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## Commencement.

The graduating exercises of the Homeopathic Medical Department were held in the Opera House Tuesday evening. Music was furnished by the S. U. I. band. After invocation by Rev. J. W. Elser, President Schaeffer introduced Professor J. G. Gilchrist, who delivered the annual address on "Professional Obligations."

In all lives there is one event of paramount importance, something that colors the future career and stamps the individual as something more than he was before. In the medical profession this controlling event is unquestionably the termination of undergraduate life. The radical change that occurs the hour when the student becomes the professional brother of his former teachers is a momentous one. Under existing conditions even the best equipped graduate must be lacking in something. This deficiency is in the field of medical morals. The physician's relation to society is unique. His calling comes close to the inner lives of the people and they demand pure minds and hearts. Warring against disease and death, the medical profession ranks second to none. With this grave trust comes obligations, first to the profession, second to society and third to his alma mater.

In all communities, no matter how low, honesty will give distinction. In life's emergencies the men of culture are wanted. The medical field will be promising for a long time to come. Always seek opportunities to add to the sum of knowledge of your profession. The conscientious medical man will always find work. The physical welfare of society is in the hands of the physician. The progressive physician identifies himself with professional enterprises of all kinds.

Everything which adds to professional knowledge adds to the welfare of society. It is the physician's distinctive function to lengthen the expectations of life and diminish the expectations of sickness. The physician's channels of influence are many. The most useful organizations are the public hospitals. Every physician has an obligation to his profession, to himself and to society. Begin your post graduate course with the fixed determination to add something to the common store of knowledge.

The character of every graduate should, in after life, reflect credit upon the University. The graduate should do everything to exalt his alma mater in the estimation of the world. Try always to return to her something for

what she has given you. Having well and honestly performed your duties to the profession, society, and your *alma mater*, the world will be much better and happier for your service.

At the close of the address Dr. Cowperthwaite made a brief report of the work of the department, showing the progress made during the year and the large increase in attendance. The class, consisting of H. N. Wiggins, Hannah C. Reinhold, and M. A. Newland were then presented to the president of the University and received their diplomas.

## Medical Commencement.

Although one of the severest storms that Iowa City has ever witnessed, was raging last evening, a very large audience was present at the Medical Commencement at the Opera House. The faculty were seated on the stage while the members of the graduating class, twenty-five in all, occupied seats just below the stage. A large picture of the late Dr. Peck, Dean of the Medical Department for so many years, reverently occupied a position of honor with the faculty.

The programme was opened with music by the University band. Rev. E. N. Barrett pronounced the invocation and Mr. Arthur Atkinson sang "Thursday." Miss Luona Wheeler very artistically played a piano solo and Dr. Shrader introduced Hon. Henry Sabin, ex-Supt. of Public Instruction. The address, mingled with wit, wisdom, and logic, was one which will long be remembered. The subject was a well chosen one and the practicality of the entire address at once appealed to the audience. In the introduction of his subject, "The New Doctor," Mr. Sabin said Irving's creation of Rip Van Winkle was perhaps the most exquisite ever conceived by an American brain. Yet he was only a prototype of a race who still live in this year. They are an honest race of people who pay their debts and collect their bills, but who are without enterprise. Don Quixote with his crazed brain, is a better example for the young man of to-day than Rip Van Winkle with brain as rusty as his gun. Mr. Sabin gave some pleasing instances of the old fashioned doctor and the appearance of the new physician.

He told how men died under the old practice of blistering and bleeding. How the old doctor discarded the old fashioned wife's treatment of her husband's rheumatism and declared the complaint one of the liver, and how the new doctor when called in prescribed fresh air, light and the wife's former

