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Northern Oratorical League.

Northwestern.

The following extract from a letter written by R. F. Chamberlin, '90, while present at a student in the Northwestern School of Theology, at Eganston, will be of interest to our readers, as in as much as it gives us some idea of who our rivals in the Northern Oratorical League this season are:

Erect a V. R. I. enrolls a program of the preliminary Oratorical Contest, held last night. The winning orator, Geo. P. Hills, is president of the N. O. L. and the honor of presiding at Oberlin will therefore devolve upon Boardsey, S. C. U. The oration on Mr. Hills is going to be a college on Phillips. It begins with the incident of the Garrison Mob, in Boston, dwells upon the incident made famous by the oration in which the "pictorial line" of Adams and Ostler are expected to break forth and "cry shame on their recent countrymen." It speaks in general of his career as a public orator and lecturer, his being until after the emancipation of slaves by his own voluntary act a man without a country," and enlarges upon the genuine and widespread fear caused by his death. Hills delivers gracefully and his voice very good, and altogether he is a man whom Mason may well exert himself to oust at Oberlin. If H. C. U. ranks above N. W. T. at Oberlin she may well be proud of it, and if she ranks below, she need not be ashamed. Hills' alternative has for his oration a good critical review of the life of La Fayette, but has one or two bad faults of delivery, especially too much eye

Lecture Bureau.

The S. C. U. Lecture Bureau met in the Vineria room Saturday evening at 3 o'clock to organize for the season of 1888-9. R. B. McHale was elected President, E. S. White, Vice-president, J. L. Kinnear, Corresponding Secretary, and A. M. Rogers, Treasurer. Work will be begun immediately, and the committee hope to present a course equal if not superior to the course just closed. This can be done only by the most careful management, as a better course means a greater expenditure, and although the amount and last season was all that could be expected, the small profits show that any great increase of expenses would probably entail a loss upon the society.

The club will consist of members of the lecture bureau, to be given between the first of October and the first of March, and if possible will be opened by an address by his great master, "Saragossa."

Hespanian Banquet.

The Third Annual Banquet of the Hespanian Literary Society was held Monday evening in the society hall. The number of banquet guests has further been limited to the active and alumni Hespanians, but the affair was rendered unusually enjoyable in its way by the presence as well of the active members of the Hespanian Society, who, together with the Hespanian alumni, were individually seated at the tables with due form and ceremony by their hostesses. About 40 in all were present at the banquet. After mutual greetings and some pleasant games in the north hall, at ten o'clock the company adjourned to the south hall, where the banquet was spread. Each guest received a prize at his plate, containing some quotation presumably applicable to himself. These were read aloud while the courses were being served, and contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening.

A point program was the last of the good things served in the south hall. After an address of welcome in behalf of society by Julia M. Crawford, '93, and a pleasing response by Francis Rogers, '93, president of the Hespanian, the toast: "What we here have received from and are beholden to Mr. Call" in an address which combined quaint humor with substantial good counsels. "The Boy" were heartily toasted by Clementine Ashley, '93, while Cornelia Ingham, '93, spoke in turn of the "University Girl." Francis Church, '93, applied the principles of "The Brain Lung." Mr. Call gave a lecture on society, to the struggles in real life. Miss Church has a unique style of address and her toast was very pleasing. Subject for a few impromptu minutes speeches were found within the raps of bonbons distributed in the north hall, and shortly after these speeches had been given, goodbyes were exchanged and just as the clock struck twelve the last gas jet was turned off. Among the alumnae present were Mrs. Hurlock, '92, Amelie Egan, '88, Kate Wickham, '91, and Millie Culpin, '92, who is now teaching in Denver.

Our State Institutions.

We clip the following from the Daily Iowan and believe it worthy of insertion in every paper in the State as it briefly and accurately states the situation:

The need for scientific or practical education seems to be more recognized than it was but a few years ago. Who, in looking over the work done in our great state, can fail to see that they are accomplishing as much as could possibly be expected of them considering the facilities and means offered them. Yet they are only partly meeting the demand made on them by the youth of our state. I. A. C. is full and overflowing with students, S. C. U. is embarrassed every year by way of funds, and N. S. U. has used its library, chapel, and voluntary for recreation rooms to accommodate the number of students who thronged its halls. Yet many of our ablest men fail to see the necessity of supporting their state as it is.

Base Ball Games.

