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Base Ball.

The Luther College nine will play a second game with the University team on the home grounds at 2:30 p. m., to-day Let all who wish to see the home team surprise themselves and their supporters be on hand to witness the game.

A Trip to Granada.

In January last, the members of the S. U. I. Botanical expedition to Nicaragua were located on the island Ometepec in lake Nicaragua.

For various reasons, it was determined that I should make a trip to the city of Granada· So it came about that I embarked on a small lake schooner, about 9 p. m., January 29th The schooner was lightly rocked to and fro at anchor, by the incoming waves. In about an hour, everyone being on board, sail was made for Granada. As soon as the boat was beyond the point which gives protection to the anchorage the boat besides rocking began to pitch, much to my inconvenience. I feared lest certain watermelons should roll about the boat and be injured. In course of time I fell asleep but awoke towards morning when anchor was cast just outside the Granada harbor. About 6 o'clock in the morning anchor was raised and the schooner was soon tied to the wharf at Granada. By way of explanation I might say that there is a fine of $500 against any boat leaving or tying to the wharf of any Nicaraguan town on lake or river between 6 p. m. and 6 a. m. Otherwise, what would hinder any revolutionary force from descending and capturing any of the port towns by night while the Nicaraguans slept?

A large soap factory may be seen about a mile up the coast to the right as one enters the harbor. The shore is more or less covered with trees and large rocks. Many large rocks may be seen all along the coast here and scattered out in the water for some distance. For two miles along the shore women may be seen standing in water from few inches to two and three feet in depth, beating clothes upon these large stones throughout the day.

Immediately upon landing I in company with the owner of the schooner and fellow passengers, took coffee at the "*bodega* " (warehouse.).

The Granada *bodega* is situated at the lands end of the long pier and is within or on the remains of the old fort. Immediately after coffee I set out for the city by the wide road leading from the *landing* to the town, the road is lined on either side with trees among which the Mangoe predominates, just ripening. A quarter of a mile or more from the landing is an incline which is paved with large stones to prevent erosion in the rainy season. In fact there is little paving in Granada except on the inclines of the streets. I now come to some huts, a church and a "*cantina*" (a licensed saloon), the suberbs of the city. About a mile farther on is the plaza.

In the suberbs are to be seen cane huts, adobe and board houses with palm or tile roofs. In the better and business part of the city the houses are one-storied, mostly of stone with large doorways, few windows, if any, and tile roofs. The sidewalks when present are made of flag stone and are elevated one or two feet above the street.

I enquired my way to the market which I specially desired to see in full operation and which I had the pleasure of doing, as I arrived there in good time. Everything needful and some things not needful, it might be, could have been purchased that morning in that market. The market occupies a block and is surrounded by a high wall where not enclosed by store buildings. The west and one-half of the north side are occupied by stores. In one part was the department for meat where the fresh meat hung on frame work. Under one large shed dry goods were displayed. At another place women and girls were waiting to serve one with hot coffee, beans, etc., or with fruit, oranges especially being plentiful and cheap. Sitting on the curb where the people crowded along by the meat market, was an Indian girl with ten or a dozen "jicara" cup for sale.

The *jicara* cup is made from the fruit of the tree of the same name. The fruit, in many ways, is like a neckless gourd. Some are elliptical and some are nearly spherical and varying in size from a half pint to a gallon or more. The outer layer, or part is easily cut or carved and one often sees some *jicara* cups quite beautifully ornamented with cut figures. But to return.

At one stall different articles of hardware were for sale as well as baskets and cordage. In the center of the large shed was a couple of stands containing shoes, trunks, leather articles and ready made clothing, which were offered for sale. Near the stalls selling tin cups, coffee pots and such articles, were seated three men each with a small valise of jewlery open before him. They were near the large west entrance and many coming in and going out stopped to look at and, it might be, to purchase some facinating piece of jewelry. But I could not spend so much time looking around for I had many errands to perform and had only till 3 o'clock to do them in. Hence I was soon bargaining with keepers of stands for various things desired. I went back and bought eight jicara cups of the Indian girl. Soon I was loaded and was slowly making my way back to the schooner to deposit my purchases so as to return for more.

I now walked around the city by the railroad, to the north of the city, till I came to the depot where I took a street-car to the market. I made some purchase, looked around the city a bit and then returned to the landing.

