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Neglected Greatness.

During a session of the Iowa proh-
bitionists at Des Moines this week, Mr. B. F. Wright, of Charles City, is said to have "struck a popular chord with the Alliance members when he adva-
ced a casuistry of appropriations for the support of the State University, so long as prohibition is not enforced in
Iowa City." Would it not be well for the government to quit selling postage stamps at the Iowa City post-
office? Such a wise and prudent meth-
od of retaliation upon Iowa City as this of Mr. Wright is worthy to be concieved in the brain of a Cromwell or Weyeb. Such men as Mr. Wright, with such unique and indispensable conceptions, appear but once in a gen-
eration, and are always reversion-
membered by historians on account of
their sacred regard for truth and infall-
ible apprehension of justice.

In the Waste Basket, and Why.

We are in receipt of a number of articles which it is impossible to pub-
ish from the fact that they are neither
news, literature nor criticism that is
interesting to, or representative of the students or the University. The most
of these productions are well written, but they are devoted to scoring the
"would be reformers;" sarcastic allu-
sions to the mental capacity of writers who are indiscernent enough to take a
genuine, patriotic interest in college life; and to criticism of the attitude of
this paper toward things in general.

It may be interesting and enjoyable to write such things, but they can do no possible good, and if published, will only
serve to deprive them of the use of criticism from the opposite side. We
do not wish to foster such tendencies. If you wish to tell why one thing is
beneficial or another detrimental, everyone will be glad to hear; if you believe things have been criticised that
were undeserving of criticism, show
wherein they are perfect—give the
facts, but don't attempt to freeze our
editorial ink with sarcastic allusions
to "mental capacity," "ignorance," and the
like, for as you know, these things are
largely matters of opinion.

Do not cease to convey, however, because you have made a mistake, but
turn your energies into some more
practical channel.

Slandered.

From an account of the proceedings of the State Temperance Alliance in ses-
sion at Des Moines last Wednesday we clip the following:

"Many cheers greeted the announce-
ment by several gentlemen that, as
long as the abominable and hellish sa-
licences are on the altar of State Uni-
versity, no money should be voted to
the institution. The authori-
ties, the Regents and the Faculty
were accused of being in league with the sal-
on of Iowa City, and were roundly
denounced for not shutting up the rum
bars yet located at the State University.

Think of that! Think of an audience
greeting with applause so monstrous
a statement and so base a falsehood!
What is the University to do when it is
pursued by enemies who do not scruple
to say anything that will destroy it?
It is unanswerable. It will not reach
such people. They are either ig-
noramus or knaves. Their state-
ments are absolutely without founda-
tion. "Saloons run by the authorities
of the State University" indeed! It is
a wonder the audience did not hiss from
the platform a speaker who should
care to make a statement so contrary
to common sense and to the facts.

And yet he was greeted with "many
cheers!" The above clipping is proba-
ably an Associated Press dispatch, for
it has been found in substantially the
same form in quite a number of papers.
It will circulate all over Iowa and will
do infinite injury to the S. U. I., un-
less it is immediately refuted in every
possible manner. It is most con-
ceivable that anyone should believe
such a baseless slander, and yet by a
strange fatality, many people, other
wise wise of good judgment, have nothin
about the S. U. I., however
ignorantly reported or maliciously
stated. One is sometimes
believe that there must be a league in
ia which has no other end in view than
the injury of our chief education-
al division. Only last summer the writer came from the same
place marred by a tirade of invective
against the S. U. I., founded neither
on fact nor reason.

Mr. B. F. Wright, the arch-dema-
gogue of Iowa, was one of the speak-
ers. Here is an extract from his re-
marks:

"Mr. Wright concluding said that he
was opposed to appeasing a single
fraction to the support of the Univer-
sity as long as there is a single saloon
in Iowa City."

