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The speakers were as follows: A. B. Lovejoy, Iowa Agricultural College; Archibald Cattle, Jr., Iowa College; C. H. Gravatt, Upper Iowa University; S. Swantes, Cornell College; Geo. Orr, Kenyon College; J. E. Northrup, Drake University; J. F. Morton, Simpson College; O. E. Littell, Coe College. The inter-state contest will be held at Des Moines next May.

Enthusiasm.

The Choral Union gave their concert on last Wednesday evening and it did credit not only to the Union, but to the University. The program gave evidence of careful preparation as well as much musical talent. There are very few of the students who know of this fact doubtless; unless they heard it from a kind neighbor. The town people turned out in a respectable number, but the students were "few and far between." The Choral Union has met with the great defect of this institution, the lack of enthusiasm. The Viddette has struggled for something over two decades with this very monster, and will probably have to keep up the struggle for a considerable time yet. There is no institution in this west, with as little genuine college enthusiasm, as the State University of Iowa; we are loath to say it, but the fact has so forcibly presented itself that reference to it must be made, until a step in advance is taken. Even a little institute like Iowa College, up in Grinnell, Poweshiek County, gives evidence of more enthusiasm than we observe.

The State Contest.

The seventeenth annual session of the Iowa State Oratorio Association was held at Indianola, February 26. Full delegations were present from all of the sixteen colleges which compose the Association. The successful conductor is O. E. Littell, of Coe College, Cedar Rapids; J. P. Morton, of Simpson, taking second. Mr. Littell's oration on "Evolution of Democracy," was enthusiastically received.

The next meeting of the Association will be held at Cedar Rapids. The officers elected are: President, John Kirkpatrick, of Cornell; Vice-President, F. J. Black, of Coe; Secretary and Treasurer, Geo. A. Campbell, of Drake

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Enthusiasm.

The Union had a very fair representation of the class of '91, and the students were most enthusiastic. The union has been very active during the last few weeks, and the students have done much to improve the atmosphere of the place. The students are very much interested in the union, and the officers are doing their best to keep it up.

American History.

From the small number of students scheduled for the lectures in American History, it is evident that there is something wrong in that direction. Either the lectures are not the most important, or its presentation is unsatisfactory, or there is some misconception in the minds of the students.

The importance of the subject can hardly be questioned. And therefore, suffice it to say, in this connection, that the study of our own people and institutions is recognized, among scholars and men of experience, to be of primary and fundamental importance.

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Se Defending.

Lord of Heaven, hear our prayer,
As we ask upon our bended knees.
Take from us all sin forever.
Into Heaven secure with thee.
Never fling it from thy care.
To the least that we can give,
Ravage us with blank despair.
Let us paint these lines.
Still our songs shall please thee;
Trust in our trust with these.

To the S. U. I. Girl.

Product of co-education,
Skilled in science of flirtation.
Draws from all men's esteem.
An ex-inspiring education.

The College girl.

Learned and dynamic maiden.
Scant for her in her gay days.
Art and science—Kant and Maimen.
Grace and beauty in each role showing.

The College girl.

Though seeming outwardly plodigous
She's expert in feats academic.
And practices with joy notable.
On Field Day sports up in the air.

The College girl.

She knows everything worth knowing,
Sing, skating, dancing, rowing.
Cooking, fishing, tennis, bowling.
Grace and strength in each role showing.

The College girl.

"Reyn." The freshman girl is named for neediness.
The Sophomore boasts of her sweetness.
The Junior justice claims discretion.
But try for real and true completeness.
The Sophomore girl.

"Tat." News and Notes.

Cornell has registered 500 students in chemistry this year.
The Lick Observatory is run with a yearly expense of $20,000.
The Legislature of Oregon has passed an act prohibiting polygamy.

Mr. Bancroft was the sole surviving member of the Harvard class of 1817.

The Leland Stanford, Jr. University will be ready for occupancy October 1, 1892.

Mr. John D. Rockfeller has built a skating rink for the use of the Vassar girls.

Beloit College has declared very emphatically against shortening her course.

The Yale navy is to have a new launch that can make fourteen miles an hour.

The Columbia Sophomores have voted not to let the freshmen wear whiskers of any kind.

There are 107,309 thirsty trees set out and growing in the school-house grounds.

The practical man in any calling or profession, is that man who causes events to come to pass.

There are one hundred and nineteen elective courses open to the academic juniors and seniors of Yale.

