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## Seminary Notes.

At the German Seminary, Wednesday evening, Mr. C. D. Reimers read a paper on "Clovigo," one of Goethe's earliest dramas. The essayist brought out the point that the drama, though deficient at times in both conception and execution, and displaying here and there faults indicative of the author's youth and consequent immaturity of thought, is nevertheless characterized by strong and vivid flashes of true genius. The scene of the play is laid in Madrid, and is nothing striking or marvelous in itself, but it acquires a special interest for the student of Goethe from the fact that we find so much of the author's personal life reflected in this drama. It was well received by the German public, and even to-day is one of the most popular dramas played on the German stage. Voluntary reports were given on "German Newspapers," "German School System," and on "The Brothers Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm."

At the Seminary in Pedagogy, this week, Frank Nelson, '92, presented a paper on "Federal Aid to Education." The different grants made by the government—the swamp land and Saline acts—were dwelt upon. The distribution of the lands of the North west Territory, the formation of the Ohio Company and its effects on education, were the more important points presented. The tendency of our government has always been to support higher education by means of land grants, but these lands have in many cases been sold at so low a price that education has suffered. F. A. Stowe, '92, presented some valuable statistics pertaining to the leading universities of the west, showing the subjects taught, and the yearly enrollment in each University.

The Philosophical Seminary, under Professor Patrick, consists of the following members: H. S. Hollingsworth, '92; W. F. Meyers, '92; A. E. Myrick, '92; F. A. Stowe, '92; W. H. Walker, '92; and Bertha M. Wilson, '92. The seminary met Tuesday evening. W. H. Walker, '92, presented a short report on the early history of monasticism. A. E. Myrick, '92, reviewed briefly Kingsley's "Monk as a Civilizer." Professor Patrick gave a short sketch of the monastic order of Trappists, and in closing the subject of monasticism summed up in five points the philosophy of asceticism and monasticism. Miss Wilson then read the paper of the evening on "Mysticism," and Professor Patrick gave a list of the great world mystics.

## Baconian Club.

In the absence of Dr. Parker, the regular essayist, from the city, the Baconian Club listened to an address last evening by Dr. Gilchrist upon "The Anatomy and Physiology of a Man-of-War." The subject was illustrated with a model built by the doctor in the proportions of a man-of-war, carrying 21 guns and fully equipped with all the masts, rigging and other paraphernalia of the real vessel, even to the pulley blocks, ratlines and Lammock-rail.

The rigging was first described, showing the construction and connections of the four pieces of timber which, properly adjusted, form a mast, and the bracing by ropes from sides and ends of the vessel required to make each mast, and each section of each mast, secure under the strains of wind. The "peak" of a vessel, from which the national colors fly is, contrary to common supposition, at the end of a spar projecting out from the mizzen-mast above the stern of the vessel, the spar being known as the "spanker gaff."

The discipline on board such a vessel is perfect, brought about by constant drill in all the different duties, the authority of the captain almost unlimited and mutiny an almost unheard of matter in the history of the United States Navy. The degree of discipline is shown in the wonderful rapidity and skill with which the sails are handled, four minutes' time sufficing to furl and stow away all sails, while in ten or twelve minutes every sail carried can be unfurled and put in proper position for use. To prepare for action in battle only three minutes' time is necessary from the sounding of the bugle to rouse a man-of-war's crew from sleep, prepare everything for action and load the guns ready to open fire.

The respect given to officers and to officers' quarters is very great and only surpassed by the respect for the national colors. An exalted degree of patriotism is inculcated by discipline and by the nature of the surroundings.

The distinction between "marines" and "men-of-wars men" is marked, the latter being the regular crew, sailors and seamen, while the marines are soldiers detailed to military service at sea, their duties being to act as guard over magazines and stores, and, in case of trouble, to enforce the officers' orders.

