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## Dr. Schurman Cannot Come.

Since Dr. Schurman was elected President of Cornell University, it has been feared that his duties there would detain him at the time we had hoped he would speak here. Yesterday word was received from him by President Schaeffer that it would be impossible to keep the engagement, as the commencement at Cornell is in the same week and on the same days as here. It is probably too late now to get a commencement orator and that number will be omitted from the program.

## Rain Postpones the Game.

Another game upon our base ball records is postponed and this time it is the game with the Iowa Agricultural College. The rain of last Saturday put the grounds again in such poor condition that it was deemed advisable to call the game off and so a message was sent to that effect. A reply came back that the game would have to be played either here or at Ames as the championship depended upon it and no other suitable date could be made. Sunday afternoon, at the urgent appeal of many of the citizens and students together with a guarantee fund of about forty-five dollars, a telegram was sent to Ames ordering them to come. Through an apparent negligence of the Western Union Telegraph Co. the message was not received until after seven o'clock. Although this did not hinder the Ames team from making a later train it kept them up the larger part of the night. Another negligence or carelessness on the Western Union's part was with the message sent by Ames to Iowa City Saturday evening and not received here until Monday morning at 8:20. If this latter message had been received in proper time and order all this expense and trouble might have been avoided.

The Ames team arrived at 8:25 a. m. and owing to a change in the time table but a few were at the depot to meet them. Their arrival brought down a sudden shower of rain which continued during the entire day, and by noon the park was in its customary condition and the game was therefore postponed.

No other date has yet been fixed for this game, although June 11th has been mentioned, but several serious objections are against this day and it now seems possible that the game may never be played.

The base ball management owes to the students and merchants a hearty vote of thanks for the munificent manner in which the calls for finances yes-

terday were responded to. Something over eighty dollars was subscribed. The Ames team returned home last evening at 6:45 p. m. on the B. C. R. & N. Ry.

## Commending the Societies.

The following resolutions commendatory of the Zetagathian and Irving Societies were adopted by the G. A. R. yesterday.

*Whereas*, The Zetagathian and Irving Societies of the State University of Iowa, have, on this Memorial Day, commemorated the occasion according to their patriotic custom, by presenting to the public a joint program of appropriate exercises, therefore,

*Resolved*: First, that Iowa City Post No. 8, G. A. R. desires to express hereby its grateful appreciation of this eloquent tribute to our honored dead and to their living comrades, and

*Resolved*: Second, that we express the hope that this loyal custom may be long observed to the end that the memorable deeds and sacrifices of our fallen heroes may be sacredly cherished as a priceless legacy to coming generations, and that at this altar may be kindled anew, from year to year, the forces of patriotic ardor and devotion to the cause of liberty and loyalty in the hearts of all our noble youth.

EDWARD NEWTON BARRETT,  
CHARLES BAKER,  
J. WALTER LEE.

Committee.

## Baccalaureate Address.

The Reverend Thomas L. Greene Pastor of Grace church, Cedar Rapids, has accepted an invitation from the President to deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon on Sunday, June 12.

## Inspector's Report.

Colonel Bacon who inspected the battalion May 14th, has made his report to the War Department, and to it were appended the following remarks. No word in explanation is necessary.

"The Military department of the University is fully up to, if not superior to the high standard accorded it in my report of last year, and the President, Mr. Charles A. Schaeffer, continues his marked interest in and favorable views of the results attained from military training, as also his very high commendations of the zeal and efficiency of the military instructor, 1st Lieutenant G. W. Read, 5th Cavalry, whose retention on this duty for another year I found to be a source of much satisfaction to all connected with the institution.

The review of the battalion, consisting of cadet band and four cadet companies of thirty men each, commanded by the military instructor, Lieutenant Read, was conducted in all respects as prescribed by the new Drill Regulations. Distances, the marching past in quick and double time and the military appearance were excellent, and it was observed that the companies were tactically formed in double rank.

A critical inspection followed the review, at which the arms, accoutrements and clothing were found in a most satisfactory condition.

Each company was drilled by its respective officers in the school of the soldier, manual of arms and school of the company, and the battalion under the command of Lieutenant Read in the firings with blank cartridges, and so much of the school of the battalion as includes formation of the battalion and all open column movements. Each of these drills can, without exception, be pronounced excellent and strictly as prescribed in the new Drill Regulations.