Yale now has six United States Senators: viz., Ervart, Davis, Gibson, Wolcott, Higgs, and Dubois.

Next year Lafayette College will change from the English to the Roman method of pronouncing Latin.

The eight teachers' normal schools of Prussia have among the members of their faculties twenty-eight ladies.

The largest university in the world is the great Mohammedan University at Cairo. It has 10,000 students.

Gall Hamilton conducts a Bible Talk in Secretary Blaines drawing-room, at Washington on Sunday afternoons.

Twenty thousand dollars have been subscribed towards the erection of a gymnasium at Wheeling.

Northwestern has challenged Harvard to a tug of war contest, on the Harvard grounds, to take place in March.

Mrs. Stanford, the wife of the California Senator, has given $150,000 to the Stanford University for an Art Museum.

It is rumored that a certain summer hotel keeper has decorated each room with a frieze in order to lower the temperature.

A petition was presented in the State Legislature of Illinois, asking for the "flag-wave" over the school houses of the State.

As President of the Bread Institute of Philadelphia, at $400 a year, Professor McAlister is the best paid teacher in the United States.

East Wednesday, in the Wisconsin Senate, a bill to increase the State University appropriation from $30,000 per annum, by a special tax, came up for the third reading.

The chair of German at Yale, vacant since 1881, has been filled by the election of Professor Arthur H. Palmer of the Western Reserve University of Cleveland, O.

Is there anything in college life more awful and blood-chilling than the minute and a half that the Major waits before calling on another junior to recite, in public?

The average age of the freshman class in the Harvard Annex is 17½ and of the senior class 23. And yet the course is four years. Girls, Girls, Girls! Still the same old story?

The College of William and Mary, in Virginia, which a few years ago was virtually closed, now has as many students as can be accommodated, and more buildings are called for.

Statistics of the class of 30, Princeton, show that 45 per cent have chosen the professions, 12 per cent are teaching, and the same proportion are in business. About 10 per cent. of the class are idle.

The Soph of Wabash College, Indiana, had a banquet. The Freshies ran off the class president into the country.

The police and the Freshies then had a set-to in which the latter came out victorious.

"This is a queer thing you have in your watch charm," remarked Cornellia to Breene.

"What is it?"

"Far, my summer girl's bathing suit."

The bill to succeed the Bennett Law (recently repealed in Wisconsin, contains no clause regarding instruction in English. Provision is made for 'trust officers' to be appointed at the discretion of the school boards.

John Hopkins University has received a valuable gift in the shape of a collection of a thousand volumes and pamphlets on slavery from Gen. William Hargreaves, of Washington, son of J. G. Hargreave, the great abolitionist.

Texas has the largest prospective school fund of any state in the Union. Georgia taxes her people $107,936,000 for school funds, while Alabama devotes $84,984, simply to the education of her children. This indicates progress in the South.

A National University has been planned, and Senator Edmunds has introduced a bill appropriating $5,000,000 for buildings, and $8,000,000 for permanent endowment. This was Washington's favorite idea, but has always failed through distrust of Congress in the scheme.

McGill University at Montreal, was recently presented with a check for $40,000 towards the endowment of a chair of Electrical Engineering. The gift came from W. C. McDonald, of Montreal, whose previous donations to the University amount to a million dollars.

Over 27,000 volumes have been offered already to the University of Toronto, in order to replace the library recently destroyed by fire. The University of Strasbourg donate 1,000 volumes in remembrance of the donations of her sister Universities when her own library burned some years ago.

For the first time in the history of the college it seems as though training for field day had been undertaken systematically and work carried out some what in accordance with the usages of eastern schools. Daily the farmers and squads of enthusiastic runners, as they hope by in white sweatshirts.

Unit.

"You're a pretty pair of skis," remarked the opera glasses to the gloves, both of you were tight last night, and now you're beasts this morning."

"You're trying hard to kid us, but anybody can see through you," answered one of the gloves, which was nearly worn out with a stitch in the back.

"Well, I want to make things plain," returned the opera glasses. — Yale Re- cord.

The annual scramble between the freshmen and the preparatory classes of Knox College (Galesburg, Illinois) took place Thursday morning. The preps stationed themselves on the roof about midnight with a guard below to watch against the entrance of the freshmen in attempting to secure the prep flag which floated from the roof, bound the guard hand and foot and then proceeded to smash the windows and punch holes through the roof. The preps were well provided with brick bats and maintained their position until morning light dissolved the siege.

