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Gospel Meeting.

The Gospel meeting Sunday afternoon was one of unusual interest. Students from all the departments were present, and almost every seat in the auditorium was taken. Secretary Parsons opened the meeting with the reading of the VI chapter of Ephesians. Mr. Stagg was then introduced, and spoke on the "Qualities which go to make up a good athlete and a good Christian." The first quality, said Mr. Stagg, is enthusiasm. He showed that enthusiasm is necessary to secure success in athletics, and that also to be a good Christian one must be enthusiastic in Christian work. The second quality in perseverance. No man can expect to be a born athlete. Nothing can be accomplished in athletics unless you keep at it continually. The speaker cited examples of men at Yale who attained success in athletics simply through perseverance. He then made the application to Christian life. Christianity is a living power within; a growing force. We must persevere in Christian work; thus only can we grow strong. Tact is the third quality. This includes common sense and good judgment. We must have our wits about us in all we do. It is absolutely necessary for the athlete to have his wits about him in the contests. And so in our Christian life we must use our judgment and common sense. The fourth quality is courage. To succeed in athletics we must be courageous. If you are afraid to show that you are a Christian, you will never be a good Christian. We ought not to be afraid to decide according to our convictions. It is an excellent thing for a man to make a decision. Mr. Stagg closed his address by entreating all to take a firm stand, and to act according to their belief.

Night School for Mechanics.

The night school for mechanics is now in active progress, under charge of Professor Jameson. The object is to give instruction in drafting and elementary mechanics to such mechanics and other persons who, from the nature of their daily work, are unable to avail themselves of the regular University course. The instruction consists of sixty hours in drafting and fifteen hours of lectures, the class meeting each Wednesday and Saturday evening, from 7 to 10. Those that attended the night school last year are assigned to advanced work, and the beginners formed into a class for elementary work.

Professor Jameson states that the

lectures will consist of the elements of graphical calculation of strains in roof trusses, the use of iron, steel, stone, cement and wood, in ordinary construction, and the designing of the interior of dwelling houses for convenience and economy. In the advanced class of carpenters, each member is expected to make a complete set of plans, with details, for a dwelling house, write the specifications, and give a bill of material, with estimate of cost.

The school is a legitimate feature of University Extension in a very practical direction, and is to be heartily commended. The members of the classes are interested in the work, and making good progress. The course of instruction is entirely free, the only requirements being the drawing instruments, paper, etc., and a willingness to do hard work.

Professor Currier's Lecture.

Professor Currier lectured before the Ladies' Art Club, of Muscatine, last Friday evening, on "Trade and Traffic in the First Century." He reports a very pleasant reception by the Muscatine people, and a most enjoyable evening. The Professor spoke in some detail of the various means of transportation, roads, ships, etc., and the uses made of these means by the government; by the pleasure-parties going to Baiae and other places of resort; of the increase in commerce which was caused by the facilities for traveling. He also gave a pleasant picture of the Roman people, as they were in the first century, after the bloody wars of Sulla, Marius, and the rest, when peace and prosperity blessed the land.

The Professor will return to Muscatine in three or four weeks to lecture on "Roman Antiquities," in which he will be aided by a stereopticon.

Stagg's Lecture.

A. A. Stagg, Yale's famous ex-captain of foot and base ball, lectured at Close Hall last Saturday night on the Modern Athlete. Mr. Stagg brought out the point that Athletics has been more or less popular at all times. Among the old Greeks we find the most perfect types of physical manhood. They believed in all around development and that is what we need to-day. The lecturer then illustrated by means of stereopticon views all of the more important athletic feats and gave hints as to how each could best be executed. Those who succeed in developing into perfect harmony mind, spirit and body are the ones that are best prepared to fight life's battles.

Political Science Seminary.

At the regular meeting of the Political Science Seminary last night Chas. J. Flynn, '92, presented a very interesting paper on "Legislative Control of Corporations". The different classes of corporations—municipal, charitable and and private—were explained. The origin and growth and the great part which corporations play to-day in every transaction of life, were carefully dwelt upon. S. G. Cartwright, '92, reported on "The Irish Land Question". The condition of the early land tenure in Ireland, and the laws enacted pertaining to the land question were the more important features presented. The legislation on the land question has had a tendency to greatly better the conditions of the Irish peasants. Gladstone appears among their champions.

College Notes.

Wabash College has a library of 60,000 volumes.

The Sophomores at Ann Arbor publish yearly a paper called the *Oracle*.

Beloit College adds about one thousand volumes to its library annually.

The Glee Club at Beloit College will start on its fifth annual tour next April.

The Seniors at Ann Arbor are considering the question of adopting cap and gown as class costume.

Professor Storm Bull, of the Wisconsin State University, sails for Europe in the spring where he expects to make a special study of the leading technical educational institutions.

A prominent feature of the State University of Indiana is the annual European tour. Professor W. W. Spangle is the manager. The trip begins about the middle of June and lasts till Sept. The countries which will be visited next summer are Ireland, Scotland, England, France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy.

In *University Extension* for January, is a valuable article by Professor Edmund J. James, of the University of Pennsylvania, on "The University Extension Lecturer." In the first place, he says, the University Extension lecture must not be the sort of lecture which is given to college students, on account of the mixed character of the minds of his audience. The extension lecturer can pre-suppose next to nothing in regard to the knowledge and training of his audience. The problem then is a difficult one, to strike the right course in regard to the extension lecture, between the university lecture and the popular lyceum lecture.

