Professor of English.

All students of the University will be pleased with the appointment of Edward Everett Hale, Jr., to the chair of English for next year. Although the Board of Regents has not yet made the appointment formal, it is virtually determined upon, and Professor Hale has sent a cablegram an-

nouncing his acceptance.

Professor Hale graduated from Harva-

rd in the class of '83. For the next three years he was engaged with his father in literary work. During the years '86 to '89 he taught English litera-
ture in Cornell University, acting as professor of English at that institution during the last year, on account of Professor Carson spending a year in Europe. In '90 Professor Hale received a traveling fellowship of two years from Harvard, and has been abroad ever since. He is now in Paris, having just received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, from the University of Halle.

We are especially fortunate in secur-

ing Professor Hale, as he has already declined several professorships which have been offered him, including one from Leland Stanford Junior University. A man of such undoubted ability, and fresh from two years of study abroad cannot fail to awaken a won-

derful enthusiasm for the study of Eng-

lish literature.

A Game With Minnesota.

We have good news to impart to the lovers of the national game at the University. The University of Minne-
sota team will make a base ball trip during the first and second weeks in June, playing at Madison, Evanston, S. U. I., and Grinnell. The game here will probably be played either June 8th or 9th.

Chess Games.

We have the following additional moves to report in the Minnesota—S. U. I. Chess games:

1. Game No. 1.

S. U. I. U. of M.
9 K Kt - B 3 8 K Kt - K 2

Game No. 2.

U. of M. S. U. I.
8 Q - K 2 8 Q Kt - B 3

Game No. 3.

S. U. I. U. of M.
7 P takes B 7 K Kt - B 3

The base ball park is again flooded. The water which had been standing on the diamond was drained off Saturday, but the heavy rain again yesterday will, perhaps, make the grounds unfit for use in next Friday's game with Drake.

University Calendar.

Tuesday, 10—Zetagathan Banquet, Society Halls.
Seminary in Pedagogy, 7 p. m.
Thurd, 7:30 p. m.
Students' prayer meeting. Close Hall, 7:35 p. m.
Wednesday, 11—German Seminary, 7 p. m.
Battalion Drill, 4:30.
Friday, 13—Zetagathan and Irving programs.
Drake vs. S. U. I., Ball Park, 3 o'clock p. m.
Admittance, 25 cents.

Field Day.

The evening program was held in the opera house. The carpet and dress circle were filled and many were in the balcony. Miss Helen M. Cox opened the program, by rendering a piano solo, "La Gitana."

Fickes, Thompson, Cochran and Jen-

nings gave an exhibition on the long horizontal bar. Cochran gave some fine work in hanging and balancing and Jennings in muscle exercises.

C. J. Flynn, '92, presided, and an-

nounced that Dr. Merryman would give a box of cigars to the two best appearing men in the boxing contest and that Coover Bros. would give the same men a dozen photographs. Ely and Evans gave a three-round exhibit-

ion in boxing. Both men showed con-

siderable practice; Ely was the more agressive and quick; Evans made some neat dodges and guards.

Park and Doty contested the hitch kick. Doty won, 8 feet 11 inches.

Ham, McMillan, Jennings and Swan-

son gave an exhibition in long horse work.

Lawson and Thompson of the Senior law class gave a very entertaining con-

test in boxing. Lawson made very clever guards and dodges. The audi-

ence was greatly pleased with the ex-

hibition.

German and Minchen rendered a gui-

tar and banjo duet which was loudly en-

cored.

A wrestling bout between Doty and Sanford followed. Sanford perhaps showed the more strength but Doty was quicker. The contest seemed to be whether or not Sanford should throw Doty, but neither succeeded in getting a down.

Kallenberg and Cochran gave an ex-

hibition in fencing which the audience enjoyed.

Park and Doty contested the stand-

ing high kick. Park won.
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Local and Personal.

Mrs. Holt, of Waverly, is visiting her daughter, Mary.

Rev. Mr. T. R. Evans is conducting Chapel this week.

Weather permitting, S. U. I. will play at Cornell next Saturday.

The Zetagathians give a banquet at their society hall, this evening.

Wright Sampson, '94, has been confined to his room since Wednesday by a carbuncle.

B. B. Wolfe, L. '90, of De Witt, Iowa, spent Saturday in the city, attending the field sports.

H. M. Walters, '95, received a visit from his father, who stayed over Saturday and took in Field Day.

W. W. Kaye, '93, L. II. Fuller, '92, and George Boardley, '95, returned from Evanston yesterday morning.

Mrs. Andrews' sister, Mrs. Chase, who has been visiting her for some time, left last night for her home in New York.

Mrs. Yarner, of Chicago, spoke to a number of University people and others yesterday afternoon on "Christian Science."

Gen. Alger will act as toast-master at the banquet to be given at the National Convention of College Republican Clubs, at Ann Arbor, the 17 inst.

A mistake was made in the last issue of THE VIDETTE in regard to the officers of the Y. W. C. A. elected for next year. The Treasurer should be L. Anna Robinson.

Miss Seegers, State Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., addressed the Association Sunday afternoon. She took as a text for her talk the first five verses in the 6th chapter of Galatians, and spoke especially on the help which girls, and especially college girls, can give to one another and to all about them.

Natural Selection. Professor Nutting delivered the eleventh lecture in the "World Making" course last night at Close Hall.

The theory of Natural Selection has been a long while in coming to the light. Lamarck's two principles leading up to Darwin's vantage ground,—first, that the use of an organ tends to develop it, and its disuse to enfeeble and ultimately destroy it; second, that characters are inherited—we're so far in advance of his contemporaries in the first part of this century that they were given no credence. At this time the people of the churches were all entirely opposed to any teaching which should do away with the "special creation" theory. This was the case in the past however, and now men are most of them realizing that Darwin's theories, far from disproving the majesty of God, go rather toward giving us a more exalted conception of Him. No man has been more maligned than Charles Darwin, and by people who practically have no clear conception of what his teachings are. Setting sail from England in the ship Beagle, in 1831, as Naturalist to the King, Darwin landed on the South American coast and began a systematic study of the fauna of the Southern Hemisphere. No man could have been more painstaking, more patient or more reverent. Twenty-seven years it was before he ventured to put forth in book form the result of his labors. The principles set forth at this time were:

1st. Transmission of character. By character is meant any peculiarity of the animal, as in a bird a thickened beak. The question of the transmission of acquired characters is at present being hotly discussed. Darwin believed in it, and the Professor is inclined to Darwin's opinion. Weisman and Elmar discuss both sides of the subject and may be read with profit by anyone wishing to become informed on this question.

2d. Individual variation. This is an agency diametrically opposed to heredity, but the two adjust themselves in nice equilibrium. Francis Galton has prepared a great many statistics on this subject, and Mr. Frank Russell, '92, is making from actual measurements the most extensive tabulations of the variations in one species that have ever been made.

3d. The survival of the fittest. The ratio of increase in animal life is far in excess of what one might imagine. There are many species which would in less than ten years inhabit every corner of the globe if there were no such thing as death. But death comes, and of course only the best and strongest members of a species are the survivors.

4th. Natural Selection. One variety of grouse, which after many centuries of development, has at last acquired a coat which is gray in summer and white in winter, that its color may be the same as the snow, is a good illustration of natural selection.

No one has yet been able to refute Darwin's arguments, or even to find them fallacious, and no objection has been advanced which he has not anticipated.

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