

Base Ball still exists in a hysteric condition in the vicinage of these classic halls.

On the 19th ult. the HESPERIAN ASSOCIATION met by call of the president. Miss Mary Campbell was elected Literary Editor in the place of Miss Fisher resigned. The proposition of W. E. Johnson to take the paper on his own risk was accepted.

The opening address of the Industrial Department, given by Prof. Bessey, dean of the same, was well attended both by students and citizens. It was as well the inaugural of Prof. Bessey, and showed him to be a specialist in the chair to which he has been called.

A few days ago a strange bird was brought to the University and added to the museum collection. It was shot two miles from town, and measured over a yard from tip to tip. It is pure white and has a peculiar spoon-shaped bill about 8 inches long, and from half an inch to an inch and a half wide.

It were probably in keeping with the custom of former editors to note the eccentricities of the new members of the faculty, to make known the peculiar habits of that one, to remark about the methods of recitation adopted by another, etc., but we only say that, to those here for work, the outlook is most promising.

The fitting up of one of the rooms on the fourth floor for the use of the band boys is certainly an improvement upon the old order of things, and one for which the boys are truly thankful; while on the other hand those not connected with them are denouncing most bitterly the English language as it is incapable of describing or even making known their breadths, lengths, and depths of thankfulness. We rejoice that the change is taken so kindly by all.

At three thirty Friday the 16th the Freshman class met in the chapel to form a permanent organization. A constitution was presented by the committee and adopted. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Aughey; Vice President, Miss Barrett; Secretary O. B. Polk; Treasurer, A. E. Anderson; Prophet, R. S. Mockett; Historian, Mr. Schofield. There seemed to be a great deal of enthusiasm manifested and it was the determination of all to make the Freshman class of eighty-five boom.

Owing to the inclement weather the audience that greeted Dr. Hicks in the opening address of the academical department, was much smaller than it would otherwise have been. The lecture was one of interest, amply repaying those present their inconvenience, and proving Prof. Hicks true to his special science—Geology. We only wish that a much greater number might have listened to the address.

While most of the old familiar faces—the class of '84 excepted, are again visible among us, the faces of the new seem even more plentiful, and this is as it should be; but, ye older members, do not forget to give them the welcome that is their due. Make the advance and let them feel that there are those here interested in them. To the new-comer—no pun—we would say, do not be too timid. Associations must be formed, and associates chosen, else why are we here? "Now is the accepted time." Ye local extends to all a most hearty welcome.

The joint sociable of our literary societies, which took place the first Friday evening of the term, was the best of its kind we have ever had the pleasure of attending.

There seemed to be a lack of the usual coldness exhibited on such occasions, and we sincerely doubt if the illustration of the modern sociable given by the Brooklyn divine last winter, would in strictness apply in this case. He likened them to a room filled with chairs each of which is occupied by an icicle. But we reconcile this by remembering that he referred to those of Brooklyn and not those of the west, especially of University students.

We have always held the opinion that few knew of the existence of the University of Nebraska, and were confirmed in that view when a delivery-man from down town, searching for a boarding club that has lately come among "the things that be," drove up to the University and deposited his load of provisions in this office. Being interviewed at this juncture by a couple of idle Freshies as to whether those articles of diet were intended for the use of the faculty when special meetings cause them to forego the pleasure of their regular repast, or did the new board of editors contemplate a feast in the near future, he replied: "I guess I know my business. These supplies are for that new boarding club, and this is where they stay, isn't it?"

A short time since many might have noticed groups of the upper classmen collected here and there about the building discussing some topic of a very general interest, or at least they evinced a great eagerness to know and to say something on the subject. Others were even more impressed with the importance of the theme because of the interest taken by a gentleman Senior and a Junior lady, who spent, in a conspicuous place, as much as two hours in a conversation bearing, perhaps, upon the same topic. But it all turned out to be the announcement in the *Daily Journal* of the marriage of C. T. Brown and Miss Josie Chapman, formerly students of the U. of N., Miss Chapman a graduate of the class of '84. Well wishes etc. to all concerned.

A few days ago one of the most interesting games of base ball of the season took place between the Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Thetas. The challenge made by the Sigs was at once accepted; the number of innings to be five and Sept. 20th at 2:30 the time. The sun rose clear in the morning and remained so all day. At two o'clock the two societies were gathered on the campus to make arrangements for the contest. After due deliberation it was settled that the society which made the least number of scores should furnish ice cream for the crowd. Precisely at 2:30 the captains threw up for ins, and the Phis went to the bat. There was some very fine playing, especially in throwing. Many times the ball made a semicircle over the first baseman and hedge fence. A number of times it slipped through the fielder's hands and caused them to fly up like a jumping jack when the spring is touched. The bystanders seemed to be very much interested and frequently applauded. The great trouble seemed to be that toward the first of the game there was too much muscle to spare and the ball was kept searing above the player's heads. The only accidents worthy of being mentioned were that Mr. Hardy had a finger knocked out of joint and Mr. Churchill a bad cut in the jaw. The innings were as follows: First Phis 3, Sigs 10. Second, Phis 5, Sigs 5. Third, Phis 16, Sigs 9. Fourth Phis 10, Sigs 22. Only the first half of the fifth innings was played. The umpire called the game and it stood 38 to 46 in favor of the Sigs.