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THE WEEK.

With this issue, the year 1890-91 closes, and the present management sever their connection with the VIDETTE-REPORTER. In how far we have fulfilled the promises we made you when we began our labors at the opening of the year, it is not for us to say. We have met with many obstacles which were unforseen when those promises were made and which tended materially to obviate their complete fulfillment. We have been hampered by a sham substitute for a constitution and indeed by a whole system of government which, though better than that of last year, is still inadequate and totally unfit. The Association is an unwieldy body and a check on enterprise and progress. It should be speedily abolished. We are not by any means satisfied with this volume of the VIDETTE-REPORTER. It is the old story, after the work is done we see many places where it might have been bettered. We cannot lay aside our pen without expressing our gratification at the great accomplishments of the University during the last year. There will be no less than a thousand students next year to take advantage of her splendid facilities. We have endeavored at all times to work in her interests, and wherever we have failed, it has been on account of ignorance and not disloyalty. We bid you all a kind farewell, wishing Faculty and students a pleasant vacation from their arduous labors. We shall never forget the days of our lives when we edited the VIDETTE-REPORTER.

The rowing season this year has been necessarily a short one for the University, in fact nothing more than an initiation. The club, however, has had time to test their late purchase from the Davenport club, the four-oared cedar gig "Nereid," and pronounce her very satisfactory as a practice boat; she is steady, with a good flow and fairly stiff, at least for a cedar boat. The club are now looking for a match to her for use next fall in the club races, which will be held some time in November, and from the competing crews a four will be picked to train for the regatta season next year. It is rather too early to say much about the personnel of the club; no doubt there is timber enough if properly utilized; but there is lots of hard work to be done before it can be brought into anything like form. Some of the members don't seem to understand yet that a short paddle once a week is entirely inadequate to make an oarsman of any one, unless he lives beyond the age ordinarily alloted to man. It is hoped this slackness will disappear in the fall. There are, however, some few of the men who have been earnest in their work, and show promise of doing something next year, and to these the captain earnestly says that if they do any rowing in vacation don't use boats rigged in such a way as to only allow of a form equal to that of a long-shore fisherman or a super-annuated barge. Practice rowing with a straight back, remember your hands, and finish long.

The disastrous results of the uncalled for action of the Athletic Association in locating the field day contest outside a college town, are already becoming apparent. The concluding games of the field day contests were held at Marshalltown last Saturday. The day was as fair as could be wished for and the contestants were promptly on hand. The "sporty town" turned out *enmasse* and left $50 of their money with the gate keepers! The expenses of the Marshalltown meeting are nearly $250, which is more than the entire amount expended at the Iowa City meeting. The net proceeds of the exercises held here were over $500, and that amount was in the treasury when the association ordered the contests to be finished at Marshalltown. Now there is only about $280 in the treasury and no medals or cups paid for. After the great success here, the association voted a $15 medal for each event and two cups to cost $75, besides setting aside $100 as a sinking fund. With only $280 which is now in the treasury, how are these obligations to to be met? A little figuring will clearly show anyone that with the funds now remaining in the treasury, even $10 medals are out of the question, even if the entire sinking fund is exhausted to pay for them. Had the contests been finished at Iowa City or Grinnell at least $200 could have been added to the exchequer and medals given which would be some encouragement to men to train and at the same time be worthy of presentation by a State Association. The above facts ought to be enough to show that the athletes should begin to look out for themselves and not allow an organization of skin game fakers to run the association.

The following appeared in last week's *Unit:*

"The unwarrantable delay between the events spoke badly for the home management. No ball of cord was to be found, and if it had not been for an unravelled sock they would have been compelled to do without methods of measurement. The ground was softened for the jump with a sharp stick and every other appliance had an agricultural air about it that was refreshing but monotonous. The order on the track would scandalize a respectable dog fight. Otherwise the affair was well managed (?)"

We never have made any pretentions to perfection, neither do we attack others who have the good grace to attend to their own affairs and give other people an opportunity to do the same; but we would like to say a word or two to the dog-fight critic author of the above. It will be remembered that last year the field day was held at Grinnell, that the day was as fair as could be wished, that the grounds are admirably adapted for controlling a crowd, that I. C. had held four field days of her own and yet the people stood on the track, and the sun shades were just as hard to see through as umbrellas, and even the jumpers had to jump on the hard ground until one of the contestants, not an I. C. man either, hunted a spade and softened the ground himself. Now gentlemen, even a sharp stick is vastly superior to nothing at all, and if the I. C. men who stood on the track at Iowa City for the purpose of bulldozing the judges, had remained in their place, less complaint would have been made. Perhaps I. C. has all this time been harboring a secret chagrin regarding her experience last year and *perhaps* that is the reason, out of charity for Iowa colleges that I. C. favored the location of the state meeting at Marshalltown; perhaps she favored it "for revenue only." It is even extremely probable that her delegates forgot altogether that they were here in the interests of athletics. They may have planned with malice of forethought to give the state association a black eye when they voted to hold its meetings in a "sporty" town entirely removed from college interests. If this was not their intention why did they work to place the meetings where neither college men nor their patrons can lend the aid necessary to make intercollegiate athletics a success? And finally, why, if they are friendly to the association, do they persist in abusing the management, which they helped to elect, and depreciating an institution as much of their making as of any other college?

We publish with pride the following extract from the report on the inspection of the University Battalion, by Major John M. Bacon, acting Inspector General. We all know that our military department is most capably conducted, and that the battalion this year has surpassed all former ones of the University. We now have official knowledge that we are first-class. The inspector's report notes:

"I reviewed the battalion of cadets commanded by the military instructor, consisting of an adjutant, quartermaster, band of fourteen men and drum major, and Company A, three officers and twenty-seven men; Company B, three officers and twenty-four men; and Company D, three officers and twenty-four men, which with the sergeant major, quartermaster sergeant and color sergeant, made a total of fourteen (14) commissioned officers, and one hundred and nineteen (119) non-commissioned officers and privates. The march past of this battalion was most excellent and accurate. Distances were well preserved, and company alignments remarkably good.

The battalion was thoroughly instructed in the form of inspection, which followed the review, and their arms were found in excellent condition, save a few guns, where a very slight rust had formed in the barrels. These guns are kept in the armory under lock and key, and are regularly cleaned by the janitor of that building. Many of the belts and cartridge boxes were scratched, and showed the need of more careful attention.

The drill of each company in the school of the company, and of the battalion in the skirmish drill and school of the battalion, can be pronounced excellent; the vim and enthusiasm, as well as the military bearing, accuracy of cadence and of length of step, I have never seen surpassed in any similar organization. The artillery detachment or platoon, under command of its cadet captain, was drilled in the manual of the piece and firing, showing marked proficiency. The blank cartridges were used in this and also in the skirmish drill.

To the foregoing statement, as also the fact that Lieutenant Read possesses the entire respect, confidence and support of all his associates at this University, nothing can be added in his commendation. Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,
JOHN M. BACON."
Major 7th Cavalry, Acting Inspector General.

COMMENCEMENT

Thirty-first Annual Graduating Exercises--Most Successful in the University's History.

The thirty-first commencement began with the graduating exercises of the Dental, Homeopathic Medical and Medical classes on March 9, 10 and 11 respectively, and concluded with exercises of the Collegiate and Law classes on June 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18. The University graduated this year twenty-one from the Medical, seventeen from the Homeopathic Medical, fifty eight from the Dental, two from the Pharmacy, fifty-one from the Law, and fifty from the Collegiate Departments, makin all a total of one hundred and ninety-nine young men and women whom the University has sent forth into active life during this year. A better commencement than this thirty-first the University has never enjoyed. A full account of the March commencement will be found in the issue of that date. Below is given an account of the exercises of the last week. They have more than fulfilled our expectations and have given the many visitors here a delightful week's enjoyment and instruction.