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Those who heard Professor Stagg, last Saturday evening, could not fail to be impressed with the fact that athletics have an important place in our institutions of learning. The educated man is he who is fully developed, spiritually, mentally and physically. It is to be regretted that so few of the students were out to hear the lecture. With an enrollment of over 900, and with the present interest in athletics, it would seem that we ought to have had an audience of over 300 to say the least. It is not very often students are permitted to hear a man like Stagg. Those who were interested in athletics enough to come out were agreeably entertained.

The Agricultural College and the State University will cooperate in a bill which will be presented to the Legislature, the last of this week, granting a state tax for each of these institutions. The University has asked for one-fifth of a mill tax, which, while it will hardly be felt by the tax-payers, will nevertheless materially increase the annual income of the University. There is considerable hope that this bill will be passed by a fair majority in both House and Senate.

Our enrollment at present is over 900. It ought to be one thousand. If every student would make it a point to write some S. U. I. news to his home paper at least twice a month, it would go far towards advertising the University, and would also bring many new students here next term. Show your colors, and let the people of the State know what we are doing, and what we have to offer.

English III.

The following are the pages to be read in Green: 39-44, 60-63, 143-147, 237-239, 316-317, 424-426, 433, 455-461, 584-585, 586-590,—twenty-nine pages.

N. W. STEPHENSON.

Wesley McCabe, '94, of Muscatine, has been ill for some time past with the grip, and being unable to go to his home, his father and mother came here to care for him. Soon after arriving here both parents were taken sick and after a short time, the father died Saturday morning at 3 o'clock. The mother is yet very sick and the son is in a critical condition.

At Boston University the Faculty have voted to permit work on the college paper to count as work in the course, allowing seven hours per week to the managing editor, and two hours to each of the assistants.

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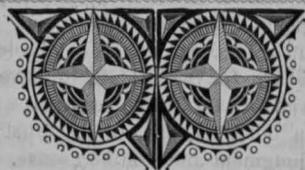
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Local and Personal.

A. A. Stagg lectured at Mt. Vernon last Friday.

A fraternity whist tournament is being agitated.

Mary Holt, '94, was unable to attend her classes Monday.

The Juniors at Ann Arbor have adopted a Maroon cap.

Rumors of a Sophomore banquet seem to be well founded.

Sophomores at Palo Alto have adopted the black mortar board.

A. E. Myrick is enjoying a visit from his cousin, W. H. Musson.

T. D. Evans, L. '92, spent Saturday and Sunday in Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Stagg left yesterday morning for Clinton, where he lectured last night.

W. L. Converse is again seen in the class rooms. He returned last Friday.

At the meeting of the ocarina players, last Friday, a quartette was formed.

Miss Ada Hutchinson, '91, is just recovering from a serious relapse of the grip.

One of the things peculiar to Oberlin is opening each recitation with prayer or song.

The Phi Deltis give a party this evening, in honor of Miss Veda Shaffer, formerly of '93.

Laura Clarke, '92, is quite sick, and has been unable to attend her recitations for several days.

The Engineering Society meets tonight, at 7:30. Essayist, Will Calvin, '94; topic, "The Hell Gate Excavations."

Zulemia Kostomlatsky, '95, leaves this week for Des Moines, having secured a committee clerkship in the Legislature.

All members of the Zetagathian Society, active, retired and honorary, meet this evening, at 8 o'clock, at the hall. SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

H. A. Burrell, of Washington, Iowa, A. J. Craven, of Helena, Montana, and A. L. Hudson, of Sioux City, have accepted invitations to act as judges on thought and style, at the home oratorical contest.

The Phi Deltis entertained their lady friends in true Grecian style, on Saturday evening. Those present were Misses Ashley, Collins, Ewing, Gillies, Hess, Jones, Moore, Rice, and Veda Shaffer, of Davenport. Refreshments were served in the hall, and Hess' orchestra furnished the music.

Hesperian Society held its first meeting of the term last Saturday, and was presided over by its new President, May Gaymon. Debate, *Resolved*, "That the Indulgence in Luxury is Unfavorable to Human Progress," was decided in the affirmative. Eva Miller's "Jerry an' Me," was a model of dialect recitations, and Inez Kelso gave a well-written oration.

Mae Lomas, '95, joined Kappa Kappa Gamma last evening.

L. W. Dean, '94, spent Saturday and Sunday at home in Muscatine.

The Junior Pharmacists are having their class picture taken at James'.

E. S. White, '94, has been elected a member of the Lecture Bureau Committee, vice J. R. Jaques, resigned.

W. H. Barnes, L. '82, and wife, of Northwood, Iowa, were in the city visiting the former's parents over Sunday.

At the Zetatorican meeting Saturday afternoon much interest was aroused by the debate on the question, "Resolved, that a college education unfits a man for business".

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"A Pair of Kids."

Ezra Kendall, the noted eccentric comedian, will be at the Opera House in the above mentioned play, next Friday evening, January 29th, supported by a strong company. "A Pair of Kids" is truly a "howling" success. It has been before the public seven years, and its popularity is on the increase. New specialties and the latest songs are introduced throughout. The name of Mr. Kendall is assurance that all the comical situations, with which the play is filled, will be developed to their utmost. Go and laugh. Admission 50 and 75 cents.

There will be a meeting of the football team and candidates for the team next Thursday at 1 o'clock p. m. Mr. Kallenberg will give a talk on "Training." Let every man make it a point to be at the Central building at one o'clock sharp, as a part of the men will have to leave at 1:30.

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