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Y. M. C. A. Lecture Course.

A course of nine lectures will be given next term. The course tickets will be sold at \$1. For lecturers, subjects and dates, see bills. Seats will be reserved at Close Hall, and will be on sale at the book stores and at Close Hall.

LECTURE COMMITTEE.

Junior Annual.

Owing to the quite general demand on the part of various organizations of the University for formal representation in the Junior Annual, the Executive Board have decided to postpone the time of publication, and give space to such as may desire. Three dollars per page will be charged. No organization will be allowed more than two pages, and those having their pictures inserted will be allowed one page free of charge, and one additional page, if desired, at the regular rate. No emblematic cuts are to be inserted. The request for space, with copy, must be handed in before January 5, 1894.

J. H. ALLEN,
Editor in Chief.

Loyal to S. U. I.

A letter from the A. P. Society, of St. Louis, in which was enclosed a neat little sum as a present to the Foot-Ball Association, was received by Manager Lomas last Monday. The Society is composed of the following former S. U. I. students: P. H. Waterman, ex-'92; O. L. Campbell, L. '92; F. M. Patterson, ex-'92; F. L. Ferguson, ex-'92; S. Verveer, '92; W. G. Craig, ex-'92; J. E. Conn, M. '92. In the letter they declare it to be one of the rules of their society "to ever cherish an affection for the S. U. I." It is such words as these from our alumni which will urge us on to better things. It is not the sum contributed so much as the loyalty shown which we appreciate, for as Lowell has said, "The gift without the giver is bare."

Seminary in Pedagogy.

Last Saturday the Seminary in Pedagogy held its last meeting of the term. No complete paper was read. Mr. Wood read the conclusion of his review of "School Methods," on which book he has prepared two papers. Annabel Collins gave the introduction of her paper for next term, "Comparison of German and American School Systems," in which she treated of the general features of the German school system. Rose Henderson read a paper giving the outlines of the school system of England, the regular seminary paper to be prepared for next term.

English Literature Seminary.

This Seminary held its last meeting for this term last Tuesday afternoon. Frances Church, '94, read the paper, the subject being "Pope's Essay on Man." The paper showed very thorough preparation and was one of the most interesting read this term. The writer treated the "Essay on Man" from a philosophical stand point and showed how it was a combination of scraps from several systems of philosophy. The difficulties experienced by Pope in

attempting to write a poem with so lofty a subject were cited. The metre and form of the poem were discussed. Lastly the excellencies of the poem were taken up.

After the reading of the paper a discussion followed as to the place in literature held by Pope to-day.

Athletics at Wellesley.

Endeavors to introduce out-of-door athletics at Wellesley have met with marked success. Up to the opening of 1892 no systematic out-of-door work had been given the students. Rowing was then introduced under careful supervision, and aroused such interest that 175 of the young women competed for positions on the crews. The class of '96 raised \$2,500 to build a boat-house last year, and Dr. W. A. Brooks, a former oarsman of Harvard coached the crews.

The trustees of the college have granted the use of three acres of land southeast of Stone Hall for an athletic field. As money was needed to put this field in repair, the class of '97 raised \$1,250. A running track is being made, and the ground laid out for tennis and basket ball.—*Crimson*.

A New Departure In Language Teaching.

In connection with a recent lecture on the study of languages, it may be pertinent to call attention to an application of mechanism to language teaching, which seems destined to prove of great assistance to both teacher and pupil. This is nothing less than the utilization of the speaking phonograph for reproducing the exact sounds of foreign languages. Now that this instrument has been developed to the point where it exactly reproduces the most delicate shades of sound, mirroring human speech with all its minutest niceties, its application to practical phonetics becomes a foregone conclusion. It is natural in our age that the point of beginning should be on the side where the science touches pecuniary gain, that is, in the actual teaching of foreign languages.

