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The Managers Elected.

At a called meeting of the Athletic Association, held yesterday at three o'clock, in Irving hall, D. O. Holbrook, '95, was elected Business Manager of the foot ball team for the season of 1892-3; F. W. Meyers, '92, was elected Business Manager of the base ball team. The meeting was the largest and the contests the most spirited the association has ever known. The highest number of votes cast was 114. There were three candidates for each office. The voting was as follows:

For Base Ball Manager—Informal ballot: F. W. Meyers, 55; R. C. Butler, 30; F. G. Pierce, 16. On motion this ballot was declared formal, and Meyers elected.

For Foot Ball Manager—First ballot: D. O. Holbrook, 48; Will Bailey, 46; Earl Myers, 21. Second ballot: Holbrook, 48; Bailey, 48; Myers, 17. Third ballot: Holbrook, 69; Bailey, 45.

T. W. V.

The T. W. V. entertained about 39 of their friends at the society halls, Tuesday evening, and various and bewildering are the reports of what was done to pass away the evening. Certain it is that at about 8:45 o'clock conversational programs were distributed containing thirteen topics for which the ladies proceeded to find partners. At the signal all began to converse on the various subjects, three minutes being given to each. When the programs were finished a vote was taken for the best conversationalists, resulting in a tie between Misses Barber, Crawford and Moore of the ladies, and Messrs. Kallenberg and Elliot of the gentlemen. The halls presented a very pleasant appearance, and all report the first of the parties given by the T. W. V. a decided success.

Dr. Hutchinson's Lecture.

Every seat in Close Hall auditorium last night was taken, and every aisle was full, when Dr. Hutchinson stepped forward to deliver his lecture. For almost two hours he held the closest attention of his audience. The lecture was one of the best, if not the best, of its kind ever delivered in Iowa City, and a mere outline would fail to do it justice. We will present only a few of the more important facts. Dr. Hutchinson had chosen for his subject "Darwinism from a Doctor's Point of View."

Darwin has a particular interest to medical men. There is a broad human element in his writings. This element is absent from Spencer. Everything found in Darwin thrills you with admiration for the man.

In 1858 Darwin presented his hypothesis. It is not evolution. Darwinism simply attempts to explain how evolution has been brought about. Darwin is to evolution what Newton's laws are to gravitation.

There is no conflict between evolution and Christianity; they move in entirely different spheres, and have no antagonism whatever. There is a development not only in the human race, but in Science, Literature, Art, Religion, and Politics.

The following were the more important points explained. Each one was ably presented and defended by examples and illustrations:

1. There is an inherent tendency to variations in animals.
2. These variations may be inherited.
3. Process of selection; beneficial individuals are preserved.
4. Parts that have become weak are destroyed, and those that have become useful may become still more useful.

The objections raised against the Darwinian theory were presented and answered. It has been claimed (1) that species are absolutely fixed; (2) there has not been time enough for this developed process; (3) there is a lack of intermediate form. The speaker held that in embryology we find the development of the individual one from the other. There is not a stage in the process of development which can not be brought out in the embryonic process, thus proving that there is an intermediate form.

It has also been held as an objection that an inheritance is an improbability; that there is something degrading in the idea that we are developed from lower animals. The speaker refuted these arguments by claiming that the best thing in our nature is the animal: courage, virtue, and love; while the lowest are the human, such as cheating, bribery, murder, etc. Specimens of animals were presented, showing the development of the race.

Engineering Society.

The "Nicaragua Canal" was discussed by Mr. W. D. Connor, '94, before the Engineering Society, Tuesday evening. The construction of a ship canal across the narrow strip of land that connects the American continents, in order to make a short route by water to the Pacific coast and countries of the East from the Atlantic, is by no means a new plan. In the sixteenth century a work describing four different routes was written by a Portuguese navigator and in 1780 Admiral Nelson revived the matter. In 1872 an exhaustive sur-

vey was made under direction of the United States government, locating the most desirable line from Greytown, on the Caribbean sea, via the San Juan river, to Lake Nicaragua in the interior, then by the two small streams to the Pacific. A final survey determined upon this route, with some trifling variations. As thus established the line is 170 miles long, through which ships can pass in thirty hours. Only forty miles of this distance must be excavated, as the natural water-ways are to be navigated for the balance of the route. The canal ranges in depth from 28 to 50 feet and in no place is less than 80 feet wide at the bottom, with a much greater surface width. The Suez canal has a uniform depth of two feet less. The engineering difficulties to be encountered are not serious; the construction of the locks to effect the changes in level and the excavation of about 8,000,000 cubic yards of trap rock near Atlantic coast. The estimated cost is placed at forty-nine millions by Mr. Menocal. The work of construction is under charge of A. G. Menocal, of the United States Navy, the financial backing supplied by a company of American capitalists but being limited in amount, extensive work has not been attempted, and the outlook for sufficient capital is dubious. It has been urged that the United States government lend the necessary aid by guaranteeing an issue of bonds to provide for the prosecution of the work.

Howard North, '92, will address the Engineering Society at its meeting next Tuesday on "Methods of clearing up train wrecks."

Professor Anderson has an excellent article in the February number of the *Dial* on the Century Dictionary. The Professor thinks it wonderful that a work of such magnitude and excellence should have been completed inside of two years and a half. The dictionary, taken all in all, the most complete and at the same time is the most exact compendium there is of information as to the sources of the English language.