The base ball season will open Thursday with a game at the ball park between the Laws and Cigarettes. Practice has been going on all winter and the rival teams will be able to furnish an interesting game. Lindsay and Converse will constitute the battery for the Collegiates and Zuntz and Gillete that for the Laws. Those will be the two regular batteries for the team and every one will have a chance to see their work and to judge what their chance for success this season will be. There is another reason why every student should come out to this game, besides the chance it affords of seeing a good game, and that is, that the association needs money very badly. The depleted condition of the treasury is very generally known. This gives an opportunity to everyone to assist in putting the team on a good financial basis. There should be a crowd that will fill the grand stand to overflowing. The game will be called at 3:30 p.m. sharp, and the admission will be 5 cents.

Base Ball.

Professor McCardie read a paper on karyokinesis or the division of the nucleus in vegetable cells. The subject was introduced by an account of the discovery of protoplasm and a description of the nature and form of the nucleus. The nucleus divides in two ways the first being by a simple constrictin while the second is by much more complicated process. It was this second mode of division with which the speaker dealt chiefly, and the various complicated stages of the process were illustrated by diagrams and stereo-pictorial projections. In the large ova of sea-urchins the details can be made out very clearly and only in recent years have all the types been observed in vegetable cells. After the colloquium the paper was discussed by several members of the club.

Professor Patock gave a voluntary report on modern eggs giving a description of the new journal "Huntington, Iowa.

A paper by Professor Nutting on "Deep-seas Dredging" was announced for next meeting and one in two weeks by Professor Andrews on the "Development of Chemistry from Alchemy."
The recent changes which the faculty have made in the method of choosing commencement speakers will undoubtedly increase the interest in the commencement exercises.

The alumni of the University can now be assured that the speakers will be representatives of the best ability in the University. Commencement need no more be dead formalities of little interest to any one except the graduates and their friends.

The alumni throughout the state should realize this and in as far as possible attend the June exercises. They should do this not only for their own pleasure but also for the good of the University. A large attendance here next June would be a powerful factor in making us known throughout the state and in creating a sentiment in our favor. Then let every one make an effort to secure as large an attendance as possible.

As a precursor of editorial comment both in praise and in criticism of the athletic work to be done by the base-ball and track teams during this term, a prospectus of the work planned for that time may be of interest.

Home field day will in all probability fall on the first Saturday, in May, twenty-six days previous to the State field meet which will be held at Des Moines on the first Friday in June.

Candidates for the track team are numerous and the men training for the various events are working together in squads under the direction of members of last year's team, the long distance men under one man, the sprinters under another, the jumper and vaulters under another, etc. It is, of course, too early to make any accurate estimate of our relative standing in the State contests, but every indication points to success in places where last year we were weakest, nor do those who won last year intend to lose this.

In base-ball, things never seemed more prosperous. Good, hard practice of two to four hours per day is being given to about twenty-five candidates. No players have been definitely assigned to positions as yet but it is quite generally understood as to who the ball will be and the candidates for the infield have decreased to about ten men for each position. Sixteen games have been arranged, including a tour of the Northeast and good games have been secured to be played on the home grounds. After the outlook is promising and if the fine weather continues we shall hope to make some good records.

The organization of the press club was effected last Thursday at the University of Minnesota. The membership will include all the editors of the college publications, all the representatives of the press who are in the University and honorary members. A suitable badge will be secured for the members and a noon will be secured for the weekly meetings where the daily papers will be kept on file. The club will be both literary and social in character and will spend one hour a week in the study of practical journalism.

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The OperaHouse, the society, will have their first meeting for the term next Thursday at 10 p. m.

Millennial Oas, N. spent Saturday and Sunday in the city, the guest of Anna Bell Collins.

The faculty has extended the date for the handing in of Senior orations from April 5th to April 20th.

Chancellor McCann gave the first lecture in the term's course in International Law yesterday afternoon.

C. B. Moore, formerly a member of the class of '93, died at his home near St. Louis, Missouri, Sunday, March 30th.

The time in advanced history is larger than usual. The members number eight or ten while four or six have herebefore been considered a good class.

Florence Brown, '92, who has been teaching in Des Moines this year, was brought to her home in Marenisco last night, and recovered from a recent severe attack of illness.

Kate Wickham, '94, and Annie Herrin, '91, who are teaching in some other part of the state are spending their spring vacation with their parents and friends in the city.

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