treatment. Continuing, Mr. Sabin said no science had grown during the past fifty years like that of medicine and surgery. The skillful surgeon of to-day will cut a man all to pieces and put him together again, he will split his skull and give his brain room to expand. Hitherto the physician has only concerned himself with curing the sick, in the future he will exercise his art at keeping men from being sick at all. He will hold himself strictly accountable for the condition of those under his care and an outbreak of contagious disease will be counted as a reflection upon his skill. He will make a sanitary survey of the school house premises and study all the environments of the school. Not to school houses alone will he confine himself. The coming doctor will inspect the dwellings of his patients, and order alterations and everything necessary to the health of the inmates. He will concern himself about the food placed on the table. Everything to-day is adulterated, even eggs are manufactured and coffee mixed with beans, alum is mixed with the flour and acids put into fruit to prevent fermentation. The coming doctor must determine these matters. We know but very little of the misery, filth and degradation concealed all about us, and, in the practice of every physician, cases are reported where sickness results from the violation of the plainest laws of living. With the environment of his patient the doctor must also study the hereditary traits of the families. The psychologist is looking to the physician in actual practice to help him solve the great social problems of the day. The one question which more than all others is before the American people, is not the purity of the ballot box, not the moral training, not capital and labor, but how to preserve the nation by building up a race of men and women with strong, healthy babies and sound minds. Mind cure, faith cure, these are the outcroppings of a science which must be rescued from the hands of ignorant cranks and applied to legitimate purposes. The medical schools must broaden their curriculum. Mr. Sabin then made a strong plea for the establishment of two chairs, one of applied sanitary science and one of applied psychology, for the University, and wished to see them so amply endowed that the regents might be able to procure only the most competent men in the profession. In closing he added that if the new doctor be a man of courage, if he promises brains as well as heart, deep

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enough in intellect and strong enough in will to welcome truth and to stand by it at all hazards, then the richest crown of rejoicing will be the blessings of those who before his advent were ready to perish.

Miss Wheeler followed with the vocal solo "Spring Tide," and after President Schaeffer had conferred the degree upon the members of '92, Mr. Arthur Atkinson sang "If I Were Monarch." His fine voice captivated the audience and he was recalled and sang "Out of the Deep."

The Pharmacists were then called upon the stage and Professor Boerner presented to the audience the largest class this department has ever graduated. Though consisting of only six members, including one lady, Professor Boerner was exceedingly gratified, owing to the extreme youth of this department. President Schaeffer then conferred degree and distributed the diplomas. Thus ended one of the most successful years in the history of these two departments, and one which marks an epoch of a glorious future.

Two diplomas were withheld by the faculty, that of Robert I Peck and Charles Volmer, though, as Dr. Shrader stated, through no fault of the young men. Mr. Peck not having yet attained his majority, and Mr. Volmer because of a long absence during the school year on account of sickness.

### Medical Banquet and Ball.

At 9:30 o'clock the Medical class of '92, no longer students, but now doctors, accompanied by their ladies, the Faculty, the Regents and the favored few who had invitations, left the Opera House and proceeded to that famous scene of balls and banquets, the St. James Hotel.

Several moments were passed in conversation and congratulations from

Professors and friends, and at 10:30 o'clock the class and their guests seated themselves at the banquet board to do justice to the elegant repast prepared by mine host Lutton.

It was a scene of gaiety and festivity. Everybody was feeling happy. The new fledged doctors were proud and happy in the consciousness of their newly acquired dignity, and at the thought that their three years of labor had been finally rewarded and they had secured what they came here for. And of course everybody was happy with them. There was a good deal of talk about "locating" and future plans and prospects. The only times we noticed any looks of sadness were occasionally when some fair damsel would raise her eyes to the manly, happy face beside her and remember that now he was going away, perhaps forever. But these were quickly smothered and the time for tearful partings postponed till later on.

Dr. J. C. Shrader acted as toastmaster and introduced each speaker in a neat and happy manner. The first toast, "The Medical Department," was responded to in a very neat little speech by Mr. Shirley Gilliland. The Class of '92 must expect to work hard to succeed. In the future work of the class it will be the noble character displayed by each member that will reflect credit upon the University.

Dr. M. E. Whitcomb followed with a toast on Alma Mater. It was earnest, full of feeling and love for the University.

Mr. B. F. Andrews represented the first year class by telling the "First Impressions" of a Medical student. It was very interesting, witty and earnest.

Mr. N. E. Sutton, of the second year, told of "Our Ambition." It was full of interest and witty, especially in relating some of the individual ambitions of members of the department.

Dr. W. L. Bierring, of the graduating class, in an eloquent and truly oratorical manner, told many of the experiences of '92, its hopes, struggles and success. He spoke of the future of the class. The members could not stop working now, but must keep it up to keep pace with new discoveries and theories. He then, in very appropriate words, bade farewell, for his class, to the Faculty, undergraduates and fellow classmates.

Dr. Guthrie closed the toast program by speaking of "The Field." His record as a speaker is too well known to require comment. Suffice it to say he was never more interesting.

The toasts as a whole were of a very high order and reflected credit upon the Medical Department and the University.