What possible reason can be
assigned for vinditing the sins of Iowa City upon
the University? Its authorities do not
control the city government. They are not
responsible for the fact that the State
institution is located in Iowa City. Iowa
City does have some saloons, but to
deny of any sins in Iowa would
ask Mr. Wright move it, where it would be
free from them. Would he locate it at
Keokuk, Muscatine, Ottawa, Council
Bluffs, Sioux City, Des Moines? That
would soon go from the proverbial
griddle into the furnace. Would the
writer select himself into the country
and that would soon spring up around it,
for the eight hundred and fifty students
must have places to board and room. It is
shrewd clasp-up and nonsense to attrib-
ute the defects of the prohibitory law
its non-enforcement to the Regents or the
Faculty of the State University. We
clip again:

"If the University goes down, the
State will go up."

According to Mr. Wright, then, the
prosperity of Iowa depends upon the
destruction of the University. Its
Regents have had their quacks, its
lawyers have been charlatans, its alumni
is a detriment to the State. Such
remarks against an educational insti-
tution might have been appropriate
for the twelfth century, but with the
record of the magnificent work of the Univer-
sity before him, with the report of the
investigating committee which frees
the authorities from all blame of mis-
management, easily accessible, Mr.
Wright's address at Des Moines was

simply unpardonable. It is the duty
of each student to make every effort
of his own home to counteract the influ-
ence of such persistent, such unenve-
ting calumniators.

Note—Since the above was in type
the Rev. Pratte has written an article
denouncing the charge that the statements
made by Wright were received with
many cheers; the applause came from
that of Wright's Friends, and also
that the reports regarding himself and
the other Iowa City members are un-
true, which is directly to: all of which we fully believe.

Library at Night.

The writer of the article which ap-
peared in the Vidette not long ago,
warning the Library at night, wished
to say a few words more about the
subject. He did not write that article for
rhetorical practice, or to fill space. It
was not an oration intended to
embolden an essay, and contributed in
order that its author might experience
the delightful sensation of seeing his com-
position in print. It was written for the
purpose of calling the attention of the
faculty to an earnest desire on the part
of a large number of students that greater library facilities be offered.

The next recession day after the article appeared, one of the professors said to his class: "I am glad to see this
gagerness on the part of the students to
have something more than the
library. A great many colleges throughout the United States
keep the Library at night, and this is
found to be a great incentive to
independent study, and an addition-
al inducement to attend the school.

It is unnecessary to say anything
further of the library as a factor of our
education. It is so enormously benef-
cial that it should not be cut out for
us in small quantities. Indeed it seems
that the faculty ought to be proud of a
class of students who are so interest-
able, so absorbed, and so ready
and opportune for reading; and hence
it would seem only natural that a request of this kind should be
made.

H. H. H.

The Board of Regents.

At the meeting of the Board of Re-
gents this week, there were present:
State Superintendent Sahlin, D. N.
Richardson, Chaik, E. Whiting, Albert
W. Swalm, A. Abernethy, B. F. Os-
borne, J. J. McConnell, A. Matthews,
H. A. Burrell, Governor Boies being
absent.

Professor F. R. Cooper's resigna-
tion from the chair of Pedagogy was ac-
cepted, and J. J. McConnell was elected
fill the chair thus left vacant.

Prof. McBride was granted leave of
absence during the spring, that he might
pursue his studies in Europe.

Provisions were made for the publi-
cation of the Territorial No. 3, and His-
tory of the Amana Community, pre-
pared by B. L. Wray, under the absolute
agement of Professor Perkins.

An appropriation of $500 was made for
libraries for the purpose of increasing
the equipment of the Dental Laboratory.

Dr. Peck, was authorized to represent
the University at the Medical Congress
to be held at Washington, D. C., May
1891.
The next suggestion is that the faculty should consider omitting the vigorous interjection that the desired change is brought about, if at all.

Brown University has organized a cancer club. The members recently decided to purchase a "war canoe" which will accommodate twenty or twenty-five men.

President Patton, of Princeton, poetically gives his opinion about attending college by saying, "There is no better place to have gone and loathed than never to have gone at all."

