Baccalaureate.
The club met as usual on Friday evening, Dr. Watson presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, after which Professor Welt gave a paper on "The Physiography of the Moon." The nearness of the moon and the fact that it has no atmosphere, and, in so small degree, in the study of its surface. Objects having a diameter of 400 feet can be seen on it. A view of the full moon shows the dark spots which we commonly call "the Man in the Moon." Some think these marks are caused by reflections from the Earth's surface; others believe there were seas, but probably, the true cause is the difference of reflection. Different views of the region of Mr. Venutius and a transition to

The question of the possible absorption of the air that once existed about the moon is left for others to answer. The last great activity on the moon was a powerful spasm of volcanic eruption which destroyed all traces of whatever water might previously have rolled over part of its surface. The facts that the moon has no atmosphere, and that the density of the elements composing it is less than one-half the density of the elements of the earth, renders possible a much more violent volcanic disturbance than the moon was able to be on the Earth.

The wrinkled appearance of the moon's surface is probably caused by the cooling interior contracting and forcing the previously formed crust into folds. A view of Mars shows land and water areas; the Moon presents the former only. But Mars, which, in its stages of development, is older than the Earth and younger than the Moon, shows a condition midway between these two, having its water areas always surrounded by land areas. Both Mars and the Earth may sometime reach the present condition of the Moon.

As there were no reports the club adjourned soon after the reading of the paper. The next session will be devoted to report's and will end the session for this year.

The Athletic Benefit.
A large audience was in attendance at the second program of the Athletic Benefit, given Saturday evening. Miss Crawford, president of the Hoosier Society presided, and announced as the first number on the program a selection by the mandoline orchestra. After the response to the hearty encore given to the musicians, Anna Robinson, '95, gave a character declaration in which she recited the trials of Ann Mattil and her husband when they visited the "conmaternal." The story was ludicrous from beginning to end and was told in an excellent way. Neill Folley followed with the declamation "Piper Bay." Miss Folley possesses strong powers of declamation and had the audience perfectly. Crawford '94 gave a flute solo, and then Missie Carroll read on the Moon's surface presented the same striking similarities in the general appearance of the surfaces of the two planets, with their mountains and craters and accompanying features. The centers of the volcanoes on the moon vary from three to four or fifty to sixty, or even seventy miles in diameter, and some are 1,700 feet deep. The height of the crater walls is measured by their shadows. Lunar mountains, unlike terrestrial ones, are purely craters.

The next number was a declamation by Josiah Robinson. He recited "The Debating Society," the declamation as she had given at the state contest the evening before. Her ministrations of the various declators was inimitable and the audience showed their appreciation by encoreing long and loud as Miss Robinson re-appeared and recited the woes of a forlorn negro who had been, according to the story, "by the moon." Miss Robinson possesses great power of facial expression and a strong flexible voice, over both of which she has admirable control. Bertha Wilson '92 followed with an impersonation of a blackboy who is telling a friend what he saw at the theatre the evening before. This was encored, and Miss Wilson next recited the story of "Achaeus' Torment," which selections were given in an excellent manner and with perfect mimicity of the characters delineated.

The first part of the program was closed with a duct by Troyaud and Tourtellot. The second part was a glee, given on the same evening.

The program throughout was a decided success and to assert that it was thoroughly appreciated by the large audience in attendance is saying no more than the truth. The Hooperians and Hoopiterians are to be congratulated upon the high character of their entertainment, for it is not often that one is permitted to see a program so interesting in all its details given by college students.

Lauretta Cook has entered the University for the spring term.

CONTRIBUTION.
We invite all those interested in these volumes not yet responsible for the sentiments expressed.

ENTERTAINMENT—We have watched with some interest the attitude of both the Vixence and the South to the Athletic Association. The editors have almost without exception expressed the association from any blame for its present unpromising condition, and at the same time have heaped blame upon the student body for failing to support it. Now, as a reader I would like to ask whether the student body is under any more obligations to the Athletic Association than to any one of the Literary societies? If so, in what way? Are not both equally worthy? No one expects donations to the Literary societies, then why should they to the Athletic association. The members of the Literary societies, I will venture to assert, have paid more toward the maintenance of their respective organizations, three times over, than the members of the Athletic association have paid toward its support. Furthermore, the times taken by one of the Literary societies is greater than that taken by the Athletic association.

We would all agree that a student not a member of a literary society, and obtaining no benefit, should not be compelled to support it, should not even be asked to support it. If those organizations, literary societies and athletic association are of equal importance then certainly the Athletic association should not expect contributions from outsiders. Yet, this same athletic association having a debt of from one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars, which by the way is much less than some of the Literary societies are carrying at present, without moving a finger to help itself, has been whispering all winter like a spoiled child, trying to get the Literary societies or somebody, to pay this debt for it.

I do not wish in this article to be considered as attacking the purchase of an athletic field, for the Literary societies are furnished their fields and the Athletic association should be furnished its grounds, but further than that they should each stand upon their own merits. In short the Athletic association should put in practice what it boasts to develop, manliness and self-reliance.

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Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania have entered into an agreement to play football on the two coming Thanksgiving days the gains this fall to be played at Cambridge next year at Philadelphia.
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AT HOME AND ABROAD.
The Junior Law will find Trial and Judgement, and Criminal Law this week.

Nannie McKeevy, '93, was called back Saturday by the death of a relative.
Sanford, '93, is enjoying a visit from his friend W. T. Bailey, of Eagle City, Michigan.

F. P. Hagemann, '93, attended the wedding of his brother at Mankato, Ia., last Sunday.

The Irving - Enochson plan program has been postponed to Tuesday evening, May 2.

W. W. Kaye, '93, is selling the International Cyclopaedia in the vicinity of Mt. Pleasant.

J. C. Monsott, '96, has returned to school after a week's visit with his friends at home.

Fred Brustad, '93, is spending the spring term in Des Moines in the insurance business.

Mrs. Julia Stark Evans, wife of Hon. W. D. Evans, '78, L. '79, will graduate with the class of 94 this June.

Myra T. Day, '90, who been spending the past week in Washington D. C. is now visiting in Buffalo N. Y.

Big M. M. who has just completed a special course of study at New York, has passed the examination qualifying him as assistant surgeon in the U. S. Navy.

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The following scores were made at target practice last Saturday: Lumber 22, Swanoe 21, Holmquist 20. The ball park owing to the frequent rains that have fallen of late is in a very unsatisfactory condition for practice.

The Betsas gave a dance Saturday evening in honor of Powell, 90 and Smith, 92, who are soon to embark for the Bahamas.

Mrs. Burkhalter and daughters, of Cedar Rapids, have been the guests of librarian, Mrs. J. Wilson and Miss Bertha Wilson 92.

Those having charge of the canvas for the athletic field are making an effort to secure during this week the amount that is still needed for the purchase of the park.

C. L. Smith, '90, returned yesterday from his visit home, and is now busy unpacking the other half of the specimens collected on the Nicaragua Expedition.

Merrille R. Anderson our former professor of English now of Leland Stanford University has an article on Woodberry's complete works of Shelley in the last issue of the Dial.

John N. Nieden, '90, who has been spending several years in Leipzig, Germany, his just returned to this country, and stopped off on his way home for a brief visit with University friends yesterday. He will be here again in June to attend Commencement exercises.

For the Annual State Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held at Keokuk, Iowa, on April 25 to 27, the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railway will sell round trip excursion tickets to Keokuk from all stations on its line in Iowa at very low rates. Tickets on sale April 24 to 27 inclusive, good to return until and including April 28th, 1892. For further information call on or address any agent of this Company or your's truly.

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