

anything to do with such old scraps as those. Just keep your eye on the daily papers which spread the tidings far and wide. Students are not all bad; not all students are good; but it must remain recorded that nearly all are noisy. If they stop at noise merely, again there is just a smile all around, out in the big world. But alas.

It is Spring. A robin came up and drank to my health between chirps out of a puddle beside the walk; a ball hit me square in the back while the kids yelled "foul." One of the kids told me he was going to have a base ball team of his own. I suppose he will call it the "Toddlers." Nature—well, I'll leave that to Bixby. It is the kids and their closely allied species, the robins, who tell *me* when spring comes.

The Cook.

#### ATHLETIC NOTES.

##### ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING.

The Athletic Board held a meeting last Saturday afternoon at which all the different managers were present and made their monthly reports. The report of Geo. Burgert, tennis manager, showed a decided improvement in that branch of athletics. Mr. Burgert has given up the idea of holding an inter-state meet and will concentrate his efforts in making a success of the state tournament, in which every college in the state is expected to participate. The tournament will be held in Lincoln.

The report of the base ball committee did not show any decided improvement in the games scheduled. While the members of the committee, and also Assistant Manager Ryons who is acting as secretary of the committee, deserve no little credit for the vigorous manner in which they are prosecuting the work, yet they have been more or less handicapped by the organization of the Illinois league and the fact that our games on the eastern trip last year were unprofitable to the entertaining teams, and results so far are not what might be hoped for.

The report of the foot ball manager, A. A. Bischof, showed that he was carrying on a large correspondence and that some games were already scheduled. There were several applicants for the position of Coach. A letter to Dr. Hastings from ex-Coach Robinson makes

the latter practically an applicant for the position. If possible the board will secure Mr. Robinson.

The report of track manager, E. A. Moore, would seem to indicate a successful field meet this spring. Mr. Moore said a good track was the thing most needed. A member of the board suggested that one Cutter thought a cinder track possible. His plan was to carry a subscription list around to the business men asking them for donations. As Mr. Cutter offered his services, the board made him *official solicitor*.

The board acted favorably upon the proposed Athletic Annual. W. H. Oury offered to assume the business responsibilities for one half the profits. His proposition was accepted. An effort will be made to induce Will MacKay, one of the '98 Sombrero staff, to act as Editor-in-Chief.

##### DIAMOND DUST.

The house where Cowgill rooms has been quarantined. Cowgill left for home between two days. He will return within a couple of weeks.

The practice hours have been fixed for the present from 4:30 to 6 p. m. All candidates for the team will be excused from drill. After this, men wishing to practice must hand their names to Capt. Gordon. All others will be kept off the field. This step was deemed necessary in order that the men who really wish to try for the team may have a chance to practice.

A series of games between the class teams is being arranged to be played within the next two weeks. This will enable the men to get a little preliminary practice in games and also give the new pitchers a chance to see what they can do.

H. M. Benedict '96, and a member of last year's team has been engaged to be the field coach for the coming season. He will be with the team three days in the week. The athletic board showed excellent judgment in engaging Benedict as coach. He is well acquainted with all the men, an enthusiastic alumnus and above all he is undoubtedly the fastest amateur infielder in the state. Under his able coaching and with the abundance of