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Committee on Medical Department.

The Medical Committee of the Board of Regents held its meeting Tuesday. There were present Regents A. W. Swalm, of Oskaloosa, and B. F. Osborn, of Rippey, the other two members, Regents Alphons Matthews, of Dubuque, and C. A. Stanton, of Centerville, not being able to be here. Hon. D. N. Richardson was also present by special request.

A good deal of committee work was done and sundry resolutions were passed to be acted upon by the full board at its meeting in June.

Athletic Meeting.

A called meeting of the Athletic Association was held Tuesday afternoon, but owing to the ball game that was in progress at the park a comparatively small number of the members were present. Some routine business was gone through with, after which the committee appointed to draft a new constitution for the Association made its report. The report was received and motion was made that the adoption of constitution be made a special order of business for Saturday, 1 p. m.

Law Class '69.

A picture of the Law Class of '69 which has been stored among the archives of the department for a long time, has been brought to light and hung in the general lecture room of the Law Department. This was the first Law Class to graduate from the department after it was removed from Des Moines to Iowa City. With this picture the collection is complete.

Freshman Contest.

The Freshman declamatory preliminary will be held in South Hall next Saturday at 10 o'clock. It is desirable that every man who can should enter this contest.

O. C. ANDERSON.

Notice.

All persons wishing Commencement invitations should hand their names to me this week.

H. S. HOLLINGSWORTH.

Senior Meeting.

The Seniors had a meeting Monday evening, at which George W. Stiles was elected class prophet and Bertha Wilson class historian.

Notice.

All Seniors must have their pictures at Coover's, by April 15th.

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English Seminary.

The following is the assignment of subjects to the members of the Seminary in and work on the English novel:

Miss Barber, I, "Fatalistic Tendencies in the Action."

Mr. Beardsley, II, "The Influence of Character upon the Action."

Mr. Cook, III, "The Effect of the Action upon Character."

Miss Clark, IV, "Chapter Structure and uses made of it."

Miss Harney, V, "Methods of Shifting the Scene."

Miss Jones, VI, "Relative Position of the Characters."

Miss Parker, VII, "The Storm Centers of the Novel."

Miss Rogers, VIII, "Range of Subject."

Mrs. Ridgway, IX, "Chronological Catalogue."

The first meeting of Seminary will be on Monday, 18th of April at three o'clock. The discussion will turn upon the first 20 years of this century. (See F. Ryland's Chron. Outlines) with Rob Roy and the year 1818 as a pivot.

N. W. STEPHENSON.

The University Tax.

[From the Iowa State Press.]

While we all regret that the University tax bill did not pass, even in the reduced amount reported by the House Ways and Means Committee, it is certain to come in the future. The position is almost new to Iowa. In 1890 the measure could not be got through the Committee; this time it was favorably reported, and on the floor forty-two affirmative votes recorded. We can not do less than mention the cordial aid and hearty support given this proposition by able men on both sides of the House, first, by Hon. John F. Dayton, of Allamakee, whose strong speech in its favor commanded attention and respect; he does not often speak at length, then only on matters of importance, and in such cases no member's words have greater weight. So hearty and so sincere was his aid and so kindly and helpful his efforts that we are sure they will never be forgotten or minimized by any alumnus or friend of the institution. The very fact that so conservative and careful legislator as Mr. Dayton gave his voice and influence to the measure gained for it many friends. Hon. Irving B. Richman, of Muscatine, an alumnus of the University, who was for the second time a member of the Legislature, and whose influence and marked strength was freely given to his alma mater, and with most bene-

ficial results. Messrs. J. C. Beem, of Keokuk, who was in the House for the third time and R. W. Briggs, of Pottawattamie, for his second term, both graduates of the Law were active in their efforts to lift the institution from the position of a biennial suppliant for State aid. Then there were Messrs. Ware, of Council Bluffs, Hornish, of Keokuk, Hipwell, of Scott, Johnston, of Bremer, Felkner, of Cedar, Morrison, of Tama, Robinson, of Marion, Gilbert, of Clayton, and Chamberlin, of Buchanan, and others of old and new members, whose freely given and efficient aid will be long remembered.

On the Republican side of the House Mr. Norris, of Dalaware, one of the strong leaders, was active and zealous in his efforts for the tax bill, he is an alumnus of the Law, and looks to the time when the University shall be made the great educational head of the State with adequate recognition and support. So was Mr. Crawford, of Cass, who introduced the bill, and who, as Chairman of the Schools Committee, is especially interested in educational progress. Other active friends of the measure were Mr. Harriman of Franklin, Mr. Morrow, of Union and Mr. Dolph, of Hardin.

The fact that the other States about Iowa are giving to their universities permanent State support, and thus recognizing them as a part of the school system leaves Iowa at a great disadvantage in the competition for educational supremacy.

The next General Assembly should enact a law giving to the University proper recognition and support.

The catalogue of the University of Pennsylvania makes a very creditable showing for that institution. It now ranks fourth in number of students enrolled. The three that lead are Yale, Harvard and the University of Michigan. The number of students is 1,764 and the teaching force numbers 207. Twenty-eight foreign countries and every State and Territory in the Union except three are represented among the students. The catalogue is an indication of the growth and prosperity of higher education in the State of Pennsylvania. Iowa ought to take rank with Pennsylvania and Michigan as an educational center, but it doesn't.

