Notice.
All who contemplate entering for any event at the spring field meet will have their name at offices at either McClenagh or Leith.
They are also requested to meet the advisory committee in Professor’s room Wednesday at 2 o’clock.

Oratorical Contest.
Some of those who intend to enter the oratorical contest, met yesterday afternoon in Professor’s room and announced about ten or twelve men for judges on thought and composition. All contestants are requested to meet at the same place to-morrow afternoon at one o’clock to finally determine upon the three men to act.

The Yale-Harvard Debate.
The third annual debate between Harvard and Yale secured the 18th inst. The question was “Resolved, That the power of railroad corporations should be further limited by national legislation.” Harvard had the negative and won the question by 82 points, the points standing, Harvard, 1,485; Yale, 1,400. The judges were President R. B. Andrews, of Brown University, Professor R. B. A. Seligman, of Columbia College and Honorable W. E. Barrett, Speaker of the Massachusetts House. The debaters for Harvard were Vroman, Stone and Warren; for Yale, Lawson, Donnelly and Cummings.

Calendar.
Tuesday, January 24.
8:00 p. m. J. J. Ingalls lectures at the Opera House on “State Socialism,” under auspices of Lecture Bureau.
Wednesday, January 25.
2:00 p.m. German Seminary.
Thursday, January 26.
1:30 p.m. English History Seminary.
Friday, January 27.
2:30 p. m. History Literature class under Professor Hale at Close Hall.
7:30 p.m. Barouan Club in Physical lecture room.
8:30 p.m. Zettaghams and Irving Societies in South building.
Saturday, January 28.
8:30 p.m. Hespanian Society in South building.
Sunday, January 29.
4:00 p.m. Gospel meetings of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. at Close Hall.

Erodolphian Program.
A good audience greeted the first program given by the Erodolphians this term.

Fames Rogers, ’91, opened the program by a short and well executed instrumental solo of which the audience heartily testified their approval. 

James-Jones, ’96, in a few words, explained the post of his judge of other in the incoming President, Ada Hutchinson, P. G. ’92, who responded in a short and pleasant speech.

Maud Butler, ’96, gave an oration on “The Educational Advantages of the Nineteenth Century,” which was delivered in a clear, firm voice and easy effective manner. It was somewhat marred by a slip of memory when half way through but this was evidently due to nervousness, not to want of preparation.

Clementine Otto, ’96, recited in a pleasant manner “A Legend of Providence.” Her delivery would have been improved had more spirit been put into it, but the recitation showed careful preparation.

The debate on the momentous question, “Resolved, That the custom of Senators wearing caps and gowns should be adopted by the University of Iowa,” was affirmed by Elia Delia, ’96, and Rose Henderson, ’96 and denied by Mary McGuire, ’96, and Clem Asher, ’96. The speeches were animated and created considerable amusement, the nature of the subject not allowing much depth of thought. The question was decided in the negative.

Miss Ethel Parsons closed the program by a vocal solo. Her voice was sweet and clear and the audience testified their appreciation by a hearty encore to which she responded with a very pretty lullaby.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting.
Though it was not generally known until late in the day that Dr. Beard- sheard would address the young men, quite a good sized audience composed for the appearance of students assembled in Close Hall auditorium Sunday afternoon. Professor Low in a few well chosen words introduced the speaker who closed for the text the words “And God saw the light.” The words are significant. They indicate that God does not look always at the darkness of our character, but is able and desires of seeing the height and sunshine traits thereof as well, and this means a great deal. In the world it is often very difficult to find persons who understand us, persons who can overlook or at least tolerate even our little weaknesses and appreciate the good that is within us. When we do find a person who comprehends us, we have found something which exceeds the value of gold and precious stones, something which is beyond all account of beauty. But even the best friend can never comprehend us fully. It is God alone, the mind of the Universe, who can see the light.

God sees our feeble attempts, our weakest efforts in the direction of light. This should not make us careless on the contrary, when we carry about with us the conviction that there is one above who cares for us and who sees good tendencies in us it should cause us to respond all the more readily and freely to give expression to the good impulses which live within us.

The Poet the Priest of Nature.
The sixth lecture in the University Extension Course was delivered by President Beardsheard, of the Iowa Agricultural College, last evening. A fair audience, mostly made up of University people, greeted the speaker. The subject of the lecture was, “The Poet, the Priest of Nature.” An abridged report is given.