The last number of the Shield, thePhi Kappa Psi monthly, contained an appendix, setting forth the Linguistic, syntactical and metrical characteristics of the poet's writings.

The Brazilian government announces an exhibition for 1912 that will commemorate the third year of the new republic, and at the same time honor the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America.

The Student's Lecture Association of the University of Michigan is a successful enterprise. It is at present $1,000 ahead. One of the most enterprising lecturers of the course will be delivered by Sergius Steinback, the Russian Nihilist.

The faculty of the School of Arts, at Columbia College, have made a radical change in the curriculum, having removed Latin and Greek from the list of compulsory studies in the Junior year. Naturally the change is a popular one among the students.

Nothing in this country more astonishes an English university-bred man than our college heys. He never takes the practice as a bit of American fun, but seriously sets to work to prove how even educated Americans follow the customs of the savage Indian, his war-whoop being perpetrated in the college yard.

It is a not uncommon practice for Russian children, who have reason to believe that they will fail to pass their examinations, to commit suicide. Harsh treatment and disgrace are heaped upon them, in case of failure, to such a degree that death becomes welcome.

The following is one of the Inter-collegiate Press Association's ready made editorials for February:

"The time is at hand when the athletic spirit ought to begin to manifest itself, and, from present indications, we predict unusual prosperity among the athletes of--. Arrangements should be made for practice in the various lines of college athletics."

The Declamatory Contest.

The contest will occur some time during the second week of the spring term. That will leave about a month, just the right length of time for the training of the declamatory contestants. Before the contestants have entered too deeply into their work, would it not be well, judging from past experience, to make a few suggestions, and make them now, that the contestants may have time to consider them? The first suggestion, then, is that the contestants should see that the judges employ some system of marking, instead of leaving the decision to the dictations of the gods; we poor mortals are not fond of oracular decisions. If this suggestion is hearkened to, much confusion among the judges and much dissatisfaction among the contestants will be henceforth avoided.

The next suggestion is that the contestants take some means or other to raise enough money with which prizes may be purchased for the winners. As it stands at present the only honor to be obtained is the ecstatic pleasure of hearing their names, consisting perhaps of fifteen letters, possibly sixteen, read before the audience. What talk of the "dead spirit that lies afar" and the "soul that might, that should bring some of the contest with its pernicious restoratives, one of the college pride and spirit. President Schaefer of the Opera Hall and School of Music prefers one of these cautious acts."

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

Lee, Welch & Co.'s Bookstore.

Major Reed has returned.

Fred Stone's father was in town Monday.

Perry L. Sargent is the Aldine mem-
erist.

I. E. Monroe was in town the fore part of the week.

M. H. Lyon's brother was in town part of the week.

Ben Lay enjoys a visit from C. E. Linn this week.

The program of recitations for the Spring term are out.

Ed Salton was on the sick list, the fore part of the week.

Why doesn't the janitor clean the cobwebs off the hall ceiling?

Van Oosterhout is out again after a five week's illness of pneumonia.

Miss Anna Bailey, of West Branch, has been visiting in the city this week.

Prof. Perkins lectures to the class in Roman History for the remainder of the term.

E. P. Hopkins, who was absent sev-

erial days on account of sickness, has gone home.

The Allpathic school graduated its first strictly "three year" class last Wednesday night.

Misses Rose Reynolds and Allie Smith, of Marshalltown, spent a few days this week with student friends.

An anti-cheating society will be organized next Saturday at 10 o'clock in one of the rooms in the library. All are invited.

From the experience of the past week we all welcome the day when the Chemi-

cal department takes up other quarr-

ters.

Mrs. P. K. Partridge requests all those having recitation books or pamph-

lets belonging to her, to return them before the close of the term.

Ed. Dolan, formerly of '82, stopped here a few days on his way home from New York City, where he has been at-

tending Bellevue Medical College.

The Law yell:

Bash! Bash! Bash!