An important decision was made last week by the Faculty of Harvard. A Japanese petitioned that he might be admitted to the College as a regular, substituting Chinese and Japanese for the Greek and Latin required for the entrance. As the applicant had been a thorough student in the language, the Faculty said that he had complied with the spirit of the requirements, and granted his petition. This decision may affect many Japanese students to Harvard.

A student of a Canadian University writes "An account of College Life at Yale," which is quite amusing because of the continual comparison of Canadian provincialisms with the provincialisms of Yale. How ridiculous and yet how sublime the attempts of an individual who imagines himself to be a member of some highly superior elite or province, to perpetrate the mannerism of "our people" upon the world at large become, only those who have had occasion to cross the continent or who have stood in the stream of travel, can fully appreciate. What possible difference can it make whether a twenty five cent silver piece is called a "quarter" or two bits.

Faith and Water.

We laugh at the idea of the faith cure but how are we to know how many so-called medical cures are effected by faith and dough-batts. Medicines range in strength all the way from those we take by the glassful, and taste for two weeks, to those which are like the pill which was put in a barrel of water and taken at the rate of a teaspoon-full a month. Perhaps the faith cure may not be so far removed from some of these others as we may imagine.

An incident that happened a month or two ago has strengthened my opinion with regard to that.

I was making a call on two Medics who room together. One of them is of the school of Homeopathy, the other a regular. The room was somewhat on the sick list, and his room-mate was compounding with a grave, professional, start-Death-in-the-face-air, a mixture which Columbia never laughed at. He soon left the room, saying he was going to quiz and I was charged to acCompany the patient, so I lent my support to this potent fluid to the patient.

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STUDENTS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Prayer meeting every Tuesday noon in Central building. All are cordially invited.

Lee, Welch & Co's Kiosk store.
Veda Shaffer's mother is visiting her.
Cal. Lichly of '90 was about the University this week.
Henry and Frank McCaffrey are the latest Phi Deltainites.
Walker has challenged Pierce to a boxing match to the finish.
Prof. Anderson was unable to meet his class on Wednesday.
Miss Neshit, of Des Moines, is visiting friends in the University.
Review's and examinations suggest the speedy approach of vacation.
Pharmaceutical students took their final examination in chemistry Monday.
Bad colds prevail, the result of variable weather during the past week or two.
Jessie Speer was summoned to Idaho this week by the serious illness of her sister.
The Medical students who have been taking history under Mr. Abi, leave in a few weeks.
The Freshmen have been analyzing materialism, atheism, etc., this week in English.
Cal. Lichly, '90, is here for a visit. He is doing some work in the Engineering Department.
The class in chemistry have taken Qualitative Analysis a week earlier than previous classes.
The foot-path between the Central and Science buildings is as popular as ever. As beginners of the trespass the engineering students deserve the most blame.

We think we voice the general sentiments of the class when we say that the short talk or "parentheses" which Prof. Loos gave last Monday morning was much appreciated. The monotonous routine of the lecture and the text-book quiz make a digression now and then welcomed by the students. Especially is this true if the digression turns upon a subject of personal interest to the student as a student, and which calls forth the views and opinions of one who combines experience with knowledge. The sincere student is always eager for such digressions.

Contest Notes.

Yes, Field Day is coming.

Good, of Cole College, did good work.

The western men are good "wire-pullers."

Many states were made and many were broken.

Nell didn't grin when she pulled blanks out of the pot of fortune.

President Brooks gave the best of satisfaction and received many compliments.

The decision of the judges gave universal satisfaction so far as we could observe.

Over twenty ballots were cast for president. There were three candidates in the field.

The people of Indiana desire the thanks of all for their kindness and hospitality.

The quartette of Indiana College gave us some excellent music and won the favor of all.

The Grinnellites should remember that to make a state is one thing and to put it through is another.

Parsons fought hard for location, but Cole beat them. Even the Grinnellites could not save them. Strange.

About 250 were present at the banquet. It was a grand affair and one of the enjoyable events of the week that the Simpsonites could not save them. Strange.

It is said indeed to be too deep in the "soup" that you can't see that you are in the "soup". "You will please copy.

S. U. I., Coe, Cornell, Des Moines, Western, Lotus, central and Pella "pulled together" and carried every thing in the business meeting.

The Simpsonites have a wonderful yell. Here it is: "Simpsonites in all, goddess be our guide, the only thing that matters is that we are one."

