospects are bright. The team promises to be one of the strongest in the history of the University and the season's forecast is the best. With fifty men trying for places on the team and an abundant enthusiasm in the work, there need be little fear as to the strength of the team when made up. There is no lack of material and the

quality is first-class. Under the coaching of Mr. Barnes there is no doubt that efficient pitchers will be developed during the winter months. And with a field coach in the spring we should be in shape to meet and conquer any collegiate congregation in the west, and some of them in the east. To be sure we won no games last year against the distinctively eastern institutions; but the experience was beneficial, and we hope and expect to fare well when we meet them this year.

Two trips are being planned and arranged for by the management: one into Kansas the first week in May, and a star one through Iowa and Illinois. The formation of several leagues in the east has caused some delay in the schedule, but everything now indicates a happy solution of the difficulties and the completion of satisfactory arrangements. A coach is now hired and at work; physical training and conditioning are begun; a strong schedule of games is rapidly being made. What more can we ask? The chances are good for bringing several strong collegiate teams to Lincoln for games on the home grounds, and patronage and support are sufficient to warrant it. This will surely be done.

Alumni and Former Students.

Miss Ella Mathews, '97, is spending the winter with relatives in New Mexico.

R. P. Teele reports success in his work at Washington, and declares "marriage is not a failure."

B. G. Almy visited recently in Rhode Island, the old home of his parents.

N. M. Graham, a former University student, will enter school again the first of next semester. Mr. Graham has been county superintendent of Clay county for the past six years.

Miss Jennie Hall, '93, is now teaching at Alexandria.

Thro' the kindness of B. C. Mathews, '95, we have the following notice:—"Brookings, Jan. 7.—D. A. Saunders, professor of botany in the agricultural college, returned home yesterday after spending the holiday vacation in the east, and surprised his friends by reporting, that on December 27 he was married to Miss Eva Merrit, of Wellsville, N. Y."—Sioux Falls Argus Leader."