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The Donnelly-Freeman Lecture.

Tuesday evening the entire lower part of the Opera House and a portion of the gallery were filled, to hear the debate between the Hon. Ignatius Donnelly of Minnesota and Professor Freeman of the chair of English Literature in the Wisconsin State University. Donnelly opened by a forty-five minutes argument which was followed by one of the same length by Professor Freeman. Each then made a closing argument of fifteen minutes.

Mr. Donnelly devoted his time chiefly to Shakespeare, leaving Bacon for the second evening. After speaking in introduction of the prejudices against which the disciples of the Baconian theory have to work and the reluctance with which people give up old theories, he began his argument. The different spelling of the name of Shakespeare as it is in his signature and as it was affixed to the plays after his death would indicate that it was signed to the plays by others than himself.

The baseness of the surroundings among which he lived, the extreme illiteracy of himself and his family, as shown by all records, his intemperate habits, dishonorable career all showed a mind incapable of producing the plays. The familiarity with foreign literature evinced by the plays, the liberal quotations and adaptations of foreign proverbs, the exact knowledge of law, medicine, and the sciences, exclude their authorship from any but a broad mind and a thorough scholar.

Also the author of the plays had a vocabulary of 15,000 words, one-third of which were new, which would be impossible to a man in Shakespeare's position of life.

Professor Freeman's position being simply defensive, he devoted his time to answering his opponent's arguments.

He went straight to the principal argument: Shakespeare's lack of education vs. the great scholarship evinced by the plays. The plays do not indicate great scholastic learning. The knowledge of law and medicine, as shown by them, is incorrect. The blunders made in history and geography could never have been made by a man of Bacon's position and attainment. The plays indicate natural wisdom rather than acquired scholarship; genius, observation and experience rather than book-learning.

Few points made by his opponent were left untouched and the defense was well made. The most interesting portion of the evening was the sparring in the closing speeches, both frequently

calling forth cheers by their ready wit.

The second part of the discussion was given last night. Professor Freeman made the opening speech. His points in brief were as follows:

Mr. Donnelly's argument is entirely circumstantial and composed of a great many small and weak points, which, when taken together, have considerable force.

In answer to "Why did not Shakespeare publish his plays?" the professor said: 1st, because Shakespeare had sold his plays, as was then the custom, to managers of theatres, hence the plays were not his to publish. 2d, Shakespeare was only fifty-two years of age when he died and was not expecting death when it came. 3d, the plays were written to be played on the stage, not to be published. The plays were not mentioned in the will because Shakespeare had disposed of them ten years or more before his death.

Selections from Bacon's poetry were then read and compared either with their originals or with poetry expressing the same thought. The comparison showed to what an extent Bacon was not a poet. In anticipation of Mr. Donnelly's argument that Bacon was sick when he wrote those quoted poems, Professor Freeman named the work which Bacon did in that, his sixty-third year, and showed how impossible it would be for a sick man to accomplish so much work in a year. If Bacon was sick, as Mr. Donnelly says he was when he wrote those doggerels, he was not sick, according to Mr. Donnelly, when he published them.

Why was Bacon ashamed to own *The Tempest*, *Henry IV*, *Romeo and Juliet*, when he was proud to publish such wretched plays as *The Marriage of the Thames* and *The Rhine*? The acknowledgement of such authorship would have placed Bacon at the head of literary men. Shakespeare was well acquainted with dramatic representation. Bacon was not, as is shown in his play mentioned above. Shakespeare was a humorist. In all of Bacon's essays on all kinds of subjects, there is not a humorous passage. The author of Shakespeare was a man of intense passion. Bacon was not such a man. He was cold, had no love nor sympathy. He was intellectual, not passionate. Bacon's character creations are cold, stiff, off at a distance, like Bacon himself. Shakespeare's creations are real, true to life, and possess natural passions.

Mr. Donnelly did not exhaust so many arguments, but clung to a few which he wished emphasized. He denied that Bacon was not passionate. Bacon was

also a philosopher. Because he was a scientist and philosopher did not bar him from writing *Hamlet*. Because Goethe was a scientist and philosopher did not bar him from writing *Faust*. "Goethe, in a small degree, is a copy of Francis Bacon." Bacon was both intellectual and passionate; he was a genius.

Mr. Donnelly here illustrated his cypher, which proves to his satisfaction that Bacon wrote Shakespeare. On page 53 of the first portfolio edition of Shakespeare's works, and in the first column of that page, there are 7 italicized words. Multiply the number of the page by the number of italicized words, 53 x 7, and the result is 371. Count down the first column, omitting the words in brackets, then down the second column, including the words in brackets, and the 371st word is Bacon; all of which proves that Bacon wrote Shakespeare. Take page 54 x 12 italicized words, and count as before, and the word is Nicholas. On pages 55 and 56, by the same method, the words Sir, Son, and Francis, may be found, which reads Sir Francis Bacon, Nicholas Bacon's son.

The word St. Albans, Bacon's home, appears twenty-three times in the plays, according to Mr. Donnelly, while Shakespeare's home is not mentioned. Every play contains the words "shake" and "spear." Ben Jonson says Bacon is a wit, therefore he is. The discussions proved to be highly satisfactory, entertaining and instructive.

The Constitution.

(Continued from Tuesday's Issue.)

ARTICLE 10.