The Last Drill.

The final appearance of the Battalion on Friday is always of interest. It is the first number on the commencement program. Not many alumni or other visitors are yet here, but all who are, turn out, and the gay, happy spirit of commencement-time falls upon the University. The booming of cannon, a salute of thirteen guns, awakens all to a realization that this "happiest time of all the year" is now at hand, and a straggling crowd drifts two by two, or knot by knot, in through the gateways of the yard. White dresses, pretty figures, sweet faces, charming voices—girls—are the life of the bright border which forms around the central picture of blue-coated cadets.

At 4:10 the Battalion was formed, and passed in review before Major-General Greene, the Adjutant General of the State. Then followed Battalion drill and a skirmish battle. The sham fight was fine. The two artillery pieces were stationed on the extreme south campus. The skirmishers from companies A and D moved out from the Battalion line stationed on the north. The cannon thundered, and then as the skirmishers came within range they opened on the gun detachments, and gave them volleys of blank cartridges, till ammunition gave out. They were relieved by the reserve (B and C), and then when the artillery still held out, a grand bayonet charge was made by the Battalion, which ended the fight.

After a brief interval the gun detachments exhibited their accomplishments in the manual of the piece, various mechanical maneuvers and sabre drill. While the Battalion rested a ten minute company drill was followed by dress parade. After the regular reports of the 1st sergeants, the Adjutant commanded "Prize-winners to the front and center!" and at the command "march!" Sergeant Chantland, of Co. A, and corporals Smeltzer and Myers, and privates Hull, Smith, Cochran and Hopkins approached the commandant and received prizes as follows: Sergeant Chantland captain's shoulder-straps, and the prize company flag for Co. A; Corporals Smeltzer and Myers, sergeant's chevrons; and privates Hull, Cochrane, Smith and Hopkins, the insignia of the corporal.

When the prizes had been awarded, Adjutant Stutsman read Orders No. 11, containing an extract from Major Bacon's report of his inspection of the Battalion (published in another column of this issue); taking leave of the commissioned officers, thanking them for their good work, and extending best wishes for their future welfare; the orders further stated that according to custom the commandant had recommended to the Adjutant General of the War Department, and the Adjutant General of Iowa, as having shown especial aptitude for military service, the following men: Charles E. Kahlke, Arthur J. Cox and Wm. H. Bremner. The parade was then dismissed, and the S. U. I. Battalion of '90-'91 stood in broken ranks.

The Literary Societies.

The 23d anniversary of the establishment of the literary societies of the University was celebrated on the evening of the 12th with the graduation of twelve women and twenty-seven men. Prof. Patrick, who is a graduate of the Irving Institute, was the president of the evening.

The Hesperians came first on the program, and Miss Call was their graceful presiding officer. The society's orator was Miss Bessie G. Parker. Her oration was upon the "Taj Mabal," and was an interesting study of art. Her style in both composition and delivery was graceful and pleasing, but her voice showed a little lack of power and training which rendered her words difficult of understanding in the back rows. At the conclusion of Miss Parker's oration the diplomas were presented to the graduates, who were: Misses Zoe Williams, Kate Wickhtm, Roberta Holmes, Anna E. Hinman, Minnie Howe and Carolyn Kimball. Miss Kate Wickham responded in a neat speech.

The Zetagathian exercises were presided over by Chancellor McClain, and the society's orator was Frank Nelson. Nelson delivered his usual strong speech on the subject "Modern Feudalism" dwelling upon the laboring man's present condition, and speaking in favor of the eight hour system. This speech was very well received by the audience, who recognized the fact that it had to do with one of the burning questions of the day. The following men were graduated: W. Scott Prouty, J. E. Conner, Wm. Duffield, M. L. Sears, T. G. McDermott, H. F. Rall, W. D. Lovell, H. O. Weaver, Geo. S. Coon, B. L. Wick, G. L. Houser, C. B. Calkins, Jno. S. Tuthill. The response was made by McDermott in an amusing and entertaining style.

Miss Sophy W. Hutchinson was the president on the Erodelphian program, and Miss Kate Barber the speaker, "Ground Work in Literature" was the subject of a studious essay showing that however great an author may appear to be we are not indebted to him alone for what we find in his works: even Shakespeare and Dante drew some ideas from the older classics. Misses Minna P. Humphreys, Florence A. Musson, Helen M. Butler, Grace McGee, Ada Hutchinson and Susan M. Paxson, were the graduates, and they were presented with a badge of ribbon bearing upon it a golden star. This in lieu of the accustomed diploma. The response to the presentation speech was by Miss Paxson, and was one of the best of the evening.

Mr. Robert E. Leach presided over the Aldine commencement, and Frederick A. Stowe spoke on the subject "Faith as a Factor in Progress." This was an effort of much literary merit, and, though long, was listened to attentively by the audience. The presentation of diplomas to Messrs. S. R. Watkins, F. C. Davidson and A. J. Cox, was followed by a response by Mr. Watkins in his happiest mood.

Irving's presiding officer was Col. P. L. Sever, one of its most popular alumni. Geo. W. Stiles was the orator for this society, and his exposition of the "Dream of Socialism" was clean, forcible and exact. His speech was the one most closely listened to by the audience, and was indeed a masterly study of the great problem of socialism, and indicated a good understanding of the social questions of the time. The diplomas were presented in a very neat and appropriate speech, by Col. Sever, to the following graduates: J. J. Crossley, C. L. and A. G. Smith, F. L. Kennedy, A. P. Heald, E. A. Wallberg, W. H. Bremner, C. H. Maxson, Murdock Bannister, A. H. Brown and Carl Stutsman. The response by Maxson closed the program.

Mr. D. Powel Johnson and Mr. Geo. Sueppel highly entertained the audience by their violin and vocal solos, and each was heartily encored.

Ladies' Declamatory Contest.

On Saturday evening, June 13th, occurred the Ladies' Annual Contest in declamation. Despite the extreme heat and a small admission fee, a fair sized audience assembled at the Opera House to watch the fair ones strive for laurels. The stage was uniquely arranged after the manner of a study chamber—books, manuscripts, etc., being strewn loosely about, and everything presenting, if not a home-like, certainly a school-like appearance. At 8:30 President Schaeffer announced the invocation by Rev. Pratt, and after music by the band, introduced Miss Mary C. Holt, who had chosen for her subject the tragedy of "Garnaut Hall." Miss Holt's carriage was easy and graceful, voice clear and enunciation excellent. Perhaps a little more passion in the most dramatic parts of her selection would have added to its general excellence. Had Miss Holt received a higher place in the decision the audience would have been quite as well satisfied.

"Tilghman's Ride" was the subject of the next performance, and Miss Effie Forrest the declaimer. Miss Forrest's gestures were good, and voice pleasant, but entirely too weak to adapt itself to the piece chosen. Toward the last, however, she did better, and on the whole acquitted herself very well.

The "Sioux Chief's Daughter" was the subject of Miss Julia Crawford, who told the tale of the gallant Idaho. Miss Crawford's voice failed to reach all parts of the house, but her impersonation and action on the stage were commendable.

A vocal duet by Mr. Impey and Miss Morse is worthy of praise and afforded a relief to the tragic performance of the last speaker.

The fourth member was Miss Clara Slotterbec, who declaimed "Annie Laurie." Miss Slotterbec possesses an exceptionally clear and strong voice, is perfectly free on the stage, and commanded perfect attention. Her selection was the most dramatic of the evening and she executed her part nicely. Miss Veda Shaffer followed with a declamation on "Herve Riel." A monotony of tone and lack of enthusiasm, although offset by great self-possession, prevented her from obtaining a higher place.

