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Commencement '92.

Ladies' Declamatory—Competitive Drill, B Wins—Literary Societies—The Baccalaureate—Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. Anniversary—Class Day Exercises.

This is the gala week of Commencement. The Class of '92, Collegiate, will graduate Thursday. The Laws on Wednesday. The City is crowded with friends of the graduates and with alumni. The Commencement programme was opened last Thursday evening with the Ladies' Declamatory Contest.

Ladies' Declamatory.

The Freshman Girls' Declamatory Contest was not as well attended as the merits of the performance demanded. Each declaimer showed thorough and careful preparation, and without an exception held the attention of the entire audience throughout. The enunciation was much better than that of the speakers in the contest the Saturday evening previous. General satisfaction was expressed at the decision of the judges, which gave first place to Mary M. McGuire, second to Theresa Peet, third to Grace V. Burge. The programme:

The Day of Judgment.....	L. Anna Robinson
Willie Baird.....	Mae E. Lomas
Jack Hall's Boat Race.....	Grace V. Burge
The Fall of Pemberton Mills,	Zulema Kostomlatsky
The Story of the Faithful Soul, Mary M. McGuire	Rizpah.....
Theresa Peet	Lady Maud's Oath.....
Norma L. Garwood	The Spanish Mother.....
Jessie R. Whinery	

Competitive Drill.

The drill between Companies was called at four o'clock Friday. Lieutenant Read and Col. Gilchrist were judges. The prize colors were awarded to Co. B., Captain B. F. Shambaugh; second, Co. D., Captain Frank Russell; third, Co. A., Captain H. S. Hollingsworth; fourth, Co. C., Captain I. E. Munger. At the final dress parade, which followed the competitive drill, orders were read announcing the above result, and further stating that the Commandant had recommended Russell and Stiles to the Adjutant General, U. S. Army, as having shown special proficiency in military drill; to the Adjutant General of the State, Munger, Walker, Chantland and Hollingsworth.

Anniversary of the Societies.

The Literary Societies celebrated their twenty-fourth anniversary at the

opera house Friday evening. The large audience, which despite the extreme uncomfortableness of the weather was in attendance, bears evidence to the popularity which the societies justly enjoy. The programme opened with music by the University band, after which Professor Loos, as President of the evening, announced that the first part of the programme would be given by the Zetagathians. Presiding officer Professor McConnell introduced W. W. Kaye, '93, who spoke on "The Philosophy of the World's Fair". Diplomas were presented to the following: W. T. Chantland, M. T. Eudaly, H. S. Hollingsworth, A. K. Gardner, M. H. Lyon, J. C. Monnet, I. E. Munger, Frank Nelson, Joseph Mekota, H. S. Richards, Frank Russell, G. E. Shambaugh, Ben. F. Shambaugh, W. H. Walker. B. F. Shambaugh responded in behalf of the class.

Prof. F. A. Tubbs then rendered "The Old Guard" in a manner that was appreciated by all.

Ada F. Hutchinson, as presiding officer of the Erodolphians, introduced Jessamine L. Jones, who spoke on "American Journalism". Diplomas were presented to Katharine B. Barber and Agnes E. Otto. Miss Otto responded, thanking the Society and wishing it well for the future.

After another piece of music by the band, Professor Patrick introduced W. H. Cochran, Irving's orator, who had chosen as his subject, "A Plea for Philanthropy". Diplomas were given to W. A. Ferren, Chas. J. Flynn, E. H. H. Holman, H. E. Kelly, F. W. Meyers, Perry L. Sargent, D. T. Sollenbarger, Geo. W. Stiles, J. H. Stotts, F. A. Stowe, W. R. Whiteis. In behalf of the class Chas. J. Flynn thanked the Society in a few appropriate words.

H. F. Kallenberg, Burt German, J. Lindsay and Mr. Sunier next tendered a musical selection and responded to a hearty encore by giving a second which was just as good as the first.