Law! Bash! Bash! Bash! Bash! Bash!

McClain, Hayes, and Wambaugh.

At the commencement exercises Wednesday evening the degree of Bachelor of Didactics was conferred upon

Mr. James W. Johnson, of Okaloosa County.

Goethe was the subject of Prof. Anderson's lecture last Monday even-

ing. It was undoubtedly the most in-

teresting lecture thus far given. The

next lecture will be on Goethe's "Faust."

Cora B. Little, the only lady who graduated this year from the

Department, stood at the head of her class, her work throughout the course averagmg almost 100 per cent.

Dr. Charlotte, of Clear Lake, one of the Medical Examiners, brought his daughter to give her a glimpse of Uni-

versity life. Miss Charlotte was favor-

ably impressed with our institution.

94 has more nerve than anybody. Some of its members were observed on Tuesday morning ballating in front of Pro-

fessor's Study.

When next examination in Trigonome-

try comes Anthony will have his ren-

ge.

Among others, C. W. Wilson and A. B. Warner, engineering students at Mt. Vernon, visited the University Satur-

day, and went away with a lasting im-

pression of the advantages offered by our engineering department.

Last Saturday morning a number of the students met in the Society halls for the purpose of organizing a "Mock Congress." A temporary organizing com-

mittee was effected, with J. J. Crossley in the chair and A. E. Chaffee as secretary.

A merry bo-soldier party was given this evening at the home of Prof.

Perkins, assisted by B. L. Wick, has been en-

gaged in a study of the history of the Amana community. The records of the early years of this community will be published by the author-

ity of the Board of Regents during the coming term.

State Superintendent Sabin has ap-

pointed April 24 as Arbor Day.

The Vindero-Reporter has pleasure in announcing the election of Miss Frances Rogers, '93, to the vacancy on the staff of Associate Editors. The election was held on Thursday, Miss Rogers received the unanimous vote of the association. Nothing that we might say could add to the testimony which such a vote gives, of the new editor's recognized literary ability.

Professor Calvin has received some specimens of the pork, and sausage made from it, that has caused the death of six persons in Ida county, this state.

The trichinae are not particular-

ly abundant in the specimens examined but are sufficiently so, it seems, to be

unhealthy. A single one of these worms is capable of producing two thousand living young, and when it is remembered that in a mouthful of even moderately infected pork there will be several hundred or even thousand trichinae, the results of eating even a small quantity will not be surprising. The disease in the present case, as usual, was at first thought to be ty-

phoid fever. Five persons are now dangerously sick, and more ailing.

Prof. Cooper's Successor.

The Regents on Tuesday elected Mr. J. J. McConnell to fill the chair of Per-

gony, made vacant by the resignation of Prof. Cooper. Mr. McConnell is at present superintendent of the schools of Atlantic, and has held that position since 1878. He graduated from the S. U. I. in 1876. Before going to Atlantic he occupied the position of assistant superintendent of the Albia schools, and was afterwards principal of the Okalona high school. He has been a member of the Board of Regents since 1886, has always taken an active interest in educational matters in general, and particularly in the State University.

Mr. McConnell has not yet accepted the call, but it is to be hoped that he will accept Monday night by Bob Wales. The party consisted of two sled loads of students and citizeils. In the latter part of the evening a royal spread was given at the Wales home, in the eastern part of the city.

Col. A. Lithgow, who has been with us the past few weeks, left to-day for Indiana, ind... where he accepts a position with the Engineering Depart-

iment of the Lake Erie and Western R. R.

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gaged in a study of the history of the Amana community. The records of the early years of this community will be published by the author-

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A Mock Congress.

A project has been set on foot among the students of the S. U. I. to organize a "mock congress." In this or-

ganization it is proposed to have a speaker and committee similar to those of the house of representatives. Its members will represent the different states and various political parties.

Bills and other matters will be introduced and acted upon.

