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Calendar.

Tuesday 9—Philosophical Seminary, 7 p. m. Regular students' prayer meeting, Close Hall, 6:30 to 7 p. m. Tabard, 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday 10—Edward Eggleston lectures at Opera House on "Old American Life," 8 p. m. German Seminary, 7 p. m. Freshman prayer meeting, 6:45 to 7:15 p. m.

Thursday 11—American History Seminary, 2 p. m.

Friday 12—Zetagathian, Irving and Law literary societies, 8 p. m.

Saturday 13—Erodelphian Society, 8 p. m.

Visit of the Legislature.

Saturday morning President Schaeffer received the offer of a special train on the Rock Island road for the purpose of bringing the whole Legislature to Iowa City to inspect the University. This generous offer was immediately accepted by President Schaeffer, and a meeting of the citizens was held Saturday evening to consider the question. The Iowa City people showed the greatest willingness to do all in their power to render the visit pleasant and profitable for the members of the General Assembly, and at once guaranteed a purse of \$500 for their entertainment. President Schaeffer went to Des Moines yesterday to formally invite the members of the Assembly, and the plan is for them to visit the University on Friday of this week. This visit of the Legislature is something that has long been wished for by the authorities of the University, as it is sufficiently clear that the working forces of this institution can never be properly appreciated without seeing them in actual progress, but the plan has, up to this time, been impracticable. It is only through the kindness of the C. R. I. & P. Ry. Co. that it at last nears realization.

Another Lecture Course.

Subscriptions for tickets to the series of lectures on "World-Making," by Professors Calvin, McBride and Nutting, are now circulating. The remarkably low price at which tickets are offered (\$1.00 for students, \$2.00 for other persons) is causing the sale of a great many tickets. The proceeds of these lectures, was at first intended to be given to the Lecture Bureau, but as it is seen that these proceeds may be considerable, and as the Lecture Bureau is purely a philanthropic and not a money-making association, it has been decided to turn the subscriptions over to the Christian Associations and let the profits go toward paying the

debts which are hanging over that organization.

LATER.—Nearly two hundred names having been already secured to the guarantee list, the course has been definitely announced to begin at Close Hall on Monday evening, February 22, when Professor Calvin will lecture on "Geology and Geologic Record." An outline of the whole course was published in these columns on January 28. Tickets are now on sale at Close Hall, Wieneke's and the book stores.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. held its regular meeting Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Subject, "The Ministry of Song." The meeting was led by Blanche Hensel. The lives of various noted hymn-writers were reviewed and some of their most noted hymns were sung.

The meeting next Sunday will be led by Anna Hinman. Subject, "What Christ Says of Himself."

Y. M. C. A. State Convention.

The Annual State Convention of the Y. M. C. A. meets here February 18-22. The citizens of Iowa City have been asked to provide quarters for the delegates and visitors to the convention and have responded in a very generous way. The home association is under many obligations to the citizens and churches of the town for their kindness. The convention is looked forward to with great interest. Many able speakers will be present, students from other colleges will be here, and altogether the meeting of these young men will add one more to the many important events at S. U. I. this year.

Davenport Lecture Course.

The severe inclemency of the weather prevented the usual large attendance at the University Extension Course, at Davenport, last Saturday evening. Those present, however, were fully repaid, for Professor McBride was at his best, and delivered an excellent discourse. He took up the vegetable cell, and spoke of the difficult problem presented to the botanist, who is compelled largely to judge the past by the present. He explained, in detail, the various modifications of the cell wall and the cell contents. He described the formation of starch, and the transformation of starch into sugar and its distribution.

American Colleges.

The Educational Review for February contains an article by Arthur M. Comey, of Tufts College, Mass., upon the growth of the colleges and univer-

sities of the United States. Tables of statistics taken from catalogues of the institutions and from the report of the commissioner of education accompanying the paper. Prof. Comey finds that during the last forty years, while the population has increased 165 per cent the number of students has increased 256 per cent. The sudden increase from 1880 to 1890 is the most striking result of the investigation. In this decade the population increased 25 per cent, while the increase of students was over 50 per cent.

Books Recently Published.

THE DIVINE COMEDY OF DANTE, translated by Charles Eliot Norton; Boston and New York; Houghton, Mifflin & Co. In three volumes: I, Hell. II, Purgatory. III, Paradise. Per volume, \$1.25.