Presiding officer Hattie J. Stimmel, in behalf of Hesperian Society, introduced Julia M. Crawford, who spoke in an interesting manner on "One Phase of Helpfulness". Diplomas were presented to Florence E. Brown, Millicent M. Cuplin, L. May Gaymon, Julia E. Rogers, Bertha M. Wilson. Miss M. Cuplin gave the response. The programme concluded with music by the band.

Senior Promenade.

Two bands played, and an electric light was imported for the occasion,

yet it must be said that the Senior promenade of Saturday evening was not an unalloyed success. The objectionable features of the evening were, however, due to no fault of the Seniors, and could not be avoided. They consisted in the presence of a great many uninvited guests, far exceeding in number the members of the Faculty and under-classesmen who had been bidden to come, and rendering the projected pleasant reunion of University people impossible. It is therefore likely that the "Senior promenade" will not become a permanent institution at S. U. I.

The Baccalaureate Sermon.

The Baccalaureate sermon was delivered last Sunday afternoon by Rev. Thos. E. Greene, D. D., of Cedar Rapids. Our space forbids a complete outline of the sermon, which was in many respects the strongest ever delivered at our Commencement. The sermon was in defense of revealed Christianity. As proofs of Christianity the speaker presented the following: first, the testimony of historic Scriptures; second, the person of the historic Christ; third, the historic Church of Christ. Each argument was forcibly and logically presented. The sermon was a scholarly one and showed a broad and comprehensive view of the subject. No skeptic could hear that sermon without being profoundly impressed with the truths and revelations of Christianity and the Bible.

The closing remarks to the graduating class were touching and full of hope, cheer and good advice.

Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. Anniversary.

The annual reunion of the Christian Associations was held Sunday evening, at Close Hall, Frances Rogers presiding. On account of the warm weather the reports from the presidents of the two Associations were not read; the chief feature of the evening being the address by President Gates, of Iowa College. Choosing the words of Christ: "I am the way, the truth, the life," President Gates presented them as an answer to those three comprehensive questions of Kant,— "What can I know? What ought I to do? What may I hope?" Never before nor since has the answer been given so succinctly, yet so truly, and in these words is expressed the brightest and the only hope which gladdens man's existence. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Bullock.

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Many subscriptions to the VIDETTE are yet unpaid. Remember that it is very essential that these be paid at once. Let all send in their \$1.50.

The defeat of the University ball team at Ames, on Saturday, gave the championship for this year to the State Agricultural College. S. U. I. is second, Iowa College third, and Drake fourth. Last year the University nine was successful enough to win every game it played, although there was then no organized league as has been formed this spring. It is, therefore, with peculiar regret that we see the silver bat go to another college.

We have not been eminently successful in athletics this year. Iowa College, which we have long recognized as our chief rival in the athletic line, has beaten us again in foot ball, and again in the State Field Meet. We still hold our superiority over I. C. in base ball, having won in the only game played.

There is ground, however, for the high expectations we have for athletic success in all lines next year. The best work done this season has been the re-organization of the Association by the adoption of the new constitution and the establishment of the whole work on a thoroughly business like plan.

The Collegiate Commencement exercises will be on Thursday at the opera house.

There was no VIDETTE on Saturday. We issue two numbers this week the last being on Thursday.

Tomorrow is Law day. Commencement exercises at the opera house at 10 a. m. Address by Professor Wambaugh.

The annual June meeting of the Board of Regents will be held this afternoon.

Plans for the Expedition.