The movement has the sanction of the Faculty, who have given their

approval. The first meeting was held last Saturday in the Irving hall, and great enthusiasm was manifested in the work, some forty mem-

ber joining the association and return-

ing. "Mock congresses" are held in several of the leading colleges in the east, and have proved to be excellent politi-

cal and parliamentary training. The ben-

efits of such an organization are many and obvious, and the existence of the organization the members will be called upon to use freely their power of debate and retort, will "think on their feet," as the popular ex-

pression goes. They will also learn that kind of oratory which we need in our day and in this country, viz., clear, fe-

cile, and which many good authorities maintain can only be gained from prac-

tice in debate. — "That is, the dis-

cussion of questions involving the answer on the spot of arguments there heard for the first time." This ability to speak on a question on short notice can only be acquired by close and thorough study, and by conti-

nued practice; but surely the time thus spent will well repay the student.

Again, the members will gain a clearer idea of the political complexion of the country and of the many important measures that are discussed in con-

gress, and as the members will repre-

sent the great state on the 1st term, it is hoped that this "mock congress" will fill a long felt want in our college life, viz., a college spirit, by creating more enthusiasm and a stronger frater-

nity feeling among the students.

At present, while the different soci-

eties are important and useful factors in shaping our University life, yet there is a certain amount of inef-

ficiency or opposition among them con-

cerning any movement that affects the interests of the whole school and like-

wise between the students of the differ-

ent departments who rarely meet to-

gether, are in many instances unac-

quainted with one another, and have but few interests in common. This lack of unity the "mock congress" will, at least, tend to remedy, since the members of the different departments and societies will here mingle together sev-

eral hours each week, and become bet-

ter acquainted and thus strengthened and increase the University spirit which now ebbs so low.

It is proposed to hold the sessions of the "mock congress" in the society halls every Saturday morning, and every member of the S. U. I. is eligible to membership.

Let everyone who is in-

terested in such work join this organi-

zation and help to make it a complete and permanent success.

A number of students, wishing to re-

penshish their escholac for next fall's work have left school, having engaged in the employ of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, Co., of Des Moines. Anyone wishing something to do during the summer will be repaid by addressing this company.
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A selection of music by the University
band, followed by invocation, and
the majority of the assembly dispersed.
What this was true of all the
medical students, faculty, their friends
and the members of the Board of Regents.
For a half hour later found
lected in the spacious parlors of the St.
A short time was taken up
in conversation, when supper was
announced. One hundred and fifty sight
sharers of the occasion found their
way into the large dining halls, where
four tables were spread, extending
the entire length of the room. They
were artistically decorated and upon them
was placed a bounteous feast.
The menu was unsurpassed in the city's
culinary fame. After this joyous repast,
came the intellectual festival, the
toastmaster.
The toastmaster of the evening was
Dr. W. D. Middleton. He announced
the first toast of the evening by Dr. J.
the medicine, on the "Medical Student's
The Dr., in his pleasing way sketched the
first, second and third year medical
student, and then spoke briefly of the
physicians' bravery. Dr. J. B.
Carleton responded to "The Alumni." Being
the first Medical Students en
rolled in the St. J., he gave a short
sketch of the department. Dr. W. E.
Marsh, of the Senior class spoke on
"Our Successors." He drew a picture of
the future and placed the student to
the colors the path of the coming
members. M. W. White, in behalf of the
second year, in a few well chosen words,
placed the "Model Senior" in their
pure light. After a familiar song by
the entire department, Mr. M. Banister
responded to the subject, "Why I am a
Medical Student." He said he was
called to answer this question after
being "handed down" for the last six
months by upper class-men. Mr.
Bristner's toast was well prepared and
full of good thought. The "Relation
of the Medical Department to the Univer
sity," was the subject of remarks of Ke
gent Whalin. He said the Medical depart
ment was second to none in the U. I.
and anticipated that if the fates dealt
favorably with Iowa for the next few
years, it would be second to none in the
United States. A few remarks by Dr.
Guthrie and Littig and a storming applau
des ended the responses.
All repaired to the parlor, where
the completion of the program of the
light fantastic was made. Music
soon resounded in the rooms of former
festivities and from this time on, until
the small hours of night, the merry
Medical students were away the last
moments of their school year of '90 and
'91. The whole affair was indeed a
great success. It was a social eno
ment never to be forgotten. The
smoothness with which it was con
vised, evinced plainly the fact that much
diligent and diligent work had been done.
The executive committee consisting of
Dr. F. S. Sodorm, M. J. Kendell.
Dr. J. J. Keniff, V. L. Trenor,
N. A. Towers. W. S. W. and
Wm. Duffield, deserve much praise for
their earnest efforts to make it a grand
success, as well as the efficient comittee
on Parlor entertainment, composed of
Ch. L. Berrington and E. C. Riggs.
All may be congratulated, for it will
certainly mark an important moment in
the history of the department.