Kirkpatrick, of Cornell, was elected president, Ure secured location, and Drake secretary and treasurer.

S. U. I. is the best the Athletic Association.

Jolly Grinnell climbed on top of her high chair to pull the wires, but the naughty electricity of S. U. I. burnt her hands. Saull people should handle small things.

It is now generally acknowledged that the doors of the church at Wittenberg. No longer is there any doubt but that the Grinnell were murdered in the Ruma Forum.

The orator from Upper Iowa University came very near being knocked out on charges of having violated the constitution. The committee appointed to investigate the matter reported that there were no grounds for any charges. Had he been knocked out, S. U. I's orator would have had a place.

125 jolly people came over Thursday afternoon on a special train from Drake. The Draketers tried to drown the Simpsonian yell, but failed. Yelling was a prominent feature of the contest. It may be said that S. U. I., though a successful number, was not lacking in patriotism.

Quite a number of important changes were made in the constitution. One amendment adopted was to the effect that the judicial and their mailings not only to the president, but also to the secretary, and that the president and secretary respectively send their orators to the orators. A good amendment.

The Local Stage.

It is a well recognized fact that the theater is an active element in ethical as well as social discourse. Furnish decorations and analyses of actions, motives and desires which though real and active in the mind of the author, fail to live and act in our minds, simply because mere words cannot produce the effects of experience; cannot verify the corpus which they may clothe. Only a man who has experienced much and studied the lives of others profoundly can produce the effect in our minds.

The Drama Society has a fine show in the making Wednesday afternoon, and many new and interesting pieces will be presented.

The support of a newsy miner company spoken of by the critics, where the curtains go up from 8 to 11 o'clock, stands theater, not simply the time, but to critics the master stroke.

A Visit.

Tell me, will you spell Maggie Len?" Tell me,—"Yes it is. Now when you drop the team will have a good time. Tell me, will you spell Magic Len?"

Lined: Y. H. P. Miller; Lined: Y. I know All but you will spell All will smile that Yes, I will.

Lined: Take that in mind.

Yes, I will.

One of the best plays of the season will be played this week at the Minny bell called "The Rival Kate." The bell work and the scenery are in perfect order. "The Rival Kate" has taken and actually won her position in the dramatic season, and has filled out a place in the program.

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"Truly, the lion is king of beasts."
Wert is the walking interrogation point of the middle year class. The leader in tall is always conscious towards the close of each session. Lectures are not over, and examinations will follow thick and fast next week.

President Schaeffer is puzzled to find questions in Chemistry easy enough for the Medics. "Lingual hens" is the latest. One of our Middele Men will prepare a thesis on this subject.

At the final examination in Anatomy for the Junior Dents, one bright youth said,—"The femur articulated with the sternum."

All Medical students who expect to attend the banquet must procure tickets. Professor N. S. Stimpson, on or before Monday, March 25th.

No dissensuals when rather closely pressed, but, more musingly, when most assaultid, Superferret tautness and laboring rails. Both banished by the sovereign cold—Walnut.

The tinal Juniors who constitute a large majority of the class, have all gone home to their mammals. President Pickider with a few of the sporting led by Mullin, will remain for commerce.

Major Danz will lecture on New Zealand, at the Presbyterian Church, Tuesday evening, March 30th, Medics who went with Kennan to Siberia were delighted with the trip. You will be benefited by the change of climate if you go with Major Dane to the wonderland of Oceania.

Rohll is an overworked Senior. Last Monday, after the first round in Da Costa, he assumed a recumbent position on the top row, and soon fell into a coma. During this period, all his efforts to arouse him were in vain. During this period of coma, which lasted throughout the recitation, he gave a fine exhibition of the abnormally type of respiration.

The members of the Senior class were most delightfully entertained by Prof. Shadrac and his estimable wife, at their home Tuesday evening. The class assembled these at 6 p.m., and after a few moments spent in getting acquaintid, Mrs. Shadrac invited them to sit down to a most elegant supper. After attending to the wants of the inner man, they adjourned to the parlors, where lively conversation and music was the order of the day. The boys sang some old time war songs, and were rewarded with an encore, by a lady who spent three years in the service, narrate some very interesting war-time experiences. The Professor and Mrs. Shadrac did everything in their power to make the evening a pleasant one, and they succeeded most admirably, for all present voted it one of the pleasantest experiences of their college life.

W. L. Thronton.

Law Department.