The first two volumes are published. The third will be published in the fall. Professor Norton's translation of Dante is without doubt the most noteworthy addition to classic literature that has been made in many years. The work has been received with the highest favor by the competent critics of America and other countries. The translation is in prose, and is more perfect and exact than any of the other versions. *The Critic* says of it:

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LATEST LITERARY ESSAYS of James Russell Lowell, 1892, Boston and New York, Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25.

These essays are seven in number and the subjects are the following: Gray, Some Letters of Walter Savage Landor, Walton, Milton's Areopagitica, Shakespeare's Richard III, The Study of Modern Languages, and The Progress of the World. These literary essays are among the very best of Mr. Lowell's works. They were all written in the later years of his life and display his full strength and breadth of thought and his ripest critical powers.

The essay on "The Progress of the World" is one of the finest samples of literary elegance we have ever read and is an earnest, thoughtful criticism on the past present and prospective growth of civilization with particular reference to our own country.

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In a recent issue, the VIDETTE spoke of the location selected for the next State field meet. We wish now to repeat our suggestions with emphasis. Marshalltown is *not* the proper location. To have a successful meet we must go where active interest is felt in our contests. We acknowledge Marshalltown's friendly attitude and generous offers in the way of entertainment, yet these by no means insure a successful field meet. Marshalltown has but 9000 inhabitants, and has no college students; accordingly little of the interest so essential will be felt, and we cannot look to them for sufficient support in the way of attendance. Also, the dismal failure experienced in holding the postponed contest last year will serve as a decided damper on the enthusiasm of the different local associations this year, and the prospect of sinking the state association, already in debt, still deeper into financial difficulty by again going to an unfortunate location, will certainly discourage athletic circles.

With a proper location, and good prospects for large attendance, the next meet would be a grand success. Why not go to Des Moines? There we would have a city of 50,000 or more inhabitants, 2,500 college students, and also a large number of alumni of the University and other colleges, as well as a circle of athletic men connected with the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium of that city; altogether we could safely count on a large attendance. The certainty of financial welfare, and the enthusiasm of a large audience, would go a long way in stimulating interest and rivalry, and make our next meet an immense success, as it should be. We believe that other colleges of the

State association will agree with us in this matter, and we advocate that a special meeting be called at the time of the State Oratorical Contest to consider the question. Let us take active measures in our local association at once with this end in view.

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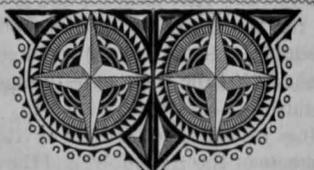
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Miss Carissy, of Muscatine, is visiting Helen Butler.

The Senior Medics are having their class picture taken at James'.

Mr. Ernest Rogers, of Minden, is visiting his sister, Miss Julia Rogers, '91.

The markings of the judges on thought composition are expected this week.

The Freshmen are having a good attendance at their weekly prayer meetings.

Mr. Porter, formerly principal of the Iowa City High School, is taking special work in the Science department.

Nellie Cochran, '95, and Maggie Foulke, '95, were admitted into the Hesperian Society at its last business meeting.

The Junior Law work in Criminal Law is almost entirely case reading, supplemented by a critical study of the Iowa code.

Recent additions to the Law library have rendered a complete re-arrangement of the reports necessary, in order that the alphabetical order may be preserved.

The Erodolphians give a Freshman play next Saturday evening. An admission of 15 cents will be charged, the proceeds to be given over to the Russian fund.

At the Seminary of Jurisprudence, last Saturday, Mr. G. B. Thompson presented a very good paper on "Rights and Duties." The paper was followed by an informal discussion of the subject, led by Mr. Telford.

The Cooking School, which has been in session for the past week, has been eminently successful, both as to instruction received and as to finances. The Y. W. C. A. has cleared about \$25 from the week's work.

The Law students held a meeting yesterday (Monday) afternoon to make arrangements in regard to a ball team for this spring. Messrs. Park, Stutsman and Blair, were appointed to select a manager and secure names of candidates.

A petition has been largely signed by Law students asking that a course in common law pleading be added to the curriculum. It would seem, in view of the importance of correct pleading, that more time should be given to that subject than is now the case. Many graduates of the Law Department will practice in common law states, and even for those who will practice under a code, a thorough knowledge of the principles of common law pleading is not only a desideration but almost a necessity.

In the Oberlin home contest for the representative to the Northwestern Oratorical League, Mr. A. M. Currier took first honors. His subject was "Toilers of the Deep."

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