After a vocal solo by Mr. Louis Marks, the successful contestant of the evening, Miss Fannie Davis rehearsed the life of "Jack, the Fisherman." Miss Davis' manner was spirited and interesting. Her selection possessed elements of humor, pathos and tragedy which were artistically blended by the speaker.

Miss Jessamine Jones, with "Uncle Daniel's Apparition," excited great merriment. Her voice, although a trifle weak, was very melodious, and her expression was beyond criticism. Her effort is deserving of much praise.

The eighth and last speaker of the evening was Miss Mary Millett, accompanied by "Lady Wentworth." Miss Millett was perhaps the most natural of all the speakers, and her comely, unassuming manner won for her first honors in the markings of the referee.

Miss Davis was awarded first, Miss Slotterbec second, and Miss Holt third honors, and were once again presented to the audience. The contest was very close. Miss Davis and Miss Slotterbec tied on the markings of the judges, and the latter dropped into second place only by the marking of the referee.

The girls did well, very well, considering the oppressive weather and the passive indifference of the audience. None but speakers can fully realize the influence that an audience can exert upon the effort of the speaker.

The great secret of oratory lies in the maintainance of mutual sympathy and interest between, the orator and the auditor, and when that interest fails to

be reciprocal, then its chief object and aim is defeated. *Clap your hands,*—if not of your own disposition, at least for the encouragement and gratification of the speaker.

The Baccalaureate Sermon.

The Baccalaureate Sermon was preached at the opera house, last Sunday afternoon, by Prof. A. I. Hobbs, of Drake University, Des Moines. Intended primarily for the graduating classes, this annual event upon the commencement program is shared by a very large per cent of the city's population, as well as those students who remain during the exercises of graduation, and is looked forward to by them with quite as much expectation of pleasure and instruction as by those for whom it is really intended. The reason for this lies in the fact that the University has always endeavored to secure an able man to perform the duties of so responsible a place, one worthy of all the attention his auditors can give him. Accordingly Iowa City has heard many an excellent sermon, and her people have been educated up to a high standard of what such a sermon ought to be.

Professor Hobbs gave us a good sermon, is the verdict of most of those who heard it. Physically the Professor is a very tall, well-proportioned man, with dignified and manly bearing, possessing great strength of body, and apparently of mind. He carries with him the conviction of honesty, and succeeds in holding the attention of his hearers, although the length and perhaps incoherence of his sermon last Sunday were somewhat against this latter. But with whatever faults in logic and length it seems to us to have had, the sermon succeeded in the evident aim of the author, to impress upon the class, about to take up the work of life, the necessity of a good conscience, and the necessity of having that conscience presided over by a strong reason, and thoroughly disciplined to act accurately, justly and quickly.

It is evident to the speaker that conscience does not discriminate between right and wrong. Paul persecuted Christians, and yet lived in good conscience. This discrimination must be made by reason; each individual must have a standard with which to compare acts. This done, and a moral judgment being reflected in the consciousness upon the sensibilities, they instantly beleaguer the will, demanding a volition. If that volition be not perverted by wrong notions, the Ego is at once upon the path of duty. But if it is thwarted, the conscience becomes defiled. From defilement comes depravity, a seared conscience. The soul then being past feeling, is given over to work all uncleanliness with greediness.

Intellectual culture is essential to the formation of right moral judgments. But the idea that conscience is a creature of education has been pleaded in apology for all wrongs. Conscience is innate. It operates as perfectly in the child as in man; often more so. The office of conscience is to command the right and forbid the wrong. One may do wrong conscientiously, if he believes the wrong to be right, and *vice versa*. Doing wrong thus he may be happy, while suffering penalty, thinking himself a martyr. So when doing right, believing the right done to be wrong, we may suffer as keen a sense of blameworthiness as if the right were wrong.

First, then, we must have in the understanding an infallible standard of right and wrong. Then there must be a faithful use of it in securing correct moral judgments.

The moral side of education needs to be emphasized. It is far better to appoint the conscience of every citizen to be a policeman, than to arm every citizen with a policeman's club. Unless laws find a moral response in the people, the more just they are, the greater is the danger of resistance to government.

After elaborating the subject in its various bearings, Dr. Hobbs addressed the Seniors, applying the subject to them in particular.

CLASS DAY.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM.

The friends of the Seniors gathered on the campus at half past three Monday afternoon and at four o'clock the class filed out of the central building and seated themselves in a semicircle upon the ground at the base of a big oak which was soon to become celebrated in the annals of class history. A long table, improvised for the occasion served as a platform to which the speakers were gracefully assisted by President Wallberg. The exercises were opened by the singing of a class song "Beautiful Iowa," composed by Mr. J. E. Conner. Miss Minna P. Humphreys then recited a selection from Carleton in a vigorous and pleasing manner. Mr. A. P. Heald addressed to the class a very timely reminder of the duties of the teacher to the world. He pictured the growth of our educational institutions and showed how their effectiveness depends upon the teacher. The teacher must mould the character of the individual hence, the character of the nation. The president now announced the ceremony of burying the hatchet and smoking the pipe of peace. Mr. H. F. Rall presided and delivered the eulogium. At the close of this eloquent address the class gathered around the grave and bowed in silence as the earth concealed the cherished weapon, while the hungry-eyed Juniors groaned with disappointment. Verily they had intended to fake that hatchet. The grave having been levelled the mourners seated themselves on the grass and were supplied with a clay pipe o'peace. Soon the incense of peace arose from the pipes of the veterans while the ladies still struggled for "a light." After a few minutes' silent meditation they all arose and marched around the class tree which was dedicated by breaking the pipes upon its trunk. The exercises were closed with a class song. A few members who evidently were unused to such scenes of peace had to be excused from participating, on the ground of enforced absence.

EVENING PROGRAM.

In spite of the heat and the fact that the populace had been on the move since morning, entertaining friends with walks, drives and visits to the various places of interest in the city, the opera house was crowded long before the curtain rose. The program was given in two parts, the first of which was opened by a selection rendered by the S. U. I. band. Right here we want to say a good word for Mr. Thompson, for it is largely due to his energetic direction and talent that the band owes its present excellence. The ladies' quartette composed of Misses Hinman, Williams, Humphreys and Morse rendered the song "S. U. I." composed by Mr. L. S. Simon. Miss Grace Partrige following, read the class poem, after which Mr. F. C. Davidson addressed the undergraduates feelingly in behalf of the defunct man of goodness who was destined by the class to perform this gentle office; but whom the fates had taken hence by means of an irate case of mistaken identity. Miss Anna Hinman delivered the farewell address in behalf of the class. She spoke very earnestly of the relation of a student to alma mater as he goes forth a graduate; recognizing the fact that the alumnus owes not only allegiance, but the potent influence of upright living to the institution that has differentiated him from the mediocrity. The class prophecy was read by Mr. Wm. Duffield. The scene disclosed him as a priest wearing a mortar board and feeding a smouldering fire with incense. On the right Miss Minnie Humphreys personated the class of '91, questioning the future. Apollo bids the priest, his prophet, speak. This was a very effective part of the program. The foibles of of the class and certain others, received a general touching up. The entertainment concluded with an original farce, "Sui Generis" or "Scenes from University Life." H. O. Weaver impersonated the president of the University and sustained the part well, even to the presentation of diplomas. M. I. Powers in the character of "a new student" was simply matchless. His terpsichorean performances at the Y. M. C. A. banquet called him before the curtain at the end of the scene. Miss Florence Musson as "a dignified Senior" sustained the ideal "grad" with wonderful fidelity. The "Prof. of Chemistry" Mr. C. E. Kahlke received a genuine medical lecture room ovation. All enjoyed his accurate delineation of the familiar scenes in the chemical laboratory;—and Mr. Ed. F. Wehrle—we fear we may say too little, yet we dare not say too much—his "make up" both as Dean of the Faculty and Professor of History was quite successful as the audience testified. Mr. Wehrle is a keen observer of persons and his mannerisms are sanctioned by "good usage." Mr. Stutsman as commandant of the Battalion "looked very mad" indeed but had the tension brought to bear on his nether limb, as usual, just the same. J. C. Spencer as Sergeant Major, Miss Helen Butler as President's Stenographer, J. J. Crossley as Y. M. C. A. orator and the reception committee, Misses Kimball and Hutchinson, helped on the semblance of reality. The whole program was a great success and the members of the class are to be congratulated on their effort.

