I can't understand why I recall so few of the incidents of that most important day, when the University of Kansas graduated its first class, seven years after the opening of the institution. Such a proud day as it was too for all of us, while means largely the whole town, as the faculty and student body were both so very small, so the people of Lawrence were most happy to comply with the request that they should furnish a picnic lunch, to be served after the graduating exercises were over, and in the town square. A general invitation was given out to the townpeople, and as many hands were needed to help prepare the lunch I went at eight o'clock with my husband to the then unfinished Froster Hall, in the pleasant company of Mrs. T. H. Thatcher and Mrs. Babcock. I worked for two hours preparing sandwiches in one of the lecture rooms, where many busy hands were employed. At ten o'clock my husband came for me to go into the un-plastered chapel, where we listened to the address of the students of the graduating class, General Froster presiding. Although it was such a momentous occasion, the students seemed uncon- barrassed and relieved the mind of Prof. Kellogg, who had criticized their orations, and drilled them as severely as so cultured and brilliant a teacher as he was, must needs do; and yet with all allowance for their want of previous training. It was a glad and amused smile that he turned to receive my hearty and relieved con-
tolerance when the exercises were over. Owing to the absence of platers and of the present wide platform and seats, for I think we must have been seated on a temporary arrangement of some sort, I can now locate the position of the small dais erected for this occasion. The hole in the center of the ceiling, which met our gaze later through several years, had not then appeared. I recall no details of the bill of fare served on board stables, and the long, prandial speeches which I remember particularly was General Miles of the United States army, the guest of honor for the day, a remarkably handsome and distinguished officer, and he was delighted me with his ready wares of sympathy and approbation. The general bunch habit was continued for three years, when it became so very popular that the men of the Reinhold bundle brought their wives and children to be fed, beside such a large number of the citizens of the town that an entire change in the proceedings became necessary.