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## 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 prophecies. 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 Railway 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, 25 February. The eight orations receiving highest marks are the following:

- The True Socialism,  
Central University, Pella.
- The Dethronement of Nerves,  
Coe College, Cedar Rapids.
- Individualism in Government,  
Cornell.
- The Law of Industrial Growth,  
Des Moines College.
- Alexander Hamilton,  
Drake University, Des Moines.
- Ideal Liberty,  
I. A. C., Ames.
- The Progress of National Liberty,  
Lenox College, Hopkinton.
- Two Monuments,  
Parsons College, Fairfield.
- The Tendency of the Ages,  
U. I. U., Fayette.
- 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. Akers 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 the Doctor was without 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 melenite. After the colloquium, Dr. Gilchrist 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, Geology 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 so far as possible students be restricted in the work undertaken to one laboratory course and one lecture course, or to two lectures courses.

6. That the University Library be opened for the benefit of the summer school.

A circular will soon be issued setting forth in detail the proposed plan.

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The attention of all people in this state who are interested in systematic philanthropy should be especially called to the work begun this year in connection with the department of Philosophy in the University. In the spring term a course of lectures on Charities and Correction will be given by Professor Patrick to the Seniors. This work comes under the head of Practical Ethics. Among the subjects considered will be the problem of pauperism, the history of poor laws, and modern organized and associated charities; also prison discipline and prison reform, and other problems of penology.

In the library a collection of books relating to charities and correction has been made and is to be enlarged by the addition of all new and valuable contributions to this subject. It is desired that all societies or organizations in the State connected with charitable or philanthropic work may send to the State University Library the constitutions of their societies and any other printed contributions to the subject which they may make. Due acknowledgment will be made of such publications, and much advantage may be derived from these in furthering the study of scientific charitable work.

Jones, H. M. '92, is dangerously ill with typhoid fever.

Allen, '95, after a brief sojourn at home, has returned to the University to continue his studies.

Owing to prevalency of the grip at Independence, the delegation that contemplated coming down to hear Max O'Rell will not do so.

While at Davenport last Saturday on business in connection with the Russian Relief, Mrs. Schaeffer was tendered a large reception by Mrs. French, mother of Miss French, better known as Octave Thanet. Mrs. Schaeffer has been put in charge by Governor Boies of this district of the Relief Association.

The Y. W. C. A. holds its regular meeting Sunday afternoon, at 4 p. m. Anna Hinman, '91, will conduct the meeting. Subject, "What Christ Says of Himself." All are invited to attend.

On account of the Y. M. C. A. convention to be held here February 18-21, the Collegiate Faculty have granted Friday, the 19th, as a holiday; on condition, however, that no more holidays be granted this term.

Manager Meyers, of the base ball team, has been corresponding with the Northwestern University team in reference to a game in the spring. Northwestern will come to Iowa City if their expenses are guaranteed. The game will probably be scheduled.

The success of the Lecture Bureau this year insures its work for next year. Through the efforts of the Bureau we have become acquainted with some of the leading lecturers of today. The subjects have been varied, and of such a nature as to afford both pleasure and profit, and it is to be hoped that even more and better lecturers may be secured for the course next year.

### Chess Club.

The latest thing in the line of organizations at the University is the formation of a chess club. The club has 12 members, and schedules have been made out arranging for the playing of weekly games. This is certainly a move in the right direction. Chess, though an old game, is an extremely good one, and something should be done to keep alive sufficient interest in it. Yale and Harvard are at present playing a series of championship games in chess, and S. U. I. is doing well in showing that she is abreast with the times.

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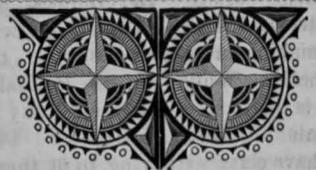
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**Local and Personal.**

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 Laws 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, '93, 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, on Monday evening, February 22.

Professor H. P. 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 "Hawkeye" 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 904 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.

The Freshman Erodolphians give a play Saturday evening at Erodolphian 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 Kalamazoo, 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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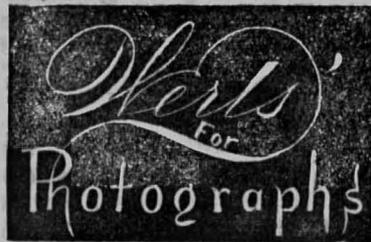
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