Alumni Day.

LITERARY EXERCISES.

On Tuesday, June 16th, at ten o'clock, began the Alumni Program at the opera house. This was a rare treat in point of literary excellence. The music was furnished by Mrs. Ida Mae Price Baldridge.

The poem was delivered by Guido Stemple, of which we are pleased to furnsh a complete copy in this issue. It is pronounced by able critics to be the best production from the pen of Mr. Stempel, which to those acquainted with his many contributions is saying a great deal.

The address of the day was delivered by Miss Mary Loring, of Oskaloosa. She treated the question of the University graduate's success in life carefully, critically and ethically. Those who do not succeed may trace failure to lack of energy in pursuing, ignorance of paths, or uncertainty as to the desired goal. Great wealth and glory do not bring true success, true happiness in life. When moral law is supreme with you, you have attained the supreme happiness. Recognize, with George Eliot, Ruskin, Lowell, and Carlyle, the absolute authority of the law of righteousness and surrendered self, and life is glorious. The soul is the creative factor in the progress of society. Every period of prosperity is brought about by the service of individuals to ideas. True manhood or womanhood achieved is the best gift, unfailing allegiance to truth, the true success. The University owes it to its students to develop *character*. "Cosmos" is its field. Its duty is to question the history and Genesis of the soul as well as to deal with theories of chemistry and rhetoric. Miss L ring dealt with the question of realism in literature very forcibly, but we can only mention, as a whole, her magnificent address.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The Alumni Association met at Irving Hall, on Tuesday at 2 P. M. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Treasurer Weld reported. President Schaeffer made a talk on the outlook for '92. A resolution was pre-

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sented by Mr. R. H. Allin to the effect that a special attempt be made to have a large attendance next year of the Alumni Association. Officers elected for next year are as follows: President, J. E. Cook, class '70; Vice-Presidents, Miss Welch, Mr. McConnel, and Mrs. Myrtle O. Kennedy; Treasurer, Weld; Executive Committee, Milton Remley, O. W. Anthony, Miss Annie Hinman. The executive will have entire control of the programme for next year.

ALUMNI BANQUET.

The Alumni banquet given in the parlors of the Congregational Church Tuesday evening constituted one of the most delightful features of commencement week. Here old classmates met around the festive board and renewed friendships and noted changes which Father Time works in the face of man. Here those who were about to step forth from under the protecting care of S. U. I. met those who had gone before; and as all listened to the speakers they realized that in whatever clime or country they might be, love for their *Alma Mater* would be an ever present influence urging their return to the well-remembered halls of the University. The parlors were beautifully decorated with the University color, and the tables, laden with dainties and artistically set with flower pieces, presented a pretty sight. About two hundred and twenty-five were present.

The toastmaster of the evening was Hon. J. J. Seerley. The first speaker, Regent Matthews, in a happy manner, treated the relations of the Regents to the University. Prof. Currier, introduced by the toastmaster as the oldest member of the Faculty, and one whose lessons were always prepared by his class before those of any other professor, spoke of the object of the University, viz., to bring forth men and women of character. Dr. Pickard told, in his pleasing manner, of the University in former days. C. H. Maxson responded for the Collegiate class of '91, and Mr. Hart for the Law class. Both spoke of the high esteem in which the University was held by their classes, and of the pleasure with which they went forth to their work as representatives of the S. U. I. Judge Robinson responded to the toast, "Courts of Iowa." His was the last speech on the program, but the arrival of a new, tho' not strange, face was the signal for cheers and calls for Judge Wright. Judge Wright responded in his usual bright and interesting manner. After this the assembly broke up, exchanging many wishes that all might meet again on a similar occasion.

Law Commencement.

On Wednesday, June 17, 10 A. M., the twenty-sixth graduating class of the Law Department filed into the opera house and took seats in the front of the parquet. On the stage were Gov. Boies, the Regents, Faculty and lecturers. After the invocation by Rev Pratt, and music by the University Band, President Schaeffer announced that the address to the class would then be given by Adelbert L. Hudson, LL. B., who graduated from the University with '76, and is now practicing in Sioux City. It is not our intention to give even a review of this splendid address, much as we should like to. The speaker asked their attention to a stirring discussion upon the lawyer's relation to humanity. He laid down as qualifications for a successful lawyer, honesty, because he is trusted with the property, the honor and often the life of his fellows; brood culture, because cases involving every phase of human scholarship and industry, and commanding liberal knowledge of the affairs of all classes, are continually being thrown into his hands; courage, because, often having the unpopular side of the case, he will be assailed by the press and the clamor of spectators; charity, because to him come the oppressed, the unfortunate and the poor, for counsel and direction. The address from beginning to end was such an one as to inspire the young lawyer with a profound love for his profession, give him a greater conception of the responsibilities which its practice places upon him, and thoroughly impress upon him the majesty of the law. Law is one of the noblest of human sciences, if not the noblest, and should not be disgraced by pettifoggers and leeches, whose only privilege is to boast that they have been keen in iniquity, and sly enough to escape detection. The lawyer has a splendid opportunity to do good in a community if he will but take advantage of his position. He has as great an opportunity to do evil. But the rewards of honesty are sure to come, and punishment of evil doing follows quickly. Mr. Hudson was most enthusiastic in his address, and his earnestness was stamped upon every feature.

Chancellor McClain gave the class a farewell address, in which there was an abundance of sound advice, as there always is in the Chancellor's talks, and then presented the class to the President for degrees. The President made a short, sensible speech, after which Judge Robinson administered the oath, and admitted the class to practice in the Supreme Court of Iowa. Judge Haddock then admitted them to the United States Circuit Court.

It is required of each member in the graduating class to write a thesis on some subject assigned by the Faculty, and it is the custom to select the best of these and award prizes to their authors. This term, the four best, in order of merit, were found by the committee to be L. J. Horan, G. M. Varnum, J. C. F. Harrington and Jesse A. Miller. Twenty dollars apiece was the prize. Those deserving of honorable mention are Geo. W. Adams, Richard A. Stuart and L. E. Kenworthy.

The following constitute the class of '91: G.W. Adams, W.L. Anderson, E.F. Baker, Waldo Becker, H. B. Boies, A. H. Brous, C. B. Calkins, Jay Cook, J. H. Crosby, Frank Cuba, A. U. Dennis, J. F. Devitt, F. J. Donohoe, P. H. Draper, D. W. Evans, G. E. Ewing, Kasper Faltinson, Fred Faville, H. C. Gardiner, H. H. Griffiths, J. C. F. Harrington, P. P. Harris, James Hart, Charles Hill, B. C. Hillard, L. J. Horan, C. E. Hunn, W. M. Jackson, L. E. Kenworthy, G. W. Korte, F. B. Marble, J. E. Mershon, J. A. Miller, W. E. Miller, W. D. Milligan, Thomas Mockler, E. D. Pratt, Jr., V. T. Price, Edith Prouty, Douglas Rogers, S. F. Sawyer, W. C. Scrimgeour, C. P. Smith, R. A. Stuart, H. W. Techentin, A. E. Thomason, C. C. Thompson, J. S. Tuthill, G. M. Varnum, C. H. Whitney, Mrs. Jennie L. Wilson.