The credit of this introduction of the phonograph into language-teaching belongs to the author of the well-known Meistershaft system, who has had phonographic cylinders prepared with his revised courses in German, French and Spanish. To the student the phonograph will bring the advantage that he can be sure of learning a cultivated native pronunciation of the language he is studying; and that those sounds which he can learn to produce only by first learning to distinguish them after almost countless repetition, he can so hear at his own convenience, and without the expense of foreign travel. The teacher, on his part, will be saved the drudgery of mere voice-drill in language classes; and instead of being condemned to the wearisome repetition of sounds, which the phonograph can produce equally well or even better, and without fatigue, he will have his time saved for instruction in the phonetic principles of the language, and for more individual

work in the field of philology and literature.

It will be interesting to watch the progress of this new departure; and those of us who have labored on with even the best of the old methods may well envy those who will hereafter have this great assistance in their language-study.—*Brown Herald*.

Botanical Expedition.

Mr. Charles L. Smith, '91, started December 19th, on another botanical expedition. Nicaragua, the Southern Mexican States and countries adjacent thereto, is the ground of exploration. Mr. Smith goes under the auspices of the University, and will be gone about two years. This is a continuation of the exploration already begun in that country by Mr. Shimek, assisted by Mr. Smith, in 1893. A full and very interesting account of the expedition is given in the last number of the Natural History Bulletin. The University is spreading her wings; Mr. Russell in the far North collecting for the Museum, and Mr. Smith in the far South collecting for the Herbarium. This sort of work is of great importance to the University, and there should surely be a fund set apart for scientific explorations and research. There is too much of it done for the rather unsatisfactory consideration of "love and affection." Both of these young men are risking their lives for science and for the growth of their Alma Mater, and yet Mr. Russell is paid barely his expenses, while Mr. Smith goes with personal help alone from the Professor of Botany. Through the influence of Hon. J. H. Gear, Mr. Smith carries letters of introduction from Secretary Gresham to the U. S. Minister and Consuls resident in all the countries he will visit.

Book Bulletin.

VIDETTE-REPORTER, '92-'93.
English Historical Review, 1892.
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. 24 pamphlets.
Morris, G. S.—Final Cause as a Principle of Cognition.
Friis, J. A.—Lajla, a Tale of Finmark.
Bradley, F. H.—Appearance and Reality.
Bateman, F.—Aphasia, or Loss of Speech.
Ross, James—Aphasia—Dissolution of Speech from Cerebral Diseases.
Ziehen, Theodor—Introduction to Physiological Psychology.
Mackenzie, John S.—Manual of Ethics.
Lang, Andrew—Myth, Ritual and Religion. 2 vols.
Hannot, Capt.—Photographie sans les Armees.
Clery, C. Francis—Minor Tactics. 12th edition.
Molard, J.—Aide Memorie de l'officier L'infanterie en Campagne. 4th ed.
Sienkiewicz, Henryk—Pan Michael.
Home, Robert (compiler)—Precis of Modern Tactics, Revised.
Romagny, Chas.—Elude sommaria des batailles d'un siecle. Atlas de geographie militaire.
Dittes, Frederick—Schule der Pädagogik. Fourth edition.
Secley, J. R.—English Lessons for

English People. Sixteenth edition.
Herrick, Robt.—Poems, 3 vols.
Jellet, John H.—Theory of Friction.
Mox, Col.—Nations de geologie, Climatologie et d'ethnographie.
Abercomby, Ralph—Seas and Skies in many Latitudes.
Kunze, Gustav—Analecta Perio-graphica sen Felicium.
Pillon, de Tournefort—Relation d'un Voyage du Levant.

Literary Note.

The second edition of the December World's Fair *Cosmopolitan* brings the total up to the extraordinary figure of 400,000 copies, an unprecedented result in the history of magazines. Four hundred thousand copies—200 tons—ninety-four million pages—enough to fill 200 wagons with 2,000 pounds each in a single line, in close order, this would be a file of wagons more than a mile and a half long. This means not less than 2,000,000 readers, scattered throughout every town and village in the United States. The course of *The Cosmopolitan* for the past twelve months may be compared to that of a rolling snowball; more subscribers mean more money spent in buying the best articles and best illustrations in the world; better illustrations and better articles mean more subscribers, and so the two things are acting and reacting upon each other until it seems probable that the day is not far distant when the magazine publisher will be able to give so excellent an article that it will claim the attention of every intelligent reader in the country.

