Bible Study in the University

As one looks through the course of study as found in the University catalog, he finds no reference made to, or provision made for, the study of what is universally admitted to be the Book of books. This is not to be wondered at when we remember that it is but a few years since the introduction of Bible study into the curriculum of many of the denominational colleges. Since Bible study is given no place in the University course, we are glad to report briefly what is being done by the Y. M. C. A. for the encouragement of such study among the students.

A beginning was made early in the Fall term, when the importance of Bible study was the topic presented at one of the Sunday afternoon meetings held in Close Hall. That many of the students were interested was shown by the signatures of about fifty of the young men, expressing their desire to enter a class for study of the Word. Three lines of work were proposed. First, devotional study; second, inductive, and third, the worker's training class. Professor Neff and Rev. H. O. Pratt consented to lead classes in devotional study. Dr. Bullock has an interested group of students who are making a critical study of the prophesies. While Mr. H. F. Rall's class is making a thorough study of Jeremiah, Andrews, Munger and Parsons have classes studying to fit themselves for personal work. They use the outlines prepared by Mott and Ober, the National College Secretaries.

The plan adopted was to have each class meet for one hour each week, and further to induce, if possible, each man to devote at least ten or fifteen minutes each day to Bible study in his room. This has been carried out as well as could be expected considering all the difficulties, and with the experience of this year to help in arranging the work for next year, we look for excellent results. The class rooms in Close Hall afford pleasant and centrally located places for meeting, and do much to make possible the desired work.

Legislators will not Come

President Schaeffer went to Des Moines on Monday and presented an invitation to both branches of the Legislature to visit Iowa City for the purpose of inspecting the University, informing them that the Rock Island Railroad Company had kindly offered to supply a special train for the purpose. The invitation was at once accepted by the House, and a committee appointed to confer with a committee of the Senate and fix the date. In the Senate, however, the resolution to accept the invitation was laid over and voted down on Thursday. There seems to be a strenuous effort on the part of the Senate to affect an early adjournment, and so the Senators say they must use every day of the remainder of the session in work at the Capitol. So the legislative excursion will not come off, much to the regret of the University authorities.

The State Contest

Although S. U. I. is no longer a member of the Iowa State Oratorical Association, readers will be interested in the program for the annual contest which takes place at Cedar Rapids on Thursday, February 25th. The eight orations receiving highest marks are the following:

1. The True Socialism,
   Central University, Pella.
2. The Dethronement of Nervousness,
   Coe College, Cedar Rapids.
3. Individualism in Government,
   Cornell.
4. The Law of Industrial Growth,
   Des Moines College.
5. Alexander Hamilton,
   Drake University, Des Moines.
6. Ideal Liberty,
   I. A. C., Ames.
7. The Progress of National Liberty,
   Loras College, Dubuque.
8. Two Monuments,
   Parsons College, Fairfield.
9. The Tendency of the Ages,
   U. I. U., Fayette.
10. The French Revolution,
    U. I. U., Fayette.

Lincoln Club Banquet

The Lincoln Republican Club of this city gave a banquet to their friends at the club rooms last evening, it being the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. The hall was beautifully decorated with flags and pictures. Refreshments were served, after which a program, consisting of music and addresses, was carried out. M. H. Lyon, '92, and Frank Nelson, '92, of the University, were present and delivered short addresses. Among the other speakers were Hon. Milton Remley, Hon. J. W. Akeron of Des Moines, Rev. H. O. Pratt and Hon. H. W. Lathrop. Ex-Gov. Kirkwood was unable to be present, but had sent his speech to the club, which was read by Mr. Remley.

Baconian

Dr. Andrews delivered a very interesting paper before the Baconian Club last evening, on "Modern High Explosives." He began by telling of some practical experiences which he had in their manufacture. While engaged in the preparation of fulminating mercury, his partner had the misfortune to handle it a little too roughly, and the result was that they mixed a powder that was a partner. Continuing, he gave an account of the various explosives which are used at present. There are two classes. First, those in which there are no chemical combinations; and second, those in which there is a chemical combination between the substances which make up the compound. Gun powder is an example of the first, and nitro-glycerine is an example of the second. He made some of the more timid ones present nervous by passing around a flask containing nitro-glycerine, and by preparing some以内. After the conclusion Dr. Christ gave an account of some examples of the power of nitro-glycerine as an explosive. The paper next week will be by Dr. Peters on the phenomenon of taking cold.