Collegiate Commencement.

On Thursday, June 18th, at 10 a. m., a large audience of friends and relatives were comfortably seated to listen to the thirty first annual commencement of the Collegiate department. The weather was much cooler than on the day before and the absence of fans was particularly noticeable. The stage was pleasingly and tastefully decorated with flowers. After the invocation by Rev. Evans and music by the University Band, the President announced the first of the six speakers, Mr. Frank A. Hastings, who addressed the audience upon the very practical subject of "Electricity and Street Railways." We commend his good judgment in the choice of so live a subject. Mr. Hastings spoke of the problems encountered in adapting electrical appliances to street cars. The present success in electrical car workings has been attained only by the hard labor of keen minds, and the field for future study is a vast one. This discourse was somewhat technical for the understanding of a popular audience, or those not well informed on electrical subjects, but presented the subject in a very succinct and credible manner.

Mr. Murdock Bannister next spoke of "The Chemist as a Benefactor." From the old alchemy he traced the growth of chemistry down to the present day. The alchemist was thought to be in league with the devil and many superstitions gathered around the "black art." Out of this long search for gold manufacture grew the noble science of chemistry as it is to-day. Mr. Bannister spoke of the advantages to civilization which chemistry has afforded. He traced its silent march from the common cook book, to its place in physical astronomy, surgery and nearly every branch of human knowledge. By a pleasant and beautiful numeration of the works of chemistry, he clearly proved the chemist to be a benefactor to mankind.

After a piece by the band, Mr. Arthur G. Smith was announced, who spoke on "Right and Wrong." What makes right—and what makes wrong? All ideas of right and wrong are innate, is one theory; this furnishes an unfitting guide for action. The other theory is that they are the result of race education, and this said the speaker is the correct theory. Mr. Smith gave a fine address, emphatic, earnest and thoughtful, unburdened by surplus rhetoric. We have heard many favorable comments for him.

"The Place of the Commonplace" was next given by M. Roberta Holmes. Too many people look to the great things in history, and omit to see the interest in the hewers of wood and stone and common sinful humanity in general. The name of Edison in one way is as great as Milton in another, and who shall say which is the greater? The hand that wields the pen or surgical knife is not more to be honored than the one which holds the throttle. Manual labor is not degrading and all intellect does not lie in the professions. The world needs not gentlemen and ladies, but men and women. Honesty and skill are to be honored wherever found. This was a splendid oration, direct, succinct and thoughtful, having a practical air which enlisted the attention of all.

A selection was then rendered by the band, of which we are very proud this year, after which Mr. Frank H. Rall talked on "Our Political Problem." On no issue is the stand of any party plain. The issue is made for the party and not the party for the issue. Our municipal government is worse than that of any country in Europe, but this fact is not due to popular sovereignty, but to a misuse of it, to selfish party spirit. Party has been made an end and not a means; in this lies the error. The evil is radical, the solution must likewise be radical. The reform must come through the people, as the evil lies in the people. Issues must be fought for issues' sake and not in the name of party or dead sentiment. Reform or speedy disintergration stares the parties in the face. Mr. Rall spoke in his usually ready emphatic manner and impressed his thoughts deeply upon the minds of his hearers.

Miss Zoe Williams followed with an oration entitled "Iphigeneia." She, the daughter of Agamemnon, was, like Jephthah's daughter, slain for her country and, like her, is preserved in memory to all literatures. This beautiful and sympathetic story was nicely told by Miss Williams. She pointed out the numerous places in literature where this legend is found. Iphigeneia is a perfect type of sacrifice; and sacrifice is even to this day the great element in the rich heritage we as a nation have received. Miss Williams' oration, while not so thoughtful, perhaps, as some of the others, was most beautifully and carefully written and artistically delivered.

After another selection by the band, Prof. Currier called the class to the stage in sections and presented them to the President for their respective

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degrees in the Arts, Philosophy, Letters, Science and Civil Engineering.

Pres. Schaeffer gave a splendid farewell address to the class, welcoming them into the ranks of the alumni of the State University of Iowa and impressing upon them a realization of their advantages, a right conception of the duties to themselves and fellowmen. The President entered upon his duties with the class of '91, and for that reason is especially sad at parting with them.

The Holbrook prize of $25.00 was awarded to Miss Minnie Howe.

The degree L.L.B., was conferred upon Samuel Hayes, Resident Professor of Law in the University; and the degree L.L.D., upon Emlin McClain, Chancellor of the Law Department; James B. Thayer, Dean of the Law School of Harvard University; and Joseph C. Helm, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Colorado, and also, an alumnus of this institution.

The following constitute the class of '91.

BACHELORS OF ARTS.

J. E. Conner, G. S. Coon, J. J. Crossley, J. J. Kost, Florence Musson, Grace Partridge, Frank Rall, A. D. Slocum, C. L. Smith, C. A. Stutsman, H. O. Weaver, Zoe Williams.

BACHELORS OF PHILOSOPHY.

Helen Butler, F. C. Davidson, A. P. Heald, Roberta Holmes, Carolyn Kimball, T. G. McDermott, Susie Paxon, W. S. Prouty, M. L. Sears, L. S. Simon, A. G. Smith, S. R. Watkins, E. F. Wehrle, B. L. Wick, Kate Wickham.

COURSE IN LETTERS.

Anna Gillis, Ada Hutchinson, Jennie Rice.

BACHELORS OF SCIENCE.

Murdoch Bannister, William Duffield, Annie Hinman, G. L. Houser, Minnie Howe, Minna Humphreys, C. E. Kahlke, F. L. Kennedy, Grace McGee, C. H. Maxson, Rowena Morse.

CIVIL ENGINEERS.

W. H. Bremner, A. H. Brown, A. J. Cox, F. A. Hastings, W. D. Lovell, Milton Powers, Elton Rice, J. C. Spencer, E. A. Wallberg.

Commencement Hop.

Wednesday evening, in the Commencement hop, occurred one of the most important social events of the school year. In spite of the unpleasantness of the weather, the parlors and dining hall of the St. James were filled with a merry company all ready for a grand time. The rooms presented a brilliant scene, and the air was made sweet by the great bunches of roses and other flowers placed in every nook and twined about the walls. At about 9:30 the Italian band struck up some excellent music and dancing began. The large number made the floor somewhat crowded at times, but this did not greatly interfere with the pleasure of the dancers.

Supper was served throughout the evening.

A number of the Faculty, with their wives and friends, as well as many visitors from other cities and schools of the state, were present. Altogether the affair was a success, reflecting great credit upon those having it in charge, and was a delightful close to the pleasures of commencement and the school year.

The Prize Drills.

On Monday, the 8th, the companies of the Battalion were formed as usual, and marched out upon the north campus for the annual competitive drill. The judges were Capt. Switzer and Lieut. McCrory, of Co. C, and Adjt. Wales, of the 3d Regiment, I. N. G. None of the companies drilled as well as they had upon inspection. Two or three of the captains showed slight signs of embarrasment, but no very bad breaks were made, as the high marks accorded show. The companies drilled in the following order: B, A, D, C. Before the drill it was pretty generally expected that A would take the prize, although both D and B were thought by some to have good chances for first. The order of merit is as follows: First, Co. A, Captain Charles E. Kahlke, 98 per cent; second, Co. B, Captain Arthur J. Cox, 95½ per cent; third, Co. D, Captain Elton Rice, 94½ per cent; fourth, Co. C, Captain Harry O. Weaver, 89½ per cent.