--State Register.

The University of Michigan foot ball players are practicing regularly. Most of the work consists in catching, throwing and falling on the ball. The new men are learning to tackle low.

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We have been asked to call special attention to the athletic meeting which is to be held on Saturday at 1 p. m. The adoption of the Constitution has been made a special order of business for this date, and it is desired that all the members of the association be present. The success or failure of athletics in the University in the future will depend largely upon the manner in which affairs are managed, and it is difficult therefore to lay too much stress upon the importance of securing a constitution adapted to our needs. Furthermore, definite action in regard to this matter should be taken as soon as possible in order that athletics may be brought upon a permanent footing against the coming field meet. Let all members therefore be present.

Marshall Field has given one hundred thousand dollars to the Chicago University on the condition that the trustees raise seven hundred and fifty thousand additional within the next ninety days. President Harper seems to be confident that this sum can be raised, and thus the Chicago University secures another liberal donation. It is these munificent donations that give impetus to University work. No institution can prosper without money. There is but one thing that keeps the State University of Iowa from taking a place among the great Universities of our country, and that is a lack of funds. It is encouraging, however to know that men outside of the profession of teaching, men who are deeply interested in mercantile affairs and other business recognize the need of higher education and are willing to aid it by their liberal gifts. Higher education needs staunch supporters. It needs the support of public spirited men. Wealth can be used to no better advantage than in the building up of institutions of learning and culture. Those who make donations for such purposes become public benefactors in the fullest

sense of the phrase, and the University that secures the good will of these wealthy men is indeed fortunate.

The Seniors of the State University of Illinois have abandoned the idea of having commencement speakers, and in its place they have invited a noted educator, who is to deliver the address on commencement day. This is a good move and one worthy of imitation by the other universities of the northwest. Commencement orations belong, not to the University, but to the high schools and the smaller colleges. It is impossible to expect that even the best student can produce a production which will even approach in value that of an older and more experienced speaker. The people at Commencement expect, and have a right to expect, something rich in the way of literary material. The student can not give this. Besides, commencement orations, as a rule, are dry. An address by a leading lecturer adds dignity to the occasion. The students receive an inspiration, an inspiration not found in college oratory. Altogether the plan adopted by the students of the University of Illinois is a good one, and we doubt not that other institutions in the west will soon adopt the same plan.

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Local and Personal.

President Schaeffer spent yesterday in Chicago.

Wm. C. Mullin, L. '92 spent Sunday at Cedar Rapids.

M. C. Cunningham '95 is at his home at Iowa Falls this term.

Geo. E. Ewing '95 will not be in the University this term.

The Class in Diplomacy was given a written review on Tuesday.

Instructor Lodeman has been unable to meet his classes during the past few days.

Miss Stella Price, '93, was elected yesterday a literary editor on the *Quill* staff.

On account of the blizzard A and B Companies drilled in the Armory yesterday.

W. A. Ferren has been elected principal of one of the schools at Center-ville, Iowa.

Leon Brown, '90, has been made assistant managing editor of the *Leader*, of Des Moines.

Mrs. Senator Kelly, of Williamsburg, is here in attendance upon her son, H. E. Kelly, who was injured Sunday.

The case and table opposite the librarian's office in the book room are for the use only of students in English.

Chester F. Stephenson, Law '90, has formed a partnership in Goshen, Indiana. The firm name is Baker & Miller.

Next week Professor Perkins will begin a series of lectures to the Juniors in English History. The work of the year will be finished in this way.

M. J. Wade, of the Iowa City bar began his lectures on Sales and Bailments before the Junior Laws on Monday.

The University Catalogue for 1892-3 is in the hands of the printers, the Republican Co., and will issue from the press next month.

On Sunday morning Professor Loos addressed a large audience in one of the churches of Quincy, on the subject of Toynbee Hall and University Settlements.

Professor Patrick has assigned special subjects to the members of the class in Ethics and Charities and Correction to be reported upon about the middle of the term.

"The Evolution of Love," by Rev. Emory Miller, D.D., of Indianola, formerly pastor of the M. E. church in this city, has recently been presented to the Library by the author.

Governor Boies has appointed Hon. A. Van Wagenen, of Rock Rapids, as the new District Judge in the Sioux City District. Mr. Van Wagenen is a graduate of the Law Department, Class of '76.

Students having drawn out copies of the modern novels are desired to return them to the Library.

Modern novels reserved for the use of the English Literature Seminary have been placed on the south two-thirds of the case devoted to English reserved books. They are in chronological order with reference to the birth of their authors.

There is talk of an Inter-Collegiate Field Day between University of Michigan and Northwestern University.

There is a sensation at the University of Pennsylvania. Several of the most prominent members of the Faculty have been asked by the Trustees to resign. The board has not yet published its reason for calling for the resignations, and until it does the students and friends of the University emphatically object.

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University people, both students and Faculty who enjoy something first-class, will be pleased to know that the Lotus Glee Club is to be here soon. It is unquestionably the finest male quartet in the country and is composed of solo artists. Miss Minnie Marshall the charming reader who appears with the quartet is very highly commended.

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