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## The President to the Students.

There was a grand meeting in the Chapel yesterday morning, the special occasion being an address by President Schaeffer. Five hundred chairs were occupied and the walls were lined with the later comers, who were unable to obtain seats. The devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. Barrett. The singing, led by an impromptu choir of students, was swelled by every voice, and the result was simply inspiring.

The President spoke, in substance, as follows:

A formal address is not expected from me, nor is it necessary under the circumstances. There are a few points to which the attention of the new students should be called as soon as possible. The newcomers have entered upon a new and important path. Your school days are over and you have begun what is commonly called a college course. School boys and girls are accustomed to be allowed certain privileges and to be surrounded with many restraints. That order of affairs is ended for you. You come here as ladies and gentlemen. We intend to regard you as such and we expect that you will so regard the Faculty and everyone else connected with the University.

The rules of the University are but few in number. In fact, they are printed on less than three pages and are merely points of information which it is desirable you should know to assist you in the conduct of your work.

First, especial attention was called by the President to the rule having reference to absence. A pretty regular attendance is insisted upon. When a student is not able to be present at a recitation he will make his excuse to the instructor in charge of the class. For an absence of a whole day application for excuse is to be made to the President and is freely granted if good cause appear. When the number of one's unexcused absences amounts to five in a term the person is suspended for two weeks.

The second point made by the President is that there are always a few men who come to college with the impression that it is a very nice place for having a good time, and I wish to remind these that the college student is amenable to the civil law just as strictly as any citizen. There is no law which applies especially to students. It was once supposed that the campus was a kind of sacred ground and that the police could arrest no student upon it. But this notion has been exploded.

It is not necessary to watch a student very closely to know whether he uses his time properly, because irregularities are certain sooner or later to show their effect upon the records. The character of 49 out of 50 students can be read by looking over the official records in the executive office. And this record, by the way, has something to do with the term of residence.

The attention of all was directed to the rule having reference to the required average scholarship.

The prompt payment of tuition was urged. The tuition fee is small. Dividing the total amount of the expenses of the University for 1890-91 by the whole number of students for that year it is found that \$125 was spent for each student registered, or \$101 over the tuition fee of the collegiate student.

The extensions in the library were referred to and an invitation extended to meet the librarian at the library on Thursday at 3:30 p. m., when the classification of books will be explained.

The President next spoke of the literary societies, saying that they were among the best means for improvement. The Christian Associations were also commended.

The fraternities, the President said, have been the subject of much attention with the faculties of various colleges. He is a member of a fraternity, not represented here. There is no particular secrecy in a fraternity nor among its members. Having viewed the fraternity from both inside and outside the President reaches the authoritative conclusion that fraternities are no better and no worse than the members who constitute them. He advised that the new man give some consideration to the matter before allying himself with a chapter. He said he had seen the good effects of the institution, and so far as he knew of the fraternities here there has rarely occurred complaint, and he thought as a rule they are to be commended.

Students were invited to call on the Faculty for advice or assistance in reference to studies, and to use the right of petition when necessary. Communications to the Faculty should be in the hands of a member before three o'clock on Fridays, as 3:30 is the hour for meeting.

With reference to the annual "rush" the President said, I have no objection to a good natured contest within the bounds of propriety. I believe in athletics; was once somewhat of a ball player myself. But I insist on the element of fairness. If two classes select

equal teams and go into some fair contest, all right. Whatever is done I hope will be done fairly.

The Sophs were warned that if they intended to tackle the Freshmen this year they had considerable of an undertaking, as the records show one hundred and twenty Freshmen to sixty Sophs.

In conclusion the President said, Ask yourselves this question, why am I here? I believe, I know a large majority of you came here for the purpose of studying and fitting yourselves for good and useful lives. Then make the best of your advantages. The number of students who have preceded you is very large. They occupy prominent and honorable positions in all parts of the country. It is your privilege to emulate their example, a privilege which comes to not more than one in two hundred of the people of the United States, and if you act upon this privilege you will always look back upon your college days with pleasure and satisfaction.

## Y. M. & Y. W. C. A. Reception.

Last Tuesday evening occurred the annual reception of the Y. M. & Y. W. C. A. to the students of the University. It was a grand occasion, and our Christian Associations may well congratulate themselves upon their success and the good work which they are doing. At about seven o'clock students, professors and friends of the University began to assemble in the new Y. M. C. A. building, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. In every face was seen the expression of delight and contentment. We are all proud of our building and ever will it stand to attest the worth, integrity and Christian principles of our students and professors.

A short program was rendered, consisting of a vocal solo by Miss Wheeler and short addresses by President Schaeffer, Mr. Parsons, Miss Ankeny and Mr. Lyon. All were made to feel at home. To the Freshman, to whom "everything is new," was extended the warm hand of friendship. The Sophomore, "with head held high," was seen in the crowd, and the Junior, "with wrinkled brow and care-worn look," was also seen shaking hands with students, old and new. The Senior, with "wisdom floating all around," was present, and with his genial smile added to the pleasure of the occasion.