Judge Fairall was consulting authorities in the library Thursday.

Prof. Hill would it be laconic to steal a gout? Prologued laughter.

Prof. Hayes commenced his lectures to the Juniors on Trial and Judgment Thursday.

Lawson on Canine Jurisprudence might be an appropriate addition to the library at present.

"Most Court practice is like sparking a dead woman," an expression made by a Senior Law the other day.

Nearly every man who gets left in Most Court seems to think it his patriotic duty to appeal the case.

President Marshall, of Colle College, Cedar Rapids, and ex-Prof. Parvin, of the University, were present on Monday, and gave encouraging talks to the boys.

E. S. Merrill, class of '96, was a caller Wednesday. He is general agent of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of New York and is located in Des Moines.

Marion Walters who concluded not to return to the U. I., but appeared before the Supreme Court last January, and passed the required examination, is now comfortably located in Des Moines.

The free-for-all debating club assembles in the library each morning through the week at eight o'clock. If some of these most eccentric clubs are ungodly and most ungodly conduct, the best of the future may come from the good manners, they would surely try to inaugurate a reform.

We are informed by one of the librarians that while both classes were attending the lecture in their respective halls the other morning, some contemptible fellow entered the library, and, no doubt thought it an excellent opportunity to play what he would call an extremely crude trick, which consisted in reding books from the shelves and keeping them in piles upon the table. Not satisfied with interfering with the public property, the intruder also insisted in tampering with the private property of the student's. It is advisable for the perpetrator not to practice the same trick again, lest he make his very study a scene of disgust.

The Sioux City Journal states that Prof. E. McClain, Chancellor of the Law Department of the State University, will be a candidate for election to the Supreme Bench next fall, on the Republican ticket. In commenting on this, the Journal says: "Mr. McClain has made himself well known by his well-known "Digest" and "Abridged Code." He was graduated from the Law Department of the State University, and for several years practiced law in Des Moines. He left the location there to become Chancellor of the Law Department of the University. Mr. McClain has a wide reputation as one of the ablest of Iowa lawyers, and his friends consider him an unusually good man for Supreme Judge." The Journal is quite correct in its statement, and fully justified in its comments. While the Law department would miss Chancellor McClain's valuable services, which he has rendered so efficiently for the last ten years, we can assure our readers that, should he be elected, it will not sever his connection entirely with the Law School. We pray him to make an overwhelming majorist.

Scattered Leaves from the Waste Basket of a Lover.

Books are friends whose society is extremely agreeable to me—"Patriotic Webster." Sometimes I feel that for a time I must withdraw from all companionship. I can not endure the demands that society makes of me; to be made to feel that every one has a right to be bound to respect; that I must continually watch myself in every act I offend some one. In such moments, and you have all experienced them, I retire to my study and surround myself with books. They are always ready to come at my bidding, and I can dismiss them when I please without the least fear that they will feel imposed upon or piqued. They never ask me troublesome questions, and cheerfully answer all of mine. As I pick up one and another with no fear of slighting the neglected ones, yet I feel an unreasonable perchance that brings back to mind lessons learned long ago, and lighting up some obscure passage of my life's history, it leads my imagination far away into the realms of youthful fancies. As the fire on the hearth is lower and lower, and all is calm and silent, I sink into a reverie in which I enter the doors of the ivy covered temple of the past, to walk among the shades that stand like sculptured busts along the niches of its broken wall. To see them, to admire them, to breathe life into their dull souls that they may strike the chords their fingers only can touch. And before I know it I have made peace with the exacting world, and hurry out to form a new alliance.

O r-echnache, "The Tramp," who is closely bound in leather, instead of rugs, comes your way, and unravels a garment of situation differently. He rank him as king of the "Turpilege Tourists." Or the "Three Men in a "Cloud," comes over with one of the most resistable humor and never ceasing flow of numerous anectodes, "I've away all my cares and exhilarate my spirit until I firmly believe that with all the cheer there is in the world I have only half of it," he says.

"But good books like fine clothes—"—Aloft.

The devious may no reader. With a swift ponder the verdict books we have read to bear our favor. How it cuts us damned. How it they have never be more is more be more the discuss the book. Nothing is more never be more book. Nothing is more truthful, than the following that which may contain your favorite or of a casual or for scientific or for literary reader and books with diffident rain in which need search for a book of thought—truth, with be beatiful must it be to have a familiar voice "without imparting of being received a great

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