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Irving Institute gave a banquet Tuesday evening to celebrate their recent success in the oratorical contest. The society halls were opened together and games of all kinds were played in the South hall until about ten o'clock, when the thirty-five Irvings with their ladies were asked to partake of the banquet spread in the North hall. After the supper of three courses had been finished, F. W. Meyers, '92, toastmaster of the evening, arose and put the banqueters in good humor by his witty remarks. D. O. Holbrook, '94, responded to the toast "Our Guest," in a natural manner and in words and thoughts in which his hearers heartily concurred. Mr. Beardsley, in reply, spoke briefly of the current growth of S. U. I. and its relation to the remarkable development that is at present going on in the whole University system. George W. Stiles, '92, responded in his pleasingly characteristic vein to the toast "Irving Institute." Harry D. Allen, ex-'84, Law, '92, in a short and neat address toasted "The Ladies." H. E. Kelly, '92, responded to "The True Orator," in a speech which well defined its subject. To Perry Sargent, '92, it was left to develop the humor of the evening and it was done in a highly acceptable manner.

Professor Patrick, an Irving of the class of '78, gave a very enjoyable informal talk relating anecdotes of his college days, especially in connection with the society.

After the banquet, adjournment was taken to the South hall until things were in readiness for the dance, which was enjoyed until after midnight.

## Board of Regents.

The Board of Regents was in session Tuesday and Wednesday. There were present the Honorables J. W. Rich, C. A. Stanton, Shirley Gilliland, D. N. Richardson, H. A. Burrell, A. W. Swalm, Alonzo Abernethy, C. E. Whiting, B. F. Osborne, J. B. Knoeppler.

Supt. J. B. Knoeppler was put on all committees in place of ex-Supt. Sabin. He was also added to the committee on Museum of Natural History. Mr. Swalm presented the following:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Regents unanimously request the Honorable Secretary of War to continue Lieut. George W. Read in charge of our Military Department for one year more, and that we ask Senators Allison and Wilson to urge this upon the Department very earnestly.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Degrees were conferred upon the graduating classes and other routine work done.

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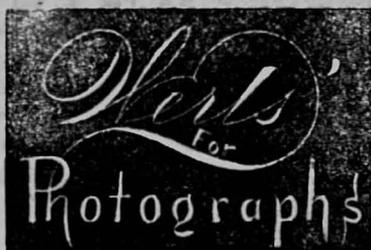
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Irving Banquet.

Irving Institute gave a banquet Tuesday evening to celebrate their recent success in the oratorical contest. The society halls were opened together and games of all kinds were played in the South hall until about ten o'clock, when the thirty-five Irvings with their ladies were asked to partake of the banquet spread in the North hall. After the supper of three courses had been finished, F. W. Meyers, '92, toastmaster of the evening, arose and put the banqueters in good humor by his witty remarks. D. O. Holbrook, '94, responded to the toast "Our Guest," in a natural manner and in words and thoughts in which his hearers heartily concurred. Mr. Beardsley, in reply, spoke briefly of the current growth of S. U. I. and its relation to the remarkable development that is at present going on in the whole University system. George W. Stiles, '92, responded in his pleasingly characteristic vein to the toast "Irving Institute." Harry D. Allen, ex-'84, Law, '92, in a short and neat address toasted "The Ladies." H. E. Kelly, '92, responded to "The True Orator," in a speech which well defined its subject. To Perry Sargent, '92, it was left to develop the humor of the evening and it was done in a highly acceptable manner.

Professor Patrick, an Irving of the class of '78, gave a very enjoyable informal talk relating anecdotes of his college days, especially in connection with the society.

After the banquet, adjournment was taken to the South hall until things were in readiness for the dance, which was enjoyed until after midnight.

Board of Regents.

The Board of Regents was in session Tuesday and Wednesday. There were present the Honorables J. W. Rich, C. A. Stanton, Shirley Gilliland, D. N. Richardson, H. A. Burrell, A. W. Swalm, Alonzo Abernethy, C. E. Whiting, B. F. Osborne, J. B. Knoeppler.

Supt. J. B. Knoeppler was put on all committees in place of ex-Supt. Sabin. He was also added to the committee on Museum of Natural History. Mr. Swalm presented the following:

*Resolved,* That the Board of Regents unanimously request the Honorable Secretary of War to continue Lieut. George W. Read in charge of our Military Department for one year more, and that we ask Senators Allison and Wilson to urge this upon the Department very earnestly.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Degrees were conferred upon the graduating classes and other routine work done.

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