The individual competitive drill between privates was held Tuesday, the 9th inst. Although entrance had been made voluntary, all the companies were well represented, and the number, of contestants indicated much interest in the drill. The drill down was quite brief in the companies, and resulted as follows: Best drilled private of Co. A, C. W. H. Smith; of Co. B, John A. Hull; of Co. C, E. S. Hopkins; of Co. D, W. H. Cochran. The contest between these four was quite brief, and Smith, Hopkins and Cochran went down in a row, leaving Hull as best man of the Battalion.

The non-commissioned officers of the battery were drilled in the position of gunner, and then with sabres, and Harl Myers received first place.

The privates of the battery were then put through a competition in the positions of No's 1 and 2, and Cochran, Schofield, Smeltzer and Larrabee, were the best. They were then drilled with sabres, and Smeltzer and Larrabee tied for first place, Smeltzer winning in a lot decision.

Field Day.

Our last number was issued before the program at the Opera House was concluded. We publish the following for the benefit of our subscribers outside the University and for further reference.

The attendance was very large, a considerable interest attaching to the boxing matches.

The program began with an exhibition on the parallel bars. The performers were Crockwell, Reed, Palmer and Raymond, of Iowa College, and a man from Cornell. A number of difficult feats were performed. Reed is an especially graceful performer. An exhibition of club swinging by Christie, of I. A. C., occupied a few minutes, and then the parallel bar men, Prof. Jones, of Cedar Rapids, Reed, Raymond, Crockwell and Palmer, of I. C., balanced and vaulted and raced to the delight of the spectators. Notwithstanding the excellence of these exercises the audience was eager to have them concluded in order that the boxing matches might be settled. Mr. Houseworth's (Cornell) contortion exhibition pleased everyone, and he was heartily encored at the close. After a slight interval the heavy weight boxing contest was announced, Park representing S. U. I. and Eshbaugh, I. C. The match was lively from the first. Park did most of the leading and planted a number of blows where they told. Eshbaugh is a cool boxer, and stood his punishment well. He has a deceptive eye, and the man who stands before him waiting for a lead is sure to get hit. Park's left hand seemed to have a penchant for landing on Eshbaugh's nose and ear, which fact, no doubt, accounts for his winning the contest, as he did easily, scoring nearly two points to his opponent's one.

The light weight boxing followed. Cobb, of Cornell, and Burnham, S. U. I., being the contestants. Cobb made a mistake. He should have entered the high kicking contest or given an exhibition in contortion. Burnham boxed in his usual steady way, winding his man in the first round and playing him afterward. The judges awarded the match to Burnham. The next day the committee declared the match must be boxed over. Of course the committee has the authority, but we suggest that the home association hereafter provide for the employment of a properly qualified kicker, as our "amateurs can hardly be expected to compete with the professionals from other schools."

The program was closed with two very pretty exhibition sparring contests between Messrs. Walker and Mara, Lewis and Korte. The audience adjourned to the society halls, where a reception was held.

To Our Exchanges.

In this, our last number of the year, we wish to extend to all our exchanges the assurance of our hearty appreciation of the efforts expended in making college journalism what it is. While it is true that college journals are larger and handsomer and more numerous than ever before, it is equally true that the same old faults appear on their pages, whether it be a modest semi-occasionally or a pretentious illustrated weekly. We have used the shears freely this year in endeavoring to provide our readers with inter-collegiate news. The clippings are necessarily taken from the local, editorial and "college news" department of our exchanges. We find that but little is to be had from either local or editorial pages. There is an abundance of news items, things which transpire in the various colleges, that are of great interest to other colleges, but they are referred to, merely. A line or a column or a page is consumed in merely referring to a thing when it would be just as easy and brief to state what has occurred and then discuss the circumstances. The alumnus and general reader is left to conjecture what it is that has taken place. The "college news" column is always approached with distrust. The items are usually made up from the daily and weekly newspapers that publish college news. In making the half dozen line clippings the meaning of a statement is often exactly reversed by removal from the context; and in making digests the hurried editor very often misses the point a very long way. Quite often mere gossip obtained through correspondence or conversation is incorporated as fact, and just as often perhaps the inventive genius of the man working to fill space is severely taxed to invent "interesting" news about neighboring schools. It is, then, somewhat difficult to discriminate between fact and fiction in these matters, for the reputation of a paper seems to be no voucher for the accuracy of its news. Even so good a publication as the *College Man*, although "printing no clippings from other papers," occasionally falls into the error of misstatement. Why doesn't some paper make a specialty of accuracy? College verse is another eye sore. The papers that do publish verse may be divided into two classes,—*those that clip from the Youth's Companion*, The Iliad, and Dr. Holmes, and those who do not. Of the latter class a large majority copy from the few fountains of original verse that flourish at the large eastern colleges. They reproduce these really good things with variations according to the proficiency of the compositors at the printing office. The remainder do produce original verse: that of perhaps a dozen papers readable and enjoyable, but the remainder consisting of that enervated twaddle about nothing that can neither be praised for its meter or because it describes anything that ever happened outside the endogenous brains from which it was exuded.

As we part from you all we wish to express our admiration for originality, a wish for the greater permanency of college editorships and a hope that in time the work put on a college paper may not be "love's labor lost," but may receive the credit it deserves both from the public and the keeper of the records.

The Athletic Association met on the 10th inst., and elected the following officers for next year: Burnham, President; Sollenbarger, Vice-President; Larrabee, Secretary; Chantland, Manager of foot-ball team.

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Class Poem, '91.

GRACE O. PARTRIDGE.

Willst du immer weiter schweifen?
Sieh, das Gute liegt so nah.
Lerne nur das Glueck ergreifen,
Denn das Glueck ist immer da.

—*Goethe.*

A youth there was who loved to stray by night
Through woods and meadows, when the moon's faint light
Had vanished, and only stars were there
To light his pathway. Damp and cool the air;
The fragrant meadow-mist with mantle white
Enveloped him, and hid him from man's sight.
With dewey lips it kissed his fevered face,
Then gently led him to that lonely place,
Where soft through leafy branches flowed the wind.
Here his retreat, here joy, here peace of mind.

He oft had read in some quaint fairy book
Of flower that blossoms only in the dark.
For this same magic flower he'd often look,
To use it as a charm, to fan love's spark.
Another time would do to gather it;
This night he rested, for an hour did sit
Enraptured, lost in wonder and amaze
At all earth's loneliness; long did he gaze
Upward into the deep dark blue of heaven.
What sound hears he? The bell it tolls eleven.
'Tis now the hour for the magic flower to bloom;
To it the lover's led by its perfume.

But lo, a brilliant light gleams from the sky!
He hastes to go; the meteor charms his eye.
Intent he tracks the brilliant trail of fire.
So long he stood; in silence did admire.
'Twas quickly gone; slowly back he wandered then
With nothing but the vaguest memory.
Baffled and empty-handed wandered he
Back where the darkness gathers thickest in the glen.

But what is that which trembles on the breezes,
Delights, intoxicates, with passion seizes?
His eyes were dimmed by heaven's brightness,
But even then he saw the pearly whiteness
And wildly plucked the almost faded flower.
Alas, 'twas withered. Could he recall the hour!
While gazing at the star his hopes of love
Had all been dreamed into the sky above.

How like we all to this ill-fated youth!
Far from the path we stray in search of truth,
And gaziug starward lose some moment rare.
How oft we cry: "Delay, thou art so fair!"
'Tis gone, and nothing brings it back again:
Lost opportunities are all life's pain.

Lift not to heaven alway your eager face
Nor think to find the truth in boundless space,
Since that for which you've strived so many years,
For which you've toiled with hopes and fears,
That which you've prayed your eyes might meet,
May lie—your long-sought treasure—round your feet.