The Bahama Biological Expedition of the State University of Iowa is thoroughly organized, with Professors Samuel Calvin, L. G. Weld, and C. C. Nutting as Executive Committee, and William Larrabee, Jr., Treasurer. The total expenses are estimated at \$200 per person, and by arrangement the first installment of \$20 will be due and payable the 1st of July, 1892. Professors Weld and Nutting expect to go east this summer vacation for the purpose of chartering a vessel, securing skipper, boats, etc., and the money raised by the first installment will be necessary to bind the contract for the vessel. The time now set for sailing is May, 1893. The party is limited to twenty persons. Every member of the expedition must be a biologist. There are already twenty-four available applicants, and the make-up thus far is very satisfactory. All are deeply interested in the work, all are biologists, and all enthusiastic in the undertaking. The object of the expedition is to make a thorough investigation of the Pelagic animals—those floating on the surface of the sea, as the jelly fish, and also the deep sea forms, which can be obtained only by dredging. These will be examined and compared while fresh from the sea, which is a matter of very great importance to the scientist, because of the evanescent character of the surface of the sea. Thus the sail ship for this expedition will be a *floating marine biological laboratory*, with a party of scientists. It is hoped also to give some time to animal life in the shallow waters, and on land in the islands. The work of the expedition is divided and assigned. Professor Calvin will be the leading instructor in biological work. Professor Weld will prepare the charts, be authority as to best mechanical equipment for dredging, in short, have charge of all matters pertaining to physical science. Professor Nutting will select, secure and see to the equipment of the vessel, and direct the collecting and preserving of specimens in the field. The expenses of the expedition are to be met by the individuals composing it. It is for the benefit of the department of Natural Science, but nothing is asked of the Regents except leave of absence for the professors and instructors for the few weeks from May 1, 1893, to the close of the year in June. The expedition can but be of immense value to the University.

The base ball team met yesterday morning and elected Blair, L. '93, captain and H. Myers, manager, for next year's team.

Instructor N. W. Stephenson will sail from New York for England tomorrow.

Frank Nelson, '92, is enjoying a visit from his brother Oscar.

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Sunrise Breakfast.

The Seniors departed a little from the regular order of exercises this year in celebrating a "sunrise breakfast" at six o'clock Monday morning. After disposing of a dainty repast, the following toasts were responded to: "Class Yell," W. T. Chantland; "Victories and Woes," Bertha M. Wilson; "San Salvador," May Gaymon; "World's Fair," Perry L. Sargent; "Sunrise," Frank G. Pierce; "New University," Harry E. Kelly.

Class Day.

Yesterday was Class Day. The weather was fine, and the programme unique; so the crowd was large. The afternoon exercises were in three principal parts: 1—Planting the Ivy; 2—Farewell to the Buildings; 3—The Rose Scrap. The first ceremony was impressive and appropriate. A promising sprig of ivy was planted close by the wall of the Central Building, to the right of the steps, by the hand of the Class President, Miss Barber; Mr. Nelson delivered the Ivy Oration, and Miss Brown responded. The Ivy Song, written by Professor Perkins, air—"Stars of the Summer Night," followed, and closed this part.

Then passing to the Central steps the Farewells to the Buildings were begun. Miss Barber presided, and introduced Mr. Kelly, who spoke a touching and eloquent goodbye to the dearest building on the campus. Professor Currier briefly responded.

Next, the class led the way to the old South Building, where Mr. Mekota, for the class, and Professor Perkins, for the Faculty, did the speaking.

Similar addresses were made at the other buildings in the following order: The Armory—Mr. Walker, for the Class, and Lieutenant Read for the Faculty; The Library—Miss Gaymon and Mrs. North; The Science Building—Mr. Russell and Professor Calvin; The Chemical Laboratory—Mr. Sollenbarger and Professor Andrews; Close Hall—Mr. Hollingsworth and Secretary Parsons. The Farewell Song, written by Miss Patton, air: "Lauriger Horatius" was sung to Mr. Thompson's cornet accompaniment, at the close of the speaking at the Science Building. The Class Yell came in at intervals.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

The evening programme consisted of several class songs written by members of the class:—"On The Diploma" by Miss Wilson, sung to the air of Rosalie; "Bow of Promise" air, "I want to be an Angel," by Miss Rogers; Two other songs by Miss Barber and Miss Clark. The Class poem written and read by Mr. Cook, was in the meter of "Locksley Hall" and was well received. We would like to publish these more important compositions but our limitations of space forbid. The Class His-

tory by Miss Wilson was exceptionally good. There seemed to be in it hardly anything hackneyed and that is saying much for a class history. Miss Wilson entertained the audience for over an hour. Stereoptican pictures of the individual members of the class were thrown upon a screen and each personage was wittily commented upon by the historian. Mr. Meyers' address to the underclassmen was full of his exquisite dry wit mingled with much sound sense. Mr. Stiles made the Class Prophecy which was fraught with the fine sarcasm for which the speaker is noted.