Summer School

The committee of the Faculty to which was referred the subject of a summer school at the University, reported yesterday, recommending:

1. That the school be held during the four weeks immediately following the annual commencement in June, beginning June 20, 1892.
2. That courses be offered in the following branches: Latin, Geography and Biology, Botany, Systematic Zoology, Chemistry, Physics, Political Science, Philosophy, Draughting and Mechanical Drawing, Astronomy, German, French, and Pedagogy; the professors in charge of these several chairs having signified their willingness to engage in the work. The exact work to be offered in each branch to be left to the professor in charge.
3. That a tuition fee of $10 be charged for each member of the school.
4. That after all expenses shall have been paid, the net proceeds be divided among the chairs represented in the school.
5. That in no case possible students be restricted in the work undertaken to one laboratory course and one lecture course, or to two lecture courses.
6. That the University Library be opened for the benefit of the summer school.

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Local and Personal.
J. H. Crosby, L. '91, was in the city Monday on business.
President Gates, of Grinnell, will lecture at Minneapolis on Sunday, 14 February.
There are already nearly twenty applicants for places on the Law ball team.
The Swinburnes have arrived and the English Poetry class have begun their reading.

The course in Criminal Law has been suspended for Judge Kinne's lectures.
J. A. Hornby, '94, left yesterday for his home in Davenport to be gone a few weeks.
The Modern Philosophy students are at present considering the philosophy of Spinoza.
Judge L. G. Kinne began a course of lectures Thursday to Senior Law on the subject of Corporations.
Miss Minnie Humphreys, '91, is back to her Alma Mater for a visit. She visited several classes Tuesday.
A. E. Chaffee, '92, has been absent from the University during the last few days on account of sickness.

Arrangements are being made for a charity ball, to be given Friday, 19 February, for the benefit of the Russians.
The first lecture on World-Making will be delivered at Close Hall by Prof. Calvin, Monday evening, February 22.
Professor H. F. Judson, of the University of Minnesota, will be Dean of the Undergraduate Department of Chicago University.
The Junior Annual covers were received by the editors on Thursday. They are black cloth with "Henle's" in fancy silver letters.
Susan Paxton, '91, who has been teaching at Le Mars, has been called to her home at Manchester by the serious illness of her father.
Junior Law work in Criminal Law is suspended for a few weeks. When resumed it will consist of a discussion of hypothetical cases.

We direct the attention of the Harvard Crimson to the fact that the University of Iowa has 901 students, nearly two hundred more than they give us credit for.
Chancellor McClain is using Law Bulletin No. 2 for advertising. Those desiring to send copies to prospective students can obtain them of the law librarian.
About 125 students are expected as delegates to the State Y. M. C. A. Convention. Any young men who are rooming alone and could take one of the visitors for lodging will confer a favor by reporting at Y. M. C. A. building.

F. L. BILLS,

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The Freshman Erodephians give a play Saturday evening at Erodephian Hall. An admission of 15 cents will be charged, the proceeds to be given to the Russian relief fund.

Young men should make it a point to attend the 4 o'clock meeting in Close Hall to-morrow. Dr. Waterman, one of the leading divines of Kalamanzoo, Mich., will be present and deliver an address.
The Iowa Inter-Collegiate Press Association, of which the VIDEtte is a member, will hold its second annual meeting at Cedar Rapids, Thursday, 25 February, at the time of the state oratorical contest.

Prof. T. S. Parvin, of Cedar Rapids, visited in the city Tuesday and left Wednesday for Des Moines, where he delivered an address on the "Early History of Iowa" before the convention of Iowa Pioneer Law Makers.
Professor McBride by special request will repeat his lecture of last Saturday evening before the members of the extension course, at Davenport, this afternoon. He will exhibit microscopic sections in connection with the lecture.

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