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To Seniors.

Seniors will meet at Close Hall tomorrow, Sunday, afternoon at 3:30, to attend the Baccalaureate services at the Opera House.

Per Order of President.

The Last Drill.

The Battalion drill and dress parade was witnessed by an unusually large crowd yesterday. A salute of fifteen guns was fired at 4 o'clock. The battalion was reviewed by Adjutant General Greene after which an exhibition battery drill was given including mounting and dismounting. The sabre drill which followed was not very successful as the boys were too nearly worn out to be prompt in their movements or attentive to commands. The battalion was then reformed for dress parade and for the publication of the orders which we give below:

HEADQUARTERS } University Battalion
} ion. Iowa City Ia.
} June 9th, 1893.

Orders }
No. 8. }

I. The result of the competitive drill is announced as follows:

- Co. D, Captain Stover, 92.1 per cent.
- Co. C, Captain Smith, 91.1 per cent.
- Co. B, Captain Bailey, 87.8 per cent.
- Co. A, Captain Butler, 84.4 per cent.

II. In accordance with the requirements of General Orders, No. 15, Headquarters of the Army, A. G. O., February 12th, 1890, the names of the following students will be reported to the Adjutant General of the Army and the Adjutant General of the State as having shown special aptitude for military service:

Will Bailey,
Rush C. Butler,
Charles C. Stover.

The names of the following students will be added to the list reported to the Adjutant General of the State:

C. H. Smith,
Harl Myers,
E. C. Johnson.

III. In taking leave of the Battalion the Commandant wishes to express to its individual members his appreciation of the manner in which the work of the year has been performed; his thanks are especially due to the officers of the Battalion for their intelligent and hearty co-operation. It is not without regret that he severs his connection with the University, and especially with the Battalion. He asks for his successor a continuance of the honest work and the endeavor to make the military department a credit to the University, which is now characteristic of the University Battalion. In conclusion, he extends to the individual members of the Battalion his earnest wish for their future welfare and success.

By Order of Major Read.

Commencement of the Societies.

The annual Commencement exercises of Zetagathian, Irving, Hesperian and Erodolphian Literary Societies was held in the Opera House last evening, Major Read presiding. The Invocation was pronounced by Rev. C. E. Perkins. After a baritone solo by Mr. Chas. Xanten which was heartily encored Mrs. Mary Barber Ely, presiding for the Erodolphian society, introduced the society orator Miss Zulema Kostomlatsky who delivered an excellent oration on "What Will the World Say." She has a good voice and is at ease on the stage. Her oration was a straightforward practical discussion. Mrs. Ely in an appropriate speech then conferred upon the graduates, Jessamine Jones and Frances L. Rogers, the society pin. The response was given by Francis L. Rogers.

Major Read then introduced Professor Weld the presiding officer of the Irving society. Their orator J. W. Reynolds spoke on "The Universal Conflict." He was slightly embarrassed and had to be prompted several times which seriously marred an otherwise good oration. Professor Weld then conferred the Diploma of the society upon George Beardsley, Rush C. Butler, L. J. Burt, Matt C. Cunningham, Albert B. Fair, Elza C. Johnson, Harl Myers, Fred W. Neal, Gerald N. Sabia, Allen T. Sanford and George Gruwell. L. J. Burt responding for the graduates.

Miss Mae Williams then sang a beautiful solo which was also encored. Mrs. Alice Cook introduced Inez F. Keiso, the Hesperian orator. Her oration was entitled "A Century of Realism." It was a thoughtful oration, delivered in an earnest manner. The conferring of the Society pin upon Julia Maia Crawford, Elizabeth Moore, Bessie G. Parker, and Mrs. Julia Stark Evans, by Mrs. Cooke in an interesting speech was responded to by Elizabeth Moore. The last orator of the evening, Harry Blunt, was introduced by B. L. Wick, who presided for the Zetagathian society. "Industrial Liberty," was his subject. He plead for greater power in the hands of the laborer and for arbitration in settling disputes. Unfortunately he also had to be prompted.

B. L. Wick, in a touching speech, presented the Society diplomas to W. W. Kaye, Felix J. Langenhorst, O. H. L. Mason, P. A. McMillan, D. Wallace McMillen, P. D. Van Oosterhout, Herbert C. Ring, Charles C. Stover, Samuel K. Stevenson, and H. M. Troy. P. A. McMillan's response on behalf of the graduates, which closed the program of the evening.

Declamatory Contest.

Thursday evening occurred the Freshmen Girls' annual Declamatory Contest. After the invocation by Rev. Mr. Dow, and a violin solo by Bert Barborka, President Schaeffer, the presiding officer of the evening announced the first declamation, by Maud B. Butler.

"Robi Di Roma," or "The Modern Juliet," was the subject of Miss Butler's declamation. The selection was unfortunate, and hardly suitable for even a high school contest—an undignified incident told in a shambling fashion. The speaker did fairly well, considering her selection, though her voice is too thin to gain her a very high place among the contestants.

"The Angels of Buena Vista," by Elinor Dubal, though an old and hackneyed piece, was patiently listened to by the audience, because of the clear enunciation and graceful gestures of the speaker. Her facial expression was also excellent.

Miss Lida Slemmons was unable to appear, on account of illness.

Miss Lulu C. Holson spoke "The Little Black-eyed Rebel." Her voice was rather strained, and her gestures entirely too studied. The one good point about her delivery was that she could be heard, which cannot be said of more than four others who spoke.

The same criticism as to forgetting may be applied to both Miss Dubal and Miss Elizabeth Jones. The latter's selection, "Vashti," would no doubt have been much better delivered if the lines had not been forgotten near the beginning. This confused the speaker and caused an indistinctness of utterance which was not overcome till half the declamation had been delivered. The last part was much better given.