The Homeopaths.
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W. A. Brown, Wincou, Iowa.
A. H. Editors, M. D. - Kansas City, Mo.
G. C. Dehner, Fairfield, Iowa.
Wm. W. Dehner, Humboldt, la.
J. C. Forschner, Indianola, Iowa.
George W. Hartman, Iowa City.
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George B. Marquard, Truro, Iowa.
L. A. Pawks, Hawley, Minn.
A. W. Tisbord, Atlantic, Iowa.
Beatie, Humboldt, la.
Mary Whiting, Iowa City, Iowa.
Of the three graduating classes this
week the Homeopathis Medical De
partment turned out the smallest. This
was to be expected. The program of
their exercises, however, was as good
as the best of them; their audience, too,
filled the house, and standing room was
required.

The band played while the audience
was gathering. At eight o'clock, sharp,
Dr. Schneffel rose and announced the
invocation by the Rev. W. Watson.
After the invocation the band played
a fine selection, the name of which does
not come to mind, but of the tone of
which is still lingering in our souls.
When it was announced that for
another selection by the band would be
substituted music by a mixed quartet,
there was some indirect applause in
the gallery by boys not old enough to
appreciate the classic music rendered by
the S. U. I. band. The quartette consisted of
Misses Chase and Cox, and
Misses, Holenbach and Impyer, and its
selections were pleasing and well
received.

The speaker of the evening was the
His theme was a live one, his thought
was good, and his address was pleasing.
This was the final expression of the profession
al spirit. The professional is not a
pre tense, but a proficient man. In
this day of ours when quacks and
professors are so numerous there is a great
need for the honest, the genuine profes
sional spirit—for conscientious pro
ficiency; and this not only in the medi
cal profession, but in all. Even the
preacher quack,—the religious boomer,
—was given a slight touch. The ad
dress was one which interested the
whole audience as well as the gradu
ates. It was the right kind of annual
address, because it pleased for con
siderable time. The Rev. Tilden was a
professional man, especially the physician,
who takes in his hands the very lives
of his patients.

At the conclusion of Mr. Tilden's ad
dress the quartette sang again, and
was again encored. Degrees and diplomas
were then conferred upon the seventeen
who had earned them, and the audience dispersed.
THE VIDETTE-REPORTER.

What are our athletic young gentlemen doing for themselves and for the University in preparation for the coming State Contest? Does not every student in the University desire to win old S. U. I. come out on top again? It seems to me these questions should vitally interest us now as the winter term is closing. We surely cannot afford to let Grinnell or Cornell snatch from us those championship prizes after a possession of only one year.

What did we go to Grinnell for, early last June? We went to cheer our boys and delight in the honors which they won for us. And do you think we should have gone if we were in the least doubtful of full success? No. We knew our boys had worked and trained and were in the best condition, and knowing this we were anxious to let the people of the State see us in our glory.

But this year it seems different. The interest is lacking. The gymnastic is idle. The boys are slow. If training is started, active enthusiasm will unhidden start, and S. U. I. hold for another year, as she justly deserves to do, the State championship.

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