The type of vessel described by Dr. Gilchrist is fast passing out of use now and the presentation by him of the model shown to the club last evening, to the University Museum, will give the University an interesting example of a type that will soon become extinct.

Dr. Gilchrist's experience in the United States Navy enabled him to speak with authority, and the off-hand presentation of the topic was very entertaining.

## Hesperian Programme.

Cornet Solo, - - - - - Mr. Sternes  
Declamation, - - - - - Anna Robinson  
"Marguerite."

Debate: *Resolved*, That Decoration Day should be abolished. Affirmed by Mary C. Holt and Anna Shinn. Denied by Nannie McKinley and Inez Kelso.

Speech, - - - - - Florence Brown  
"Our Future History."

Declamation, - - - - - Luona Wheeler  
"Going Somewhere."

Oration, - - - - - Clara Slotterbec  
"Sweep Before Your Own Door ere  
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Neighbors."

## MUSIC.

## Alumni.

H. L. Spaulding, class '87, reports a prosperous law practice at Elma, and ardent interest in the prospects of the University.

Kate Wickham, '91, left Wednesday evening for Houston, Texas, where she will engage in teaching colored children in a mission school.

Dr. H. M. Hale, of the University of Colorado, has resigned after serving as president four and one-half years. Professor Baker, principal of the East Denver High School, has been elected to succeed him.

Theodore W. Parvin, son of Professor T. S. Parvin, of Cedar Rapids, and an alumnus of the University, will be married on the 10th inst. to Miss Josefina Rivera, daughter of General Rivera, of the Mexican Army, at San Luis, Potosi, Mexico.

A. J. Cox, '91, will leave within a few days to assume a position to which he has been appointed on the engineering corps that is to extend the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway from Minko, in Indian Territory, to Ft. Worth, Texas.

Rev. A. M. Heizer, who will be remembered by many as doing post-graduate work at the University several years ago, died at his home in Des Moines, Feb. 2d. At the time of his death he was pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian church, in Des Moines, a mission church which has been built up largely through his efforts.

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We are certain that the able lecture delivered at Close Hall, last Wednesday evening, by Dr. Hutchinson, on Darwinism, has set many a student to meditate and think upon this very important subject. It is a question with which every student should be acquainted, and we are to be congratulated upon having had the subject so ably presented. In education each one must work out his own salvation. The question uppermost in the minds of scientists, philosophers and thinkers to-day should not fail to receive our attention and study. The world is moving and we must move with it. He who is called a skeptic to-day will be called a benefactor to-morrow. It takes time for new ideas to gain public favor and support, yet the student should not fail to acquaint himself with these new ideas which promise to do so much for the human race when they are fully understood and universally accepted. Think for yourself, form your own convictions, and you may also some day be able to add something to the great store of human knowledge.

The Freshmen are showing a great deal of push. Their latest innovation is a Freshman declamatory contest, to be held next term. Eight or ten members of the class have already signified their intention of entering, and the movement is only just set on foot. A few days since the same class established a weekly prayer meeting, and they are planning for a base ball nine. We are very glad to notice this life and activity in '95 and to assure the class that their work for the University is appreciated.

Since the membership committee in the Athletic Association was appointed \$118.75 has been taken into the treasury. Of this sum \$52 came in Wednesday afternoon just before election. There was not a cent in the treasury before the campaign began. Judged

therefore from a financial point of view this vigorous contest was a decided success. Many new members have been taken into the association, and it is to be hoped that they will all attend the meetings and thus help to maintain the present interest.

### College Notes.

Vocal music has been added to the course of study at Beloit.

The University of Heidelberg has recently adopted co-education.

Leland Stanford, Jr., has adopted cardinal as the University color.

"Hiawatha," and "Lady of the Lake," were recently presented by the students of Beloit.

Oberlin is to have a new chair in natural science. The alumni will raise \$50,000 for its maintenance.

Indiana University was defeated in foot ball, Jan. 9th, by the Louisville Athletic Club, by a score of 34 to 0.

