

One of Miss Richardson's pupils, with praiseworthy originality, has painted a design upon a tambourine to hang upon the wall. The head of the tambourine bears a bird's nest surrounded with wild roses. This novel treatment of a tambourine makes an agreeable ornament,—and does not spoil the instrument.

We learn, through an Omaha correspondent, that Eb Fairfield who is in the B. & M. offices there, and Mr. Tousey, Mr. Touzalin's nephew, propose to go to Germany next year for a university course. We are glad to learn it, as also various rumors to the effect that Mr. Touzalin thinks Eb Fairfield a young man worthy of constant promotion.

The class was discussing lightning. Exclaimed one, "Sometimes, when two persons are sitting close together, one is struck and the other is not." "Yes," said the professor, "and when a string of persons are taking a shock there may be one in the line who will break the circuit. The electricity has no effect upon him. It is quite unaccountable." Thoughtful member of the class: "Perhaps he is a lightning rod peddler."

The appointments in the military department are looked for eagerly. Captain Livingstone's and Conrad's departure will start a whole line of promotions. We hope that the cadet officers, when they are appointed, will immediately provide themselves with the gold braid and straps that serve to distinguish officers from privates. These additions to the uniform not only assist recognition but add to the general appearance of the battalion.

The local editor was shown over Washington University while in St. Louis recently, by Prof. Nipher of the department of Physics. It is a fine institution, the pride of St. Louis. The Training School, in connection with the University, offers opportunities for practical work at the forge, the lathe, and with carpenter's tools. The art school is large and in excellent hands, and altogether there are about twelve hundred students. The University is supported by private donations.

"Old gold" seems to have become the accepted color of this State University and will figure hereafter conspicuously at all our entertainments. To have some mark, some color like this that we can recognize gives us *esprit*; we can "follow our colors," and old gold is certainly a pretty one and in some senses symbolical. Is not Nebraska one of the western states where the sunsets are always in old gold? Do not our broad wheat fields show wave on wave of old gold? Here, then, for our college color, and may we never dishonor it!

There has been put up in the library one hundred and fourteen feet of new shelving. It took us an hour and a half to make that computation, so we are sure about it. All that has been vacant before is now built up with shelves and on the north side a broad shelf has been made for magazines, so that hereafter the table will be clear. Beneath this is a space for very large volumes. All this improvement is because a new invoice of books is expected.

The following promotions and appointments in the University battalion are announced:

Captains—John F. Harris, Co. A; G. D. Fairfield, Co. B.

1st Lieutenants—S. J. Robinson, Co. A, Jesse Holmes, Co. B.

Sergeants—Co. A, Henry Newman, Chas. D. Fairfield, D. L. Clark, J. V. Parker, E. F. Peck; Co. B, B. F. Marshall, J. M. Hastings, W. A. Tris, G. H. Rogers, L. H. Cheney.

Corporals—Co. A, C. A. Smith, D. T. Smith, E. C. Wiggernhorn, H. E. Peckham, Co. B, J. E. Churchill, G. W. Botsford, J. R. Foree, Conway McMillan.

In the B. & M. R. R. land circular which that company sends all over the country we find the following very generous notice of the University. We never before thought of the useless old tower as being "campanile." That's a grand and worthy conception of the author of the pamphlet. "The State University is a noble structure in the center of the city, the grounds comprising four blocks, or an area of about ten acres. The building, which cost \$100,000, rises in the middle of the well laid garden grounds. Three stories in height, with a campanile tower in the center. The exterior ornamentation is simple, the architect depending on the massiveness of the structure and the lines for the effect, and he has succeeded. The interior accommodations include all that is necessary for the purposes of the University, and the attendance of students is 259, with a staff of 14 professors. In connection with the University is a large ladies' boarding hall.

The sociable of the Palladians Friday night was the most elaborate they have yet given. The hall was tastefully arranged with flowers, pictures, and antique busts, with here and there a table covered with objects of interest. The many who came were entertained with music, recitations and social converse. Miss Leonard, Miss Cora Doolittle, the Misses Williams and Mr. Alexander sang, Misses Edith Doolittle and Cora Fischer played, and Mrs. Dearborn gave a recitation. There were some toasts responded to during the evening, Mr. Yates eulogising Longfellow, Miss Fairfield lauding the Palladian society, and Mr. Chase making an appeal

for our college paper. Early in the evening Mr. Montgomery was installed as President, and officiated with dignity. In his address he referred to several abuses in the society which he would wish to see corrected. The evening passed quickly and pleasantly and the fame of the Palladians as entertainers was sustained.

After the stormy weather had prevented the two societies from holding a joint social in the University, the Unions decided not to omit the regular exercises the next Friday, and prepared an excellent program. Notwithstanding the predictions that they would have no audience, their hall seemed to contain its share of the crowd that thronged the University on that night, and their performances were greeted with an amount of applause that allowed no one in hearing to think that the social was the sole entertainment in the building. Speeches were made by Messrs. Snell and Sullivan, an essay by Miss Holmes, and declamations by Misses Lett and Child and Mr. Sheridan formed a program that pleased all who heard it. The debate on civil service reform was discussed with vigor by the rising Union politicians, and the music was of an unusually fine order. A vocal trio from the well-known Apollo Club; a duet by Mrs. Drew and Mrs. Watkins, and the cat duet by Misses Hallo and Child deserve especial praise.

The STUDENT makes a point of noting all arrivals of new books in the library, in order that the public may know how well we are building up our library and to call the attention of students to the latest volumes. A very fine case has just arrived containing, in the line of French History, Hazlett's Napoleon, Dumont's Recollections of Mirabeau, Morley's and Parton's Lives of Voltaire. Under the topic of the Renaissance are Vasari's Lives of the Painters, Kengler's Handbook of Painting in two vols., Symond's History of the Renaissance, Herman Grimms Life of Michael Angelo, Pater's Studies in the Renaissance. Under General History Rawlinson's Ancient Monarchy, Memoirs of Sir John Reresby, Burnet's History of the Reformation, in four volumes. In Greek History we have received Wachsmuth's Historical Antiquities of the Greeks, two vols., St. John's Manners and Customs of the Greeks, three vols. These will be used in Prof. Howard's historical classes and in connection with Prof. McMillan's department. There are also texts of Demosthenes, Berkeley's Works, Lange's History of Materialism, Lewis and Clarke's Travel's, Wallace's Malay Archipelago, Cartwright's History of the Jesuits, and, one of the most useful of all, Benton's Abridgement of the Debates in Congress from 1789-1856, in sixteen volumes.