The battery (two 6 lb. brass field guns) consisting of three officers, two sergeants, four corporals and fourteen privates, armed with artillery, sabers and belts, was then paraded and drilled by the cadet captain in the saber exercise, manual of the piece, firing, mechanical maneuvers, with much spirit and accuracy. The officers and sergeant of the battery are permanently appointed, whilst the gunners, corporals, and cannoneers are from the members of the Sophomore class and report for gun detachment or saber drill every Monday.

Theoretical instruction consists of recitations in the new Drill Regulations, and Artillery Tactics by the Juniors, and military lectures and comments and also making out company and consolidated morning reports by the Senior class.

There is no target range available. Gallery practice, however, is conducted each Saturday.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

JNO. M. BACON,

Major of the 7th Cavalry, Acting Inspector General.

No special mention is made of the band in this report. Colonel Bacon, however, was unsparing in his praise of the band. Several times during the review he spoke of its fine appearance and excellent music. It was undoubtedly due to an oversight on his part that special mention of it was not made in this report.

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### Announcement.

All unpaid subscriptions to the VIDETTE-REPORTER for the current year should be settled at once. As the business management changes each year the accounts for the year must all be settled at the end of the spring term. The publishers must be paid, and in order to do that we must have the subscriptions.

### BUSINESS MANAGER.

There will be deep regret in the University caused by the announcement we make today that Dr. Schurman will be unable, on account of his new official duties as President of Cornell, to keep his engagement as Commencement Orator here. This address was by far the most attractive feature of the programme.

An improvement in the anniversary graduating exercises of the literary societies would be the discarding of the speeches of the representatives of the societies and the introduction of an address by a man of reputation as a speaker and scholar. This would make the event one of more general interest and add much to the interest of commencement as a whole.

Authentic information from Des Moines this morning is to the effect that no bills whatever have yet been posted to advertise State Field Day, which is Friday. The Executive Committee should attend to this matter of advertising at once. Too long delay has been made. Newspaper notices are not enough in a city like Des Moines. There is nothing that can take the place of an indefinite number of flaming posters to fix a coming event in the public mind.

To those who subscribed to the guarantee fund yesterday, the management wishes to say that subscriptions should be paid at the earliest convenience, as money had to be advanced and must be returned.

### Decoration Day Program.

The students of the University took an active part in the Decoration Day exercises yesterday. It was originally intended to hold the afternoon program in College Park but owing to the inclemency of the weather it had to be held in the Armory. The building was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Prayer was offered by Rev. Barrett, the roll of honor was called, and a poem read by Mrs. Barrett, after which F. M. Molsberry, L. '92, was introduced, who spoke earnestly upon our gratitude to the old soldiers. J. P. Starr, L. '93, followed with a well prepared address. He dwelt upon the part the soldier played in the civil war and the duty of the young citizen to-day. Professor Shimek was next introduced and delivered a masterly address.

In the evening the Zetagathians and Irvings gave a memorial program at the Opera House. A large audience was present. The stage was beautifully decorated with flags, pictures and tombstones. It was indeed a work of art. The N. C. Quartette, composed of Messrs. Toogood, Impey, Hawley, and Cochran, furnished excellent music. E. H. Holman, '92, was chairman of the evening. After an earnest invocation by Dr. Barrett, J. G. Mueller, was introduced, who delivered a good declamation, "Ingersoll's Tribute to the Volunteer Soldier". The next speaker was J. C. Monnett, '92, who delivered—as he always does—an able address. His subject, "The Great Drama," showed the greatness and importance of the Civil War, the patriotism of the soldier, and the grand legacies which he has bequeathed to us. Geo. A. Fracker, '93, delivered an excellent declamation on "'62-'92". The second and last address of the evening was delivered by Geo. W. Stiles, '92, with the subject, "Decoration Day and Its Lessons". Mr. Stiles handled his subject in an entertaining way, showing the dangers of allowing the slum of foreign countries to come to our land and also the duty which we owe to our government as set forth by the heroes of the Civil War. The exercises were listened to with marked attention and reflected credit upon those who took part and upon the societies which they represented.