These receptions will ever be remembered by the students as among the most pleasant events in the college life.

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According to the list which we published Tuesday there are 120 in the Freshman class. Among so large a number it would be strange if there were no athletes or speakers of experience or promise. As has been noted in these columns, several of the best speakers, runners, kickers, foot ball and all-round men of other Iowa colleges have entered S. U. I. this term in the professional departments. These will take care of themselves and go into the literary societies and the gymnasium as a matter of course. But the new men are liable to be backward. For the man or woman who has any oratorical ambition we call attention to the literary societies and the Northern Oratorical League. The society is the best training school there is here. Join at once and go early and often upon the program. Freshmen have seldom appeared in past contests, but there is no reason for their holding back. In the Northern League the *entrée* is not, as in the old association, confined to the collegiates alone. All departments of the University are on equal footing, and it is desirable that all send representatives to the local contest. Dates and other points of special information are found in the hand book published by the Y. M. C. A.

In reference to athletics, every man who thinks he can run or has possibilities in any athletic line should commence work out of doors or in the gymnasium at once.

Instructor Stephenson has introduced a new and commendable feature in the study of American Literature. Each member of the class is required to make out a report of all the books relating to a certain author. The works to be reported are not those of the author himself, but works *about* him, such as biographies, critical essays, etc. In this way the student becomes acquainted not only with the leading authors, but learns also what is said about them. It is a good plan and will certainly bring good results.

### Lecture Course.

The Lecture Course, as arranged by the S. U. I. Lecture Bureau, is announced, and the following well known men will appear here during the coming season: George Kennan, Robert Nourse, Donnelly and Freeman, in a debate concerning the authorship of The Shakespeare Plays, and Edward Eggleston. A new feature has been introduced, that is, course tickets will be sold by the bureau, entitling the holder to admission to all the lectures. The course tickets will be sold for \$1.50. At this low figure the bureau expects to sell a large number of tickets, and to make the Lecture Bureau a permanent institution in the S. U. I. The people of Iowa City and the students should give this course of lectures their support, and when asked to purchase tickets, not hesitate, but be ready and willing to take one, two, or more tickets. The tickets will be on sale in a short time. The dates and subjects of the lectures will be announced later.

### Foot Ball Team.

The Athletic Association had a short meeting Tuesday afternoon. A committee consisting of Chantland, Kallenberg and Neal were appointed to select the foot ball team. A committee to fix up the grounds was also appointed.

The committee met last night and selected the following strong team:

Murphy, center; Elliott, r. g.; Sanford, r. t.; Dutcher, r. e.; Hall, l. g.; Hull, l. t.; Donohue, l. e.; Kallenberg, q. b.; McEldery, r. h.; German, l. h.; Swain, f. b.

Prof. Nathan R. Leonard, who for over twenty-five years filled the Chair of Mathematics in the University, is here visiting old-time scenes and acquaintances. Prof. Leonard is now editor of the Ft. Wayne (Ind.) *Gazette*.

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M. Ryseburg, of Orange City, is in the city visiting his son, Hubert, of '95.

A. E. Chaffee, '93, after a visit through Iowa, is again at the University.

Will Nordhem, '93, gives instruction in the business college at Decorah, Iowa.

Bayard Elliott has been elected to teach Natural Sciences at the new Academy.

Instructors Breene and Glasgow, of the Dental Department, are taking studies in medicine.

The Choral Union will meet for reorganization next Monday at 3:30 p. m. in the Central building.

The Y. M. C. A. hand-book will be out soon. It will be a valuable book for students, old and new.

Judge Wright will lecture to the Junior Laws on Legal Ethics during next week at three o'clock.

Frank Nelson was chairman of the Henry County Republican Convention, held at Mt. Pleasant on Sept. 5.

Fannie Davis, '93, was greeting her many S. U. I. friends Saturday. She now has a good position in the Springdale schools.

The Sophomores held their first meeting on Tuesday and elected the following officers: President, W. L. Converse; vice-president, Inez F. Kelso; secretary, Mary Holt; treasurer, W. A. Lomas.

New students in the Collegiate Department are invited to meet at the library to-day at 3:30, when Mrs. North will take pleasure in explaining the classification of books.

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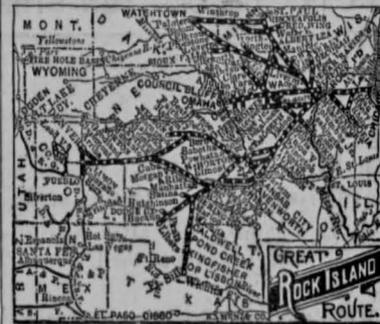
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