Among my last purchases I might mention one. I wished some camphor so I entered a drug store and asked for some of the drug. Yes, he had some how much did I wish. I was not prepared for that so I was speechless. I had omitted to look up the subject of Spanish weights so, when asked "how much," I could not say. The druggist showed me a small quantity in a box but I said "more." He then handed me a pound box which I bought.

The owner of the schooner now said the boat would not leave before 5 o'clock and at 5 o'clock the lake was so rough I concluded to visit and return by the steamer the next day.

I returned, the next day, on the steamer much more to my personal comfort for the lake was very rough. The schooner, the night before, returned to Myogalfa, but the worse for the storm as a mast had to be cut away,

Such very briefly, was my trip to the city of Granada.

C. L. Smith.

The Oberlin Contest.

It is needless to say that the outcome of the Oberlin Contest was a disappointment to S. U. I., not because we confidently hoped to win first place in the league, but because we had no fears of receiving the last place. Our representative was a man of natural talent as a public speaker; he had had experience, and had always shown a pleasing and effective though not an artistic delivery. It is true that he had not manifested so much ability in written and memorized orations, as in more informal speeches, but it was believed that a little special training would overcome his defects so that on the rostrum he would equal the representatives of other colleges. Why is it that S. U. I. was defeated?

The defeat was not a "walk away." Mr. Mason's oration compared favorably with the other orations in the contest, ranking third; the markings on Mr. Beardsley's oration of last year also show that S. U. I. is not deficient in brains and literary skill. Our defeat at Oberlin was not caused by half hearted preparations, nor was it due consequently to blundering or floundering. Iowa's representative spoke better at Oberlin than he did at Iowa City; he was more graceful and seemed more at ease, and he had worked hard to perfect his delivery and to fitly represent S. U. I. This latter we believe he accomplished.

The fault was not with Mr. Mason. He did better than anybody that was available could have done. The fault lies with our institution. We do not lack material, though our numbers are less than those of any other institution in the league. The deficiency is in the enterprise of our students. We do not have the patience for long and constant training. Four years is not too long to develop representatives to inter-collegiate contests. Accordingly Madison selects seniors only to represent her, and this is the custom if not the rule in the other colleges of the league. In Oberlin, four annual contests are held in order to pick the league orator. In Madison, society exhibitions are held which are in reality spirited contests. The Ann Arbor men, we understand, undergo as severe training as is expected of their athletes. We can never hope to stand well in league contests when our Freshmen cannot muster six men who are willing to hold a class contest, when our Sophomores refuse to take the time to write for our home contest, when our Juniors are seemingly indifferent to development in public speaking, and our Seniors bottle their accumulating eloquence and only pull the stoppers to deluge committees on class day programs.

The second cause of our defeat is one that cannot be so easily remedied as the first. It is our lack of a professor of rhetoric and oratory. We understand that the other colleges of the league are well provided in this line. Northwestern especially, has a man of ability. It is true that we have an analogous department, which while it is excellent as far as it goes, is weak and deficient as a whole, and affords only elocutionary training; still even this much of preparation for oratorical development is with us accorded too little dignity.

We cannot hope that that in the near future the science of public speaking will receive recognition in the faculty; but this we can hope, that by faithful and earnest training some of our students may develop such excellence that in oratory S. U. I. need not always receive an inferior place.

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As the year draws to a close and we look back to ask ourselves in what way the University has been more progressive, besides more prosperous than it was last year, we are by no means met by a dearth. But in certain directions the failure to advance is too noticeable tobe over looked. The Y. M. C. A. building is *de facto* a University institution. It was built by the faculty, citizens, students and alumni bodies and is therefore partly to be regared as the property, for use at least, of these various divisions of the Public. The management of Close Hall has in some ways been this year commendably broadened in policy. Perhaps as much as circumstances would permit. We believe, however, that the time is ripe now for further advance.

In the first place public opinion is protesting that Close Hall must be open on Sunday. To outsiders the fact that the building has, since its dedication, been closed on the very day when of all times one would expect it to be open, will be a surprise. But such is the fact; the steam is turned off, the curtains are drawn and tne doors are locked all day Sunday save for a couple of hours in the afternoon while the gospel meetings are being held in the auditorium. This is not a state of affairs which modern Christianity can endorse. It is least of all a condition which the essential policy of the Y. M. C. A. as an international institution would countenance. This building should be opened for the reception of members, visitors, strangers, and a hearty welcome to callers should be held out by Close Hall on Sunday of all days in the week.