Ba-Bel.

[Alumni poem, delivered at the Opera House, June 16th, by the author.]

O woful waste of power and skill,
When dazzling fancy leads the will!

Spake man to man on Shinar's plain:
"Build we a tower, high as heaven,
That so our fame be deeply graven
On human ken and never wane!
Rear we a pile around whose height
The stars may whirl in chorus bright,
Where Bel may gladly come and rest
In ether pure his form divine,
And, grateful, make his face to shine
Upon our deeds and call them blest!
A place that seraphs' feet may press
And bring the grace of heaven down,
That fruitfulness the earth may bless,
And triumph human struggle crown!"

The thought seized on each mind with might,
It thrilled and filled and swelled the heart;
It seemed a gracious burst of light,
Which called to life their latent art.

Busy was Shinar's plain the while:
Men mixing, moulding, baking clay;
Men hurrying, bearing bricks away
To builders laying tile on tile
And slowly rearing stage by stage
The temple that should proudly rise,
And stand unto the latest age
A monument to their emprise.

But hands grew weary, hearts held doubt;
And zeal but smouldered, going out;
Envy and hate embittered pride;
Brother from brother drifted wide.
'Twixt man and man a strangeness sprang,
And heart and eye knew not their own;
In every ear strange voices rang
And uttered sounds before unknown
And now uncomprehended quite.
A terror as of blackest night
Enfolds their souls. 'A curse!" they cry,
"A curse is on our head! "—and fly
They know not whither, know not why.
And foes are now, who brothers were,
And many are, where one was erst;
And widely o'er the earth dispersed,
The fruits of hate and pride they bear.
Confusion cursed the fantasy
That looked presumptuous on the sky!

Babels a many have been conceived
Since man has peopled the continents;
Babels a many have been believed,
Yet none are 'mongst the world's events.
Enthusiasm ruled the hour,
Will followed fondly fancy's lead,
And energy was spent and power
In vain, in vain: 'twas so decreed!
The conquerors from Philip's son
To Corsican Napoleon—
Ambition's devotees were they.
Their glory but a lurid dream
That shone a while with hellish gleam,
To pass with them in death away.
No empire marked, when they were dead,
Their power once supreme and dread.
Thus Cæsar, too, and Karl the Great
Conceived a world-extensive state,
And also failed, though statesmen wise.
They left the dream as heritage
To men of many a later age:
Not one that dream could realize.
Confusion cursed the fantasy
That dreamed one god-like king could be!

Whenever vigorous, active will
To fancy is subservient,
Vast energies and splendid skill
Are wantonly and vainly spent.
And he that leads may be a king,
On conquest and on glory bent:
Or priest impassioned uttering
A mighty call to arms that sent
Europa's bravest and her best,
With precious hero-blood to stain
The Asian plains, and to regain
The stead where holiest relics rest;
Or intellect the most acute,
Most marvellous, alert, and keen,
May into logic-forms transmute
Dim concepts of the far unseen
And simple creed and thought profound,
Yet fail to see those things around
That could its thinking fructify
For more than bare theology.
Scholastic shrewd, crusader brave,
The greatest conqueror of all—
What had he for the much he gave?
What poor success could he recall?
The temple he had hoped to rear
Lies lost in sandy desert drear.
His dream the scholar knows by name,
No heart affectionate keeps his fame.

But sorrow, failure and defeat
Have left the over-soul intact,
And life and hope are yet complete,
And progress is a growing fact.
For we are wiser grown to-day!
The sad experience of the race
Has tempered our hearts, and they
Turn futureward with thoughtful face.
The splendid love, the splendid hate,
The splendid combat, will with fate,
These are of other times and men,
The world is different, now and then.
Though hand-maid sweet of thought and art,
Fancy is mistress now no more;
Fair science rules the thoughtful heart,
And reason sits at action's core.
Our heroism's an even strain,
Our vict'ries are o'er ills minute,
Our progress is a steady gain
That shall all scoffers yet refute.
Religion, state, society
In human hearts gain constantly
Palladia whose power will last
Till many a future shall be past,
Then man and man may yet be one
In all that's best in thought and act,
And unity through love be won,
And Babel be a fact!

GUIDO H. STEMPEL.

The VIDETTE wishes to again call attention to the fact that the facilities for the study of astronomy have been greatly improved of late. The instruments have all been put in the best condition. The telescope and its attachments have been removed from the old observatory to the much more convenient new building on the campus. The telescope has been carefully repaired and remounted, and several new accessories have been added. The instrument has been furnished with electrical appliances for illuminating the "cross-hairs" and the draw-tube has been lengthened. The micrometer attachments are of the best. This, together with the facilities for illuminating the cross-hairs, makes the instrument serviceable for more accurate stellar observations. Among the other instruments connected with the observatory are a mariner's sextant, a mercury horizon and a ship's chronometer. These instruments are not kept merely for show, but are now being actively used in astronomical observations by the professor in charge. Professor Weld is awakening an interest in this work among the students, so that we have reason to believe that the number of students taking advanced work in astronomy will be greatly increased.

DIAGNOSIS OF THE CLASS OF '91.

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NAME.	CHARACTERISTIC.	POLITICS OR RELIGION.	MATRIMONIAL PROSPECTS.	PRESENT ACCOMPLISHMENT.	FUTURE OCCUPATION.	MOTTO OR PATRON SAINT.
Murdock Bannister	Pugnacity	Y. M. C. A.	Ellagible	Gas shoveler	Robbing old graves	In the gravy
W. H. Brenner	Phidelity	Manager of pol(l)es	Too much Mussin'	Working a Jimmy	Advance ag't for circus	"Sweeten up"
A. H. Brown	Non-Committal	(Gil)christian	Unsettled	R. R. Paddy	Faro dealer	Whiskey straight
Helen Butler	Giddy	Donatist	Nun	Flirting	Governess	St. Francis
J. E. Conner	Graciousness	G. O. P.	Stampled on	Music and oratory	Following the band	Try, try again
G. S. Coon	Carryfull	Kimballite	Looking up	Pillor of Society	Undertaker	Saw my leg off
A. J. Cox	Tell tale	Kicker	Mussin' with Brenner	Getting full [Stiles	Whatsew'er he can	Ladies' change
J. J. Crossley	Swearing	Prison reformer	Packs on top	Looking for cooler	Sing singing [nate	Let us pray
F. C. Davidson	Snarchy	Home rule	Just beginning	Setting cycling debts	Printer's devil incar-	Come, Birdie, come
Wm. Dunfield	Trying to be Tuff(y)	Boodler	Won't Ow'n up	Veterinary surgeon	Drinking small bier	Little Noll
Annie Gillis	Modesty	Delta Gamma	Got G. B.	Tom-fooling	Housekeeper	George I
F. A. Hastings	Lovely	Congregationalist	Already Maryed	Flunking	Umbrella mender	Hymen
A. P. Heald	Pomposity	For A. P. H.	Fanning out	Not in it	County school teacher	Lend me a V
Annie Hinman	Common sense	South Hall	Dazzling	SMacke's school	Carting for Mac'sson	Charles the Bold
M. Roberta Holmes	Versatile	For Free man	Wants to Davy up	Law and Litigation	Punster	Hep, Hep, Hep
Gil. L. Houser	Playful	Calvinist	?	Dude	Fossil	Got a bite
Minnie Howe	Taste for dress	Evolutionist	Drew a prize	Hunting missing link	Centling sweet William	St. AnDrew
Minna Humphreys	Delicate	For Jim	IncreduLou(l)s	Mutual wire-pulling	Fighting for Louis	Little, but O my
Ada Hutchinson	Boysterous	Protection	Scattered	Chaperon	Old maid	Age cannot wither
Chas. E. Kahlke	Senile	For Old Hutch	Handikapped	Shirking committees	Bumming	Last rose of summer
F. L. Kennedy	Brilliancy	Has neither	Moormon	Looking	Living off of Pa	Had a little pony
Carolyn Kimball	Wire pulling	Phi Piety	Neb. ulous	Taking in everything	Divorce lawyer	Don't care a clam
W. D. Lovell	Mendacity	Hard shell	Jess so	Runn'g Re(m)lay race	Farmer	Jamieson
C. H. Maxson	Mach-making	For Hind man	Annihilated	Billiards and dancing	3 card monte	Little Annie Rooney
T. G. McDermott	Importance	Lutheran	King-proof	Talking in library	Tenor soloist	Fair play
Grace McGee	Pensive lisp	For best man	Done Brown	Raising Cain(ries	College widow	Looking on thee
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Business Meeting of the Athletic Association.