We may approach nature in the spirit of the child, who enjoys what he sees without attempting to analyze it, or we may go forth into the fields in the character of the botanist, reducing all things to scientific laws. The former is the attitude of the poet who sees the beautiful wherever it be. The Professor of poetry in Oxford says: “The beautiful is higher than the good, the good is included in the beautiful.” It is the spirit with which he approaches beauty that makes the poet what he is. Like St. Augustine he sees “with a light above the mind, above the soul, unchangeable.” Even Shakespeare is a dull book to us if we approach it with a limited light. But when we behold with the inward eye, how much there is in nature! Not alone the beauty which thrills our animal being, but many moral refections as well are suggested by the world around us. We see death in the tree whose strength has decayed in the centre. In the ugly worm caused by insects or by the woodman’s axe, where life-giving sap spends itself to no purpose, we look upon an example of the man who fritters away his energies on some useless hobby. Again, by observing the peculiar habits of the roots of trees, all varying from each other, the frencierman acting in ways suitable to each, learns that so must men be managed who differ as much as the trees in their ideoloperaations. Or what induces one with a greater sense of humility than does the wondrous vault of the sky?

In looking at a statue of the Greek Slave one can not but be impressed with the way in which different people regard it. Some will blush and turn away, others, who know what it means, stop to admire, while yet others, the true poets, are drawn by its very beauty. They look and look again. The statue is not only gives language to our emotions, but he opens our minds to new emotions. Like the Jewish priests who kept awake the spirit of religion in their people, he keeps their souls open to the beauty of the world. Matthew Arnold says, “The grand power of poetry is the interpretation.”

The poet drops the seed which may grow up in our hearts into, “first the blade, then the ear and after that the full ear in the corn.” Job asked questions lacking of preparation. Shakespeare out of the fossils of history made breathing characters. Dante endowed theological beliefs with life. Wordsworth, the poet priest of nature, turned the inson, “beauty is truth.”

Notice.
A valuable addition is being made to the library from time to time.

This week orders have been sent out for complete sets of the works of Cornwell and Moiler. Also the “English Stationers” series and “Men of Action” series will be filled out comprising fourteen volumes.

A valuable addition to the works on Political Economy, is “The Report of the Royal Commission of New South Wales” upon Strikes. This is a large quarto volume of about one thousand pages and was sent directly from Australia gratuitously to the library in response to an application by the students.

An effort is being made to fill up all the back numbers of State Executive documents which are missing.

Two volumes of considerable value have recently been procured, “The Constitutional Debates of the State Constitutional Convention of 1857.”

An interesting little volume lately brought in is the autobiography of “Ma- kawai-mo-ke-hi-kah-kah,” or Black Hawk. It is the story of his life and travels through the United States as a trader of his nation, his account of the cause and general history of the Black Hawk war of 1832, dictated by himself, Antoine LeClair, acting as scribe. A copy of the old chief adorns the first page.

Two volumes by Mrs. Amelia B. Edwards lately received are worthy of attention, “Pharaohs, Felibahs and Explorers” and “A Thousand Miles up the Nile.”
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Instruction by the Seminary method is a comparatively new thing in our University, and yet it has already become very popular. The reasons for this are obvious. The classes are small, giving each student an opportunity of receiving assistance on points which he does not understand and not compelling him to lose valuable time listening to recitations on the text which he has already read. Time is thus saved which may be devoted to study. This method could we believe be widely introduced with the best of results. We do not advocate it because it would make the work of either the students or professors lighter, but because it would lead to more thorough and at the same time more satisfactory work, for an agreement that the time spent in class room is the most exhaustive work. Furthermore there would not be the same opportunity for the students who indige in “studying”; students and professors would also become better acquainted and would understand each other better. We do not advocate this change in all classes. We do not believe that it could be satisfactorily introduced in Freshmen nor perhaps even in Sophomore work but for the advanced students its advantages over the old system are great.

New books are constantly being received at the library, some of which are of unusual interest and are not yet found outside of a large library. But the majority of students do not know of the arrival of such books and never derive the benefit which might accrue from an acquaintance with them. The student who uses the library only to look up matters in direct relation to his work, misses an opportunity which he will probably seldom have after he has left school. Every student should take time to look about the library and do some random reading, knowing what books are there and notice the new books as they come in. If one cannot read a book through and be a thorough master of its contents, it is a good thing to simply know what it is about and who wrote it so that if the book is mentioned, one need not display complete ignorance. Many students do not realize what an opportunity is offered by the free use of a large systematically selected library such as ours until they leave school and go: where often they must buy whatever books they read unless they confine themselves to the scanty material of a small and poorly selected public library.

The questions which one may hear almost any day, asked of the librarian, indicate that the average student, especially in the lower classes, is not any too well versed in the literature of his native land and many such students leave college with not a very much broader knowledge of books in general. Some time should be taken at least every week to look about the library and do general reading.

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