College Notes.

The Utah University has a department for deaf mutes.

Phillips Exeter Academy intends to ntroduce the dormitory system.

The Bona, DePauw University, gives cuts of each of the Junior Annual editors. It will issue a monthly edition in connection with the weekly next year.

Harvard annex, established in '80, has now 300 students.

There are three graduates of Harvard, two of Yale, and one of Princeton among the players on the Chicago University base ball team.

Cornell University has received fifty boxes of statuary from plaster works of the Royal Museum of Berlin, for the Museum of Classical Archæology.

American students will be allowed to join the summer gathering of the University extension students at Cambridge University, England.

The Yale Dramatic Club will present a burlesque on "Robin Hood."

Plans of the new site of Columbia College have been submitted to the trustees.

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AT HOME AND ABROAD.

The S. U. I. delegation to Oberlin returned Sunday morning.

Booth, D. '95, was down from Marion, Sunday to visit his brother.

Charles Volmer, M. '92, is at London doing special work in the Eye and Ear.

The Sophomore elocution class are preparing a program to be given in the near future.

The class in American Diplomacy will finish their text book work Wednesday.

R. H. McCoy, '93, is working as leveler on the Spokane Falls and Northern railroad.

G. B. Rigg, '95, has decided to teach in a normal school at Rockwell, Iowa, this coming year.

Mrs. Ridgeway is very busy numbering and cataloging the new books just received at the library.

Rigg, '95 and Ring, '93, visited Marion, Monday and Tuesday attending an Epworth League convention.

Robert Peck, M. '92, is a member of the U. S. Consular Legation at Hamburg, as inspector of the hygienic condition of ships and their passengers.

The Hesperians will give a regular program next Saturday evening in place of the joint program with the Zetagathians which will be given at a later date.

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A complete account of both ball games will be given in Thursday's issue.

In the tennis singles Saturday, Tuttle beat Neal 6—0; 5-2, Rutledge 6-0; 6-1. Zollinger beat Chantland. In the finals which have not yet been played off, Zollinger beat Tuttle 6-3; 6-1; third set Tuttle, beat Zollinger 7-5.

W. B. LaForce, '90, writes us from Vienna, Austria, where he is taking post-graduate work in what is probably the largest hospital in the world, having over 3000 beds. W. L. Bierring, M. '91, is doing post-graduate work in the same hospital.

The members of the advanced botany class have succeeded in mounting some good permanent sections illustrating the division of the nucleus and the development of pollen grains from the mother cells. The cultivation of the pollen grain will be taken up next.

Inter-State Contest.

The first and second places in the Inter-State Contest were awarded as follows: First to A. A. Hopkins, of Lake Forest University, Lake Forest, Illinois, subject, "Cavour;" second, J. H. Kimball, Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin, subject, "Judgments of History." Ten States were represented, Iowa's representative F. A. Heizer, of Parsons College ranked near the very foot of the list.

It is a well known fact that Gail Hamilton has been engaged for some time on a biography of James G. Blaine. The author is Mr. Blaine's literary executor and has the hearty co-oporation of his family. She has known the inner and outer life of the man who has for years stood as the foremost American statesman and political leader. She had his respect and confidence and to her care were confided his papers, letters and all his historical and biographical effects. Herself a writer of remarkable power, with a force and vividness of style which are the envy of her literary contemporaries, she undertakes a subject in its own character fascinating beyond any other American biography of the past decades. From the combination of a great subject and a great writer, a great book must result. The interest already manifested in the work shows that the demand will be great. It will be issued in one large, octavo volume and finely illustrated by the best artists. The exclusive sale for the work for Iowa has been secured by G. H. Mitchell & Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Write for territory.

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"	"	39	"	6:40 o. m.
"	"	40	"	6:45 p. m
"	"	37	arrives	10:00 a. m.
Freight		49	leaves	3 p. m.

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Passenger	No.	4	leaves	3.45 p. m.
"	"	34	"	8:45 a.m.
"	"	36	"	5:25 p.m.
"	"	38	arrive	7:30 p.m.
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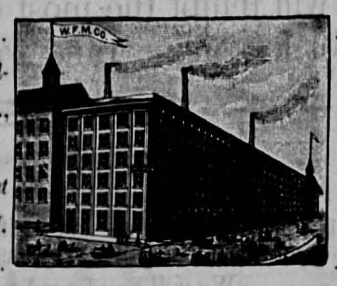

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