University of Wisconsin is to adopt the German University group system, being a combination of the American and German system.

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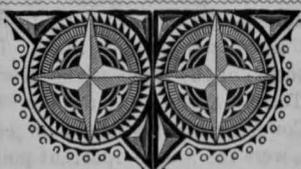
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**Local and Personal.**

The Botany class are investigating cell contents.

Professor Jameson went to Des Moines this morning.

F. Gunsolus, '95, received a visit from his father yesterday.

F. W. Meyers, '92, is enjoying a visit from his mother, of Denison, Ia.

Professor Perkins did not meet his classes in English History yesterday.

The Betas gave a farewell supper to A. J. Cox, '91, at Fred's Thursday night.

Members of the battery will be excused from infantry drill every other week.

Professor McBride's first lecture at Davenport will occur to-night. Subject: "Plants."

Mr. Hanzel, L. '93, was called home Saturday on account of the sickness of his father.

Dr. Andrews will discuss "High Explosives" before the Baconian next Friday evening.

Dr. Watson will preach a sermon to Medical students at the Episcopal Church, Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

A. E. Thornley, C. G. Watkins, C. W. Davidson and H. B. Scales, are the delegates from I. W. U. who will attend the State Convention of the Y. M. C. A. in this city.

Iowa Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta celebrated the 10th anniversary of the founding of the chapter, Wednesday evening, with an informal social party. Several alumni members were present, among them Professor Weld and Mr. G. Coe.

Professor Calvin is in Davenport today, conducting a "quiz" on his last lecture given in the Extension Course in that city last week. This concludes his part in the course. The Professor has conducted a quiz each week, questioning the class upon the lecture of the preceding week. The class consists of sixty-nine, among whom are the superintendent of the city schools, the principal of the high school, and many of the teachers of the city schools and of St. Katharine's Hall.

The Academy of Natural Sciences has just been made the recipient of a valuable addition to the Putnam Entomological Collection. The generous donation, which is from H. S. Wickham, of the State University, consists of 140 distinct species of beetles, each carefully labeled with name and locality of collection. The insects in this lot are all small, but their scientific value is great. Mr. Wickham proposes to further manifest his kindly interest in our Academy, and is arranging several other series to be forwarded later, which will include many fine and rare specimens from the southwest—*Davenport Democrat.*

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**"The Spider and The Fly."**

The most spectacular production ever brought to Iowa City will appear under the above title at the Opera House, Monday evening, February 8. Over \$20,000 has been expended to place this attraction in the front rank of spectacular plays. It has won nothing but praise wherever it has appeared. A number of new European novelties are introduced for the first time on the American stage. The company consists of artists, who in connection with gorgeous scenery make this a truly wonderful production.

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## Local and Personal.

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Mrs. Currier gave a short talk to the girls after chapel yesterday morning on the subject of sending supplies to Russia. On behalf of Mrs. Schaeffer she invited them to hear further of the Red Cross movement by coming to Mrs. Schaeffer's house this afternoon at 4 o'clock. All the girls in the University are invited to be present.

Some of the best work ever done in the Biological Laboratory has been the demonstration of certain end-organs of the nervous system. These most excellent demonstrations are the work of Mr. Myrick and Mr. Barrett. Mr. Myrick has succeeded in making preparations of what is usually called the auditory end-organ, or organ of corti; repeating the observations of earlier investigators, and making some observations not previously recorded, or not found in the literature at hand. Mr. Barrett has succeeded in demonstrating the tactile corpuscles which are found in the papillae of the skin. He also has made some observations of facts which seem to have escaped the attention of earlier observers, or are not recorded in the literature at hand. Mr. Barrett has also made some excellent preparations of the gustatory end-organs,—the taste-buds or taste-goblets.

Yale and Harvard have changed their subject and will debate at New Haven, February 12, on the question: *Resolved*, That immigration to the United States should be restricted.

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