The only other tri-weekly college paper is the *Princetonian*. The *Pennsylvanian* of the University of Pennsylvania is published twice a week.

Dr. Gilchrist writes on "The Elements of Surgical Pathology" in the January number of the *Northwestern Journal of Homeopathy*.

Iowa Wesleyan University has received an endowment of \$32,000 for its German department.

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An effort is to be made to have Professors McBride, Calvin and Nutting deliver their twelve lectures on "World Making" (the course now in process at Davenport) in Iowa City. During the next few days a guaranty list will probably be circulated in the University by students. Tickets for the course can doubtless be placed at a very low price, perhaps \$1, if two or three hundred are pledged. We earnestly hope the course will be secured. There is much enthusiasm among the students who are moving in the matter, and we believe it will be met with an equally hearty support from all. This course is received with widespread interest in Davenport. If the University can have the lectures delivered at home they will be of high value to the students, those in particular who are not brought into contact with the scientists of the Faculty in their regular work.

Politics were up to a high pitch yesterday. Slates were made and broken. It was not difficult to see that "something was in the air." Here and there students were seen in crowds with heads close together, planning for their favorite candidates. The canvass was a friendly one. From a financial point of view it was a splendid thing for the association. The debts can now be paid. The membership has greatly increased, and there is but one thing for us all to do, and that is to unite our efforts and cheer our men so that we may be ably represented at the state field meet.

Members of the Ladies' Gymnastic Class should all take advantage of the privilege granted them in the exclusive use of the gymnasium Tuesday evenings. Much more benefit can be gained from the two lessons a week, if some extra time is spent in practice.

Indiana University will celebrate its 72d anniversary Jan. 20.

Local and Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baker, of Racine, Wis., who have just returned from a tour around the world, are visiting with Mrs. Baker's mother, Mrs. Ellen F. Pratt. Mr. Baker, who has taken a special course at Harvard, expresses himself as well pleased with the State University.

A paper presented to the Iowa Academy of Sciences, by Miss Minnie Howe, class '91, is mentioned in the last number of *Science*. The paper describes a series of experiments made by her at the State University last year, to determine the part played in bread making by pure yeast culture and pure bacillus culture.

Professor Airy, the eminent English Astronomer, is dead. He was in his thirty-fourth year appointed Astronomer Royal and has filled the position for forty-six years. His principal works are "Gravitation," "Ipswich Lectures," "Errors in Observation," "Figure of the Earth," "Tides and Waves," "Sound" and "Magnetism."

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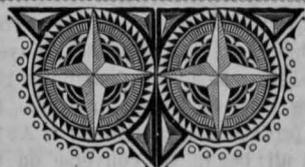
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The *Junior Annual* will be in the hands of the binders in two weeks.

A. J. Cavana, formerly of '91, is visiting old friends at the University.

J. A. Hornby, '94, who has been sick for a week with pneumonia, is improving.

Regular society programs in Zeta-gathian and Irving halls to-morrow evening.

The Junior Engineering Class finished its recitations in railway curves yesterday.

The Rev. Mr. Elser, pastor of the Lutheran Church, conducts chapel exercises this week.

Professor Magowan has not been with his classes this week, owing to sickness at his home.

The Appleton's Encyclopedia missing from the library last week, has been found. It was not stolen.

Darwin's Monograph of the Cirripedia, one of the earliest of the great scientist's works, has been placed in the library.

A complete set of the historical works of Hubert H. Bancroft, in 39 volumes, is among the late purchases for the library.

The Alumni Association of the Homeopathic Medical Department of S. U. I. will meet in the department building at 4 p. m., March 8, 1892.

Preparations are being made for the entertainment of delegates and visitors to the State Y. M. C. A. convention. About 300 delegates are expected.

Miss Louise Middleton, of Davenport, daughter of Dr. Middleton of the Medical Department, was the guest of Miss Bessie Bowman, '95, last Friday.

The following scores were made last Saturday at the gallery practice, distance 300 yards: Chantland, 44; Kaye, 43; Gruwell, 42; Anthony, 41, and Swanson 40.

Major Read gave an interesting account of the development of the ancient army formation into the present, in his lecture to the Seniors this week. He spoke in particular of Napoleon's tactics.

At the political science seminary, Monday evening, Mr. Bailey reported on the "Dartmouth College Case," and Mr. Shambaugh gave a general view of the "Development of Private Ownership of Land."

Dr. Parker, not being able to present his paper to the Baconian Club on Friday evening, Dr. Gilchrist will take his place, and speak of the "Anatomy and Physiology of a Man of War", illustrated by a large full-rigged model of a sloop-of-war.

At a recent Faculty meeting a committee was appointed to attend to the matter of excusing students from military drill. This committee, consisting of Lieutenant Read and Professor Weld, will now act in conjunction with the President in granting such excuses.

Professor Patrick has introduced a new and excellent feature in his memory class. It is this: The Professor delivers his lecture to the class, and each member is afterwards expected to write up the lecture from memory. Not a single note is taken in the class. The method promises to be very successful in memory training.

The trouble which the English Poetry Class have encountered in obtaining their books for class use, calls attention to the need of some means whereby students can get books at more reasonable rates and with less inconvenience. The Swinburnes, for which the English Poetry Class have been waiting since the beginning of the term, have at last accounts not yet arrived.

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