

THE HESPERIAN

Base Ball.

The base ball boys lined up for the first real game of the season last week. In the field Johnson, Liebman, Cuscadden, Bell, Ryan and Rhea did splendid work. At third base was Gordon, Reed and McDermott, second base Rehlander, Crandle, and Kingsbury, while Rhodes held first. It can be easily seen what a strong lot of men will fill the places on base. The ability of Lemar and Moore as catchers is unquestioned. Stringer, Bell, Campbell, Milford, Rhea, and Bliss are working hard in cage every day. Everything indicates the most efficient team the University has turned out for many years. Every man is well qualified for his special place, having had several seasons of experience with prominent amateur teams. There will not be a weak place in the team for each has a number of candidates of marked ability. The effective training of Barnes and Kennedy are already shown in the work of the team.

Manager Bliss has secured a series of games with prominent colleges that cannot fail to make the spring trip a success. The games and dates scheduled are Kansas, at Lawrence, May 13; Missouri, Columbia, May 15; Wabash College, Bloomington, Indiana, May 17; Crawfordsville, May 18; Depaw University, Greencastle, May 19; Perdue College; Lafayette, May 20; Notre Dame, South Bend, May 22; Lake Forrest, May 23; Madison, May 24 and 25; Minnesota State University, May 26; Iowa University, May 27.

"To arouse student interest in the teams" the Board of Athletic Control of the University of Chicago has decided to sell season tickets for the spring athletic contests for \$2.50. The tickets are to be good for at least twenty-five base ball and track games and entitle the holder to seats in the grand stand except at big games.

Debates.

The Union club Saturday night will discuss the question, "Resolved, That the advantages of the jury system outweigh its disadvantages."

The Delian club will debate the proposition of the possibility of increasing the standing army to 100,000 men. There will also be an election of officers.

The Palladian boys have taken for their text Saturday night, "Resolved, That the proposition of the Czar of Russia, in regard to disarming the armies of the powers, should be taken up."

The debating association met Monday presumably to transact some business, but little was done, except to allow a few fellows an opportunity to load some carefully prepared speeches on the unsuspecting audience. There is a conflict of dates with the Missouri-Nebraska debate and the oratorical meeting, both of which will be held in May. It is probable arrangements will be made so that the conflict will be avoided. Missouri has accepted the date suggested by the association for the debate here, but under the circumstances this will undoubtedly be changed. The date for the interstate oratorical

contest can not be changed, because it is fixed by the constitution, and the date has been agreed upon.

Since the debaters have decided their question to debate in the next preliminary, they have become confronted with another disagreeable proposition, and that is, lack of time for preparation. These debaters depend almost wholly on the facilities furnished by the library in the preparation for such contests. Why could not the library be left open till 11 o'clock, instead of 10. This is the custom in many eastern institutions. There is no reason why the east should be ahead of the west in offering facilities to students. There are many other students who join with the debaters in hoping that this much needed change will be made. It will be a forward step by the University of Nebraska in behalf of its students.

Dr. George Willis Botsford, '84.

Our contemporary mentioned in its last issue the fact that there are now two of the Harvard faculty who have been graduated from the Nebraska State University, and gave considerable detail about the places where Dr. Botsford has taught since 1884. But it failed to mention the greatest and most recent contribution of his to the world of scholarship, viz: A History of Greece for Academies and High Schools, Mac Millen & Co., 1899. It is elaborately illustrated with half-tones of Greek subjects of art, customs and scenery, and very handsomely printed. Mr. Botsford was always a careful student of the English language and literature, and has fine taste as a matter of style. This latest product of his pen shows this quality of his genius to fine advantage.

Beginning at the holidays he had not been very sick, and President Elliott, of Harvard, gave him leave of absence for the remainder of the year, continuing his salary, and arranged for the expenses of a five months' study in Italy and Greece. It may thus be seen that eastern people appreciate Nebraska products.

Dr. Botsford is now at Southern Pines, North Carolina, where he has just been joined by his wife and children. Later they will go to Michigan for the summer, and Dr. Botsford will start for Europe.

Mr. Langer is preparing to take the examination for admittance to the naval academy at Annapolis. This examination is to be held at Norfolk.

The Y. M. C. A. is fortunate in securing for next Sunday, Mr. Nash, who is now in the city. Mr. Nash has a national reputation as a worker among men. He has just been employed by the Executive committee of the Y. M. C. A. of Ohio to give one whole year to work among the men of that state. No young man should miss this meeting Sunday at 4 p. m.

The freshmen are well represented in the debating association at present. The voluminous voice of Craft is often heard even if he is in the minority. His recent noted speech in favor of a confirmatory power by the sixteen debaters roused considerable interest. The tenacity and eloquence of Nims, together with the sage philosophy of Landis, makes a real live meeting out of a dry subject.