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Friday will be a holiday:  
 Will Bailey, '93, spent Sunday at his home in Washington.  
 The Zets will elect officers for the fall term tomorrow evening.  
 Professor and Mrs. McClain will give a reception tomorrow evening to the Senior Laws.  
 E. L. Sabin, formerly of '92, of Des Moines, visited at the University Sunday and Monday.

A. H. Brown, '91, now located in Cedar Rapids, came down yesterday to witness the ball game.

L. '88 R. R. Baldwin has just opened an office at 316 Oxford building, 84 LaSalle St., Chicago.

A. E. Chaffee, '93, now located in Minneapolis, is in the city. He will return next Saturday.

F. W. Lovell, '95, left last night for Chicago where he has a position with his brother, with Purdy & Co.

The parade yesterday in which the Battalion was to take part had to be deferred on account of the rain.

Charles H. Clark, C. E. '84, of Des Moines, will be married on June 8th, to Miss Anna Ross of that city.

The Beta Alumni in Des Moines are arranging for a Frat banquet after the evening entertainment Friday night.

Professor Loos delivered an address before the Brooklyn High School at its Commencement, held Friday evening.

L. M. Kratz, L. '92, conducted the union services of the Young People's Societies at Close Hall Sunday evening.

Mrs. Rose Ankeny Lewis has been invited to preside for the Hesperian Society at the Commencement of the literary societies.

Mary C. Holt, '94, has accepted an invitation to deliver an address before the Alumni Association of the Waverly High School.

I. E. Munger leaves tomorrow for his work as Y. M. C. A. Secretary at Muscatine. He will be back to graduate with his class.

Dr. S. N. Fellows, formerly Professor of Didactics in the University, occupied the pulpit at the M. E. Church Sunday morning and evening.

The Republican Club of the University is thinking of holding a ratification meeting as soon as the action of the Minneapolis Convention is known.

The Hahnemann Society at its closing meeting last Saturday elected Dean A. C. Cowperthwaite, of the Homeopathic department as president for the ensuing year.

A meeting of the Oratorical Association is called for to-morrow evening in Zetagathian Hall. Important business will be transacted and every member should be present.

H. O. Weaver L. '92, spent Saturday and Sunday at his home in Wapello  
 The Phi Deltis entertained their lady friends in a dancing party last Friday evening. Nemur furnished the refreshments.

Georgia North, formerly of the class of '92, has just graduated from the Kindergarten Department of the Des Moines Public Schools, ranking second in her class. She will return home this week.

It will be of interest to teachers to know that arrangements have been made by the State Board of Education, providing for an examination for State Certificate at the close of the summer school.

The Erodelphians gave their last programme for this year on Saturday evening. The Story of Hildegard was concluded by Mary Alford, and several special features made the entertainment a success. The musical part of the programme was especially good.

The members of the Kappa sorosis were entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of Kate Legler, '90, lay member of the sorosis. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent, and delightful refreshments were served. One of the chief features of the entertainment was the crowning of the "intellectual chiefs" in the sorosis, namely the Senior girls.

Rev. T. R. Evans gave an interesting address at Close Hall Auditorium Sunday afternoon. His subject was Caleb, his life and character. Nothing is so inspiring and helpful for young men as a study of noble characters. All history is simply an epitome of the lives of great men. Caleb has claim to our respect because he possessed manhood. He had a lofty and definite aim in life and then used the best means to effect its consummation.

At the Y. M. C. A. business meeting last Saturday evening, the following resolution was passed: "That it be the sense of the Association that the Y. M. C. A. Building be kept open during the summer vacation provided the citizens of Iowa City raise the funds necessary to defray expenses."

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No. 39—Cedar Rapids Passenger..... 6:45 p. m.  
No. 40—Clinton Passenger..... 6:45 a. m.  
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TRAINS SOUTH.

No. 4—Burlington Passenger..... 4:42 p. m.  
No. 31—Montezuma Passenger..... 9:20 a. m.  
No. 36—Muscatine Passenger..... 5:25 p. m.  
No. 38—Iowa City Passenger (arrives) 7:30 p. m.  
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