The second annual business meeting of the Athletic Association was called to order by Pres. Gorham, in the General Law Lecture Hall on Saturday morning, June 6th. The following committees appointed: Credentials—Chantland, Lyman, Pierce; Constitutional Committee—Boardman, Clements, Grattan; Order of Business—Fuller, Walters, Lander. Committees adjourned for a few minutes and then reported. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. On motion of Price a committee, Lyman, Bowne, and Lande, were named on officers and location. After a recess of five minutes, they reported as follows:

For President of the Association, Fuller; Vice-President, W. J. Carr; Secretary and Treasurer, Evans; Executive Committee, Emery, I. A. C., Hughes, I. C., Martin, U. I. U.

They reccommended Marshalltown as a suitable place for the next field meeting. The report was adopted. Communications were then read from Penn College and Drake, applying for admission to the association. The application of Drake was acted upon favorably.

Thompson, of I. W. U., entered a protest in the 440 yard run. A committee of three, Evans, Grattan, and Fuller were appointed to investigate. Their decision was that it was a good race. Motion to adjourn to 1:15 p. m., carried.

In the afternoon, the Executive committee made an exhaustive report. The mooted event, standing broad jump, then came up for discussion. The committee which had been appointed ts investigate, reported adversely to S. U. I., of course and a spirited discussion arose. It was the field against S. U. I., but finally all compromised, and two events were made, one with and one without weights. A committee had been appointed in the morning to investigate the rulings and markings on the lightweight boxing, and having signified their intention to report, were heard. It is needless to say they rejected the referee's decising, which gave the event to Burnham, and the Association, over the vigorous protest of S U. I., ordered the event to be contested again. The meeting was fast becoming a deal to deprive S. U. I. of every honor and point possible, and the excited Iowa College crowd saw a chance to knock out the entries of the State University for the hop, step, and jump, and the mile run, which they promptly did. There was no doubt at all of the Ames entries, when S. U. I. moved to strike them all out, and they were allowed to stand of course. Iowa College began to get desperate, and moved to make an event of the ladies singles, thereby scoring another point for I. C. This was too bare-faced, however, and the motion was lost. Various amendments to the Constitution were then suggested and acted upon, and the Association adjourned, after having decided to hold the remaing contests of the Iowa City field day at Marshalltown.

That Ball Game.

3 to 2. This tells the tale of the Cornell-S. U. I. ball game of last Saturday, The 3 belongs to Cornell and the 2 is ours. It was the first defeat suffered by our team this year, yet the defeat was not unexpected. Burnham, Park, Mills, Chantland, Converse, of the regular team, had left for their homes, and Cook played only four innings, and then left. In the face of all this, the patched-up S. U. I. team played ball with the Cornell team, and they played a husker game too. Schroeder covered first, Korte third, and Reimers, Wise and Sanford played in the field. Cornell's team was here intact. Bolton pitched his first game, being finely supported by Brown. Rann on first and McMaster on third played admirably. Of the S. U. I. playing special mention should be made of Lindsay's pitching and Cook's work at third. Marks' playing was up to the usual standard of excellence, and Smeltzer behind the bat played his usual steady game. Space forbids further remarks upon the game. Appended is the score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Cornell ..	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	*	3
S. U. I....	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2

Alumni.

The following changes of addresses of alumni have lately come to our notice:

E. L. Blake, '86, is with Kauffman & Guernsey, at Des Moines.

M. Austin, '74, is a manufacturer at Harvey, Ill.

Arthur Springer, '77, has just removed to Pueblo, Colo.

Geo. C. Allison, '82, is at Peterson, Ia.

Marcus Kavanagh, '78, is a member of the firm of Gibbons, Kavanagh & Woodbury, Reaper Block, Chicago.

T. B. Peterman, '82, is at Fayette, Ia.

J. H. Popejoy, '82, is at Burdette, Ia.

H. A. Bereman, '84, is at St. Louis, in a real estate office, 621 Chestnut street.

J. G. Cameron, '90, is at Minneapolis in practice.

Homer A. Brown, '90, has located at Walnut, Ia.

L. L. Henry, '90, is at Pinos Springs, N. M., for his health.

J. C. Adams, '73, is in practice at Ritzville, Wash.

J. W. Scott, '73, is at Carroll, Ia.

Harlo L. Erskine, H. H. Dane and L. J. Stanton, all of '84, are in the departments at Washington.

Jefferson Burone, '80, is president of the Florida Senate.

John Jones, A. B., is at Chamberlain, S. D.

E. H. Benedict, '82, is in practice at O'Neill, Neb.

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Early this year Professor Currier mailed a circular to alumni suggesting the propriety of small contributions from former students of the University to make up a fund with which to purchase crayon portraits of former members of the faculty. This invitation has been quite generously responded to, and fine pictures of ex-President Black, Professor Parvin and Professor Leonard, now grace the walls of the library. The portrait of Professor Leonard was presented by our present Professor Weld, alone. During the summer Professor Currier expects to add to the list the portraits of Professor D. Franklin Wells and Professor Borland, the latter of whom was Principal of the old preparatory department. Others will be added, as contributions are received, and the contribution of every alumnus who desires and is able to aid in this loyal enterprise will be acknowledged with thanks, and appropriated in the right direction.

On Thursday evening, June 4th, the Senior Law class were royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. McClain, on Bloomington street. Some fifty of the Seniors, together with a number of resident professors, and friends of the family, were present, and spent the evening in genuine pleasantry. It was an occasion that will long be remembered by all those present.

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. W. P. Slattery, in which he expresses deep regret at the financial failure of the Athletic Association, after the excellent support it received here. He says "Crossley walked an excellent race and won, notwithstanding the crow-hop of Osgood and the decision of the judges."

The University oration, which was to have been given on Wednesday evening, by the Rev. P. S. Henson, D. D., had to be omitted on account of the death of a near friend of the speaker. This was a great disappointment to us all, for the oration would doubtless have been a fine one.

It will be pleasing news to many of the S. U. I. friends to learn that H. W. Craven, of class '90, now located at Seattle, will deliver the Fourth of July oration at Stanwood, Washington, this year.

O. H. L. Mason, who just graduated from the State Normal school, attended commencement, and made arrangements to enter S. U. I. classical course in September, to graduate with '93.

I extend to the members of class '91 my thanks for the beautiful class album given by them to the University Library. Very truly,

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Cannon and Cochran have gone to Clinton to watch the construction of the large bridge over the Mississippi at that point.

Dr. Peck's resignation has been accepted and Dr. Ludwig Hoekten, of Chicago, chosen to succeed him.

The Museum has received two fine red foxes, which have been mounted in very life like attitudes.

Misses Anna and Helen Larrabee, of Clermont, are commencement visitors.

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