Nannie G. Carroll, with her clear, resonant voice, and her excellent selection, "The Trial of Rebecca," held the attention of the audience from beginning to end. Her selection was so well delivered that not one murmur of dissent was heard when it was announced that she received first place.

After a piano solo by Miss Grace Partridge, the sixth speaker, Amy Zimmerman, declaimed "Dorothy Q." It was difficult to catch the thread of narrative in her declamation, as her voice was not loud enough. Her manner on the stage, however, was easy and natural.

Ethel Charlton, who declaimed Riley's "Knee Deep in June," was in several respects the most pleasing speaker of the evening. Her selection was exactly suited to herself, and she delivered it with a simplicity and naturalness not often seen in an amateur declaimer. Every word was

distinctly heard, and there was no forgetting.

"A Legend of Toledo," by Miss Ella J. Jones, was another ill-chosen piece. The speaker showed little enthusiasm and could not be heard without difficulty.

Helen Stewart in "The Boat Race," spoke clearly and was fairly at ease in her manner. Her delivery would have been better, however, if she had taken more time to it and not spoken so rapidly. She also forget her lines, and was thereby confused.

The judges, Judge G. S. Robinson, Hon. Joe A. Edwards, and Mr. Guido Stempel of Oskaloosa, with Professor Call as referee, made the following decision:

1st place, Nannie G. Carroll; 2nd, Lulu C. Holson; 3rd, Elinor Dubal.

A pantomime was presented by the Freshmen girls while the judges were making up the decision, which was the best thing of the kind seen in the University for a long time. Various emotions were set forth in pantomime and eight beautiful classic tableaux were given. Great credit is due the Instructor in Elocution for the painstaking drill which made possible such a faultless presentation of difficult studies.

Notice.

F. A. Remley, formerly an S. U. I. student and at present a student of theology at Leipsic, will deliver the Annual Address of the Y. M. C. A. at Close Hall Auditorium at 8 p. m. tomorrow, subject "Christ and Character."

French Seminary.

Wednesday, June 7th, Mrs. Ely read an excellent paper, before the French Seminary, on *Esther*, one of Racine's two religious tragedies. This is a play of great purity of morals and beauty of construction. It is noted for its lyrical sweetness. This play was written primarily for the young ladies of the school of St. Cyr, which was founded and managed by Mme. de Maintenon. At this session *Phedra* one of Racine's masterpieces was discussed, its consideration having been delayed from the preceding week.

College Notes.

At Cambridge University, England, the Pitt scholarship was won by a Freshman.

The World's Fair has cost over \$32,000,000. The Paris Exposition of '89, cost only \$8,300,000.

Mr. Pulitzer of the New York *World* has offered to pay the expenses of sending an American crew to England to meet the champion Oxford eight, the crew going to be the winner of the Harvard-Yale race.

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The school year just closing has been eventful in many ways. The old time class scraps have been abolished and there has been a closer relation between faculty and students than ever before, in fact there has been an almost entire absence of antagonism which sometimes so mar college life. A far better feeling exists in all departments than did last year and it can not fail to have its influence. Seven or eight hundred students going out over the State to spend their vacation and all speaking words of praise and commendation cannot fail to raise the University in the eyes of even her enemies. Then too the students have shown an enterprising spirit, a desire to push out and meet other institutions both in athletic and literary work. We have not always been successful, it is true, but the contact has a broadening, educating influence, for by it we learn our faults and weaknesses. A few more years of such faithful work will place S. U. I. easily among the ranks of the best Universities of our country. We are now in a position to invite criticism and comparison, and to let those who for any reason still malign the University come and see for themselves.

With yesterdays drill Major Read closed his four years connection with the University. In that time he has won the respect of all the students and has so conducted the military department as to make it reflect great credit upon the institution. Our battalion having more than once received notice from the government inspector as the best drilled of any in this division. It is the hard conscientious work of such men as Major Read that

will win for us a more favorable recognition from the citizens of our own state as well as from sister institutions and the VIDETTE voices the sentiments of the student body when it expresses its regrets at this parting.

The next and last issue of this paper for the year will be on next Thursday. It will be a double number, and contain a complete account of the Commencement exercises.

In the athletics games at St. Paul's school, Concord, R. A. Hickok threw the hammer 102 feet, 8 1/2 inches.

Yale holds four inter-collegiate records, Princeton four, Harvard three, Amherst two and Columbia one.

The University of Michigan will issue an Alumni Weekly in connection with the daily college paper.

Harvard's exhibit at Chicago will contain two plaster casts representing the typical college man and college girl of the United States.

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W. A. Ferren, '92, and P. L. Sargent '92, are here for Commencement week.

The Laws have been having their examinations the past three days.

H. L. Hastings, L. '90, is in town visiting his parents and the University people.

We notice F. W. Meyers, '92 and Walter Lovell, '91, among commencement visitors.

Miss Beach of Ackley, Iowa, is the guest of Blanch Girtler, '96, during Commencement week.

Professor Loos has been offered but has declined the presidency of Western College Toledo, Iowa.

Those wishing to subscribe for the Hawkeye, '94, can apply to almost any member of '95. for blanks.

Messrs R. P. Miller, '94, George F. Thompson, '94, and W. B. Johnson, L. '94, left last night for Chicago to visit the World's Fair.

Alphons Matthews, the regent from Dubuque, is in town attending to committee work before the full meeting of the board.

The Y. M. C. A. had a meeting Thursday evening and decided to send four delegates to Lake Geneva encampment this summer, Mason, Aldrich, Allen and Williams.

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