Alumni Day.

This is Alumni Day. The annual business meeting will be called to order at 3 o'clock in Irving Hall. There will be a sociable followed by the annual banquet in the Congregational church parlors at 9 this evening. The number of visiting alumni is small. The two great political conventions, one of which has just closed and the other just about to meet, are attractions with which even Alma Mater cannot hold successful competition.

Ames Wins the Bat.

The first and only game of base ball on the home grounds was played June 9. The University of Minnesota and S. U. I. teams crossed bats at the ball park, and just as Minnesota so easily defeated us in foot ball, did S. U. I. administer defeat to them in base ball. Lindsay and Converse did the battery work for the home team, while Ohmstead and Leary were in the points for the millers. There were about 500 people present, a good natured crowd who applauded all of the good plays on either side. Ohmstead pitched the day before at Grinnell, and was possibly not in as good form as he might have been. The game was a listless one, presenting no special features on either side, though German did make a creditable catch in center field. Base hits were numerous, as were also errors. The game was called at 4:45 to allow the U. of M. boys to catch a train, and the score called back to even innings, though S. U. I. had added five scores which did not count. Score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	
U. of M.....	0	2	0	1	0	0	—3
S. U. I.....	3	0	2	0	0	0	—5

Saturday, June 11, the team left for Ames to play the oft time postponed game with Ames. Lindsay, Gillette, and Burnham, were not on the trip, which, in a great measure, accounts for the results of the game. Holbrook and Blair did the pitching, and clearly demonstrated the fact that S. U. I. is weak in the box without Lindsay. Either of the two above players might do valuable service in the box, but practice is at least one of the requirements. Too much dependence has been placed upon Lindsay, and S. U. I.

should now profit by experience and coach up more than one pitcher. Holbrook and Blair did very well considering the facts of the case, but our batters were no match for Zmunt's strong arm. Strong behind the bat played a good game, and in the fourth inning made a home run with two men on bases. S. U. I. also labored under the disadvantage of playing on a slippery grass diamond, and lost several runs through inability to run. Another disadvantage S. U. I. was compelled to labor under was in playing with their faces toward the sun, and thereby causing the loss of several flies.

The silver bat has been awarded to Ames. Score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
I. A. C..	3	0	0	4	2	1	0	0	*	—10
S. U. I..	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	—2

Natural Science Bulletin.

Number Two, Volume II, of the Natural Science Bulletin, an S. U. I. publication, appeared yesterday. In form it is the same as its predecessors, but it is considerably larger, containing in all about one hundred pages, besides thirteen finely drawn plates with explanations. These plates are a credit to the skill and genius of Miss Mary McBride. The principal article of this number is "The Myxomycetes of Eastern Iowa," by Professor McBride. This article is the most complete and exhaustive report ever written upon this subject in this country. The other articles are shorter but very instructive. The demand for these Bulletins has been so great that they will no more be given away, but will be sold at about the price of publication, fifty cents a copy. They may be had at Secretary Haddock's office.

The following are contained in this number:

- I. The Myxomycetes of Eastern Iowa, by Thos. H. McBride.
- II. Report on some Fossils Collected in the Northwest Territory, Canada, by Naturalists from the University, by S. Calvin.
- III. Two Unique Spirifers from the Devonian Strata of Iowa, by S. Calvin.
- IV. Note on Expedition to British America, by C. C. Nutting.
- V. Pyrgulopsis Scalariformis, by B. Shimek.
- VI. A Geological Reconnaissance in Buchanan County, Iowa, by S. Calvin.
- VII. Notes on Karyokinesis, by L. B. Elliott.
- VIII. Notes on a Collection of Fossils from the Lower Magnesian Limestone from Northeastern Iowa, by S. Calvin.

Professor and Mrs. Jameson held their annual reception Thursday evening, and about seventy-five University and townspeople were present. The house and piazzas were handsomely illuminated, and a most delightful time was had by all the guests.

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