No professional athlete shall take part in any contest of this Association, nor shall any player of any University be paid or receive, directly or indirectly, any money or financial concession or emolument as present or past compensation for, or as prior consideration or inducement to playing, whether the same be received from, or paid by, or at the instance of the Foot Ball Association, athletic committee or faculty of such University, or any individual whatsoever. And any player who is specifically challenged under this section by any member of the Association in writing, shall, within five days after the filing of such challenge with the Traveling Secretary, file with the Traveling Secretary an affidavit, duly verified under oath, showing that he in no way violates the provisions of this section, and upon his failure to make and file and such affidavit he shall be barred from participating in any contests of the members of this Associa-

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tion. And in case the sufficiency of such affidavit be questioned by the challenging party, and the arbitrating committee be notified thereof the player shall submit to oral examination on two day's notice by said challenging party before said committee, who shall then and thereafter decide concerning the eligibility of said challenged player to take part in contests of this Association. The date of such examination shall not be set on the day of nor within forty-eight hours of a championship game. No challenge or protest shall in any way affect a game which has been played previous to the filing of such challenge or protest. Furthermore, no one shall be eligible to take part as a player in any championship games of this Association who is not a bona fide student of the University on whose team he plays, matriculated for the current college year, and regularly pursuing a course which requires his attendance upon at least five lectures or recitations a week, and in case a player's qualifications are questioned he shall furnish to the arbitrating committee a certificate, signed by three members of the Faculty, stating that he is a bona fide student matriculated for the then current college year, and regularly pursuing a course which requires his attendance upon at least five lectures or recitations a week, and the player shall further furnish to the arbitrating committee an affidavit stating that he is a bona fide student of the University in whose team he plays, matriculated for the then current college year, and regularly pursuing a course which requires his attendance upon at least five lectures or recitations a week.

ARTICLE 11.

The American Inter-Collegiate Foot Ball Rules are adopted.

ARTICLE 12.

SECTION 1. The printing of the Constitution of this Association shall be done by the secretary of the executive committee, and fifty (50) copies shall be forwarded by the secretary to each University of the Association.

SEC. 2. The cost of printing shall be paid by the Association.

ARTICLE 13.

A majority shall be necessary to pass any vote, and a three-fourths vote to amend this Constitution.

Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Senior class, Friday evening, Jan 15th, at 7 o'clock P. M., Room 2, Central Building. It is earnestly requested that all members of the class be present, as some very important business will be transacted. KATHERINE BARBER, Pres.

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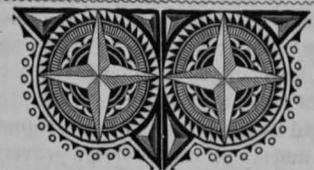
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Major Read delivered his first lecture to the Seniors Tuesday on Military Science.

A. J. Hirshl, L. '75, Chicago, has an interesting article on "The Law's Delays" in *The Commonwealth* for Dec.

Miss Helen Orton, '90, and Miss Corrie Ingham, formerly of '93, will be at Leland Stanford, Jr., this winter.

A class has been formed in the study of Dramatic Art as applied to oratory, under the direction of Mrs. Partridge.

Hon. Ignatius Donnelly and Professor Freeman addressed the students of the Law Department yesterday morning.

The "Meisterschaft" will be given on Saturday evening, at Close Hall, under the auspices of the University Boat Club.

The Visiting Committee of the Legislature will probably inspect the work of the University some time this week.

Willis L. Hall, '90, will spend the winter at Des Moines, taking the associated press report of the proceedings of the legislature.

Miss Myra Dey has gone to Des Moines, to assist Miss Boies at the inaugural reception to be given in the capitol this evening.

Senator Gatch of Des Moines has promised Chancellor McClain to give a lecture some time this winter before the Law Department.

The first leap-year party of the season was given in St. Katharine's Guild Hall, Tuesday evening. It was largely attended by the students.

F. W. Myers, '92, and Will Bailey, '93, have been elected to the vacancies on the staff of the *Quill*, caused by the resignation of M. H. Lyon and L. W. Bannister.

R. S. Galer, '85, now principal of the Southern Iowa Normal, has an article on "The Training of the Will" in the December number of the *Iowa School Journal*.

The class in Pedagogy meets this week in Professor Currier's room owing to the changes which are being made in the heating apparatus in the Y. M. C. A. building.

The following scores were made at the gallery practice in the armory last Saturday, distance 300 yards. Ring, 47; Neal and Kaye, 42; Gruwell, 41, and Anthony 40 out of a possible fifty.

President Schaeffer, Chancellor McClain, and Professor Nutting will attend the Sioux City S. U. I. Alumni banquet on January 15. Professor Nutting will spend a few days visiting with D. H. Talbot, the donor of the recent acquisitions to the Museum.

C. L. Smith, '91, who has been teaching school at Cedar Rapids, Nebraska, is taking a post graduate course at the University.

Chauncey L. Baxter, L. '83, is at Perham, Minn., senior of the firm of Baxter & Daly. His partner, M. J. Daly, was here as a Junior Law in '85.

The editors of the Junior Annual request those intending to contribute to the Literary Department, to hand in their matter as soon as possible. The students will in this way assist the editors in getting out the book on time.

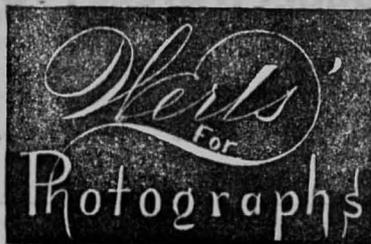
Alonzo Stagg, ex-captain of the Yale foot ball and base ball team, will deliver a lecture at the Opera House, Saturday evening, Jan. 23. Mr. Stagg's lecture will be on the general line of modern association athletics, bringing out the all round idea. The lecture will be illustrated with stereoscopic views, and will be of general interest to all.

We very much regret to announce that Mr. Charles C. Harvey, '93, who has most efficiently and faithfully performed the duties of an associate editor of this paper, has been compelled by ill-health to leave the University and return to his home. His resignation having been received, there will be another special election on Thursday, 21 January, from 2 to 3, Central Building, to fill this vacancy.

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