College Notes.

Yale has received \$100,000 during the last month.
There are 115 candidates for the Columbia base-ball team.
The Woman's College, of Baltimore, has an endowment of a million dollars.
A new dormitory, to cost about \$25,000, is to be erected at Smith College.
Syracuse University has received \$10,000 to found a lectureship in missions.
Two thousand five hundred and thirteen are registered at the University of Michigan.
At a recent meeting of the Inter-Collegiate Foot-Ball League it was voted to debar Medical students from playing.
Justice Billings, of the class of 1853, of Yale, has bequeathed \$70,000 to Yale College for a professorship in English Literature, with a salary of \$5,500 a year.
The last number of *The Harvard Crimson* contains a long editorial condemning the growth of the *semnar* as an easy method of preparing for the examinations.
The *Ariel*, of the University of Minnesota, published an excellent "foot-ball number," with individual pictures of all the players. It discusses foot-ball past, present and future, and contains among other things an article by President Northrop on "Our Faculty's Attitude Toward Foot-ball."

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The present issue was held until Friday morning since according to our contract with the Business Manager we could have no paper on Saturday. The first issue next term will be on Thursday, Jan. 4.

This week closes our work for this term and for a few days the weary student will be permitted to rest and do nothing except what he wishes to do. This short period of rest will be a boon to many of the students and nearly all will make the most of it. But there are some few who have enough work planned for vacation to keep them busy if the vacation were three times as long as it really is. These students seem to think it is the unpardonable sin to lay aside all study and for even one short week forget all about it. They act as if they were afraid that unless they keep their work constantly before them all the knowledge they have acquired thus far will slip away from them and they will have to go back to the beginning again with the opening of next term. We do not believe this is the proper way to look upon vacation and especially the Holiday vacation. It should not be a time for doing heavier work than we have done during the whole term, but a time for entering into the joyous spirit of the seasons, for thoroughly enjoying ourselves and for laying in a supply of vital energy with which to take up the work of the next term.

At a meeting of the editorial staff of the VIDETTE-REPORTER Tuesday afternoon Carl Treimer, '95, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ralph Dunlap, '95, who is compelled to give up all his extra work on account of trouble with his eyes. Miss Nannie G. Carroll, '96, was also elected associate editor to take the place of Miss Anne Burrell, '95, who has left the University. For

the Law Department, C. F. Clark, L. '94, will take the place of S. K. Stevenson who assumes his duties as Superintendent of schools of Johnson county on Jan. 1. We take pleasure in introducing to our readers these new members of the board and believe that they will do much towards helping us publish a paper representative of S. U. I.

At a meeting of the men of all the college departments, last Thursday, a committee was appointed to report Monday on what should be done to settle the difficulty that has been vexing I. C. and S. U. I.—Unit.

The editors of the Oracle, the U. of Michigan publication, were compelled to remove one page of "personal grinds" to avoid a law suit. We think the grind business over done in our Junior Annuals, and in all similar publications, and hope that our present Board will avoid giving prominence to that department.

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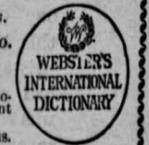
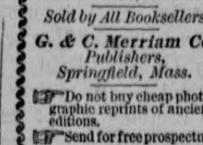
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Fact and Rumor.

Dave Fairchild is visiting S. U. I. friends.

The Erodophians will give a pay program the first part of next term.

W. E. Crum, L. '68, visited his son, J. V. Crum, '94, last Saturday.

Hereafter in all history examinations the Harvard "Blue book" will be used.

Miss Annabel Bremner of Marshalltown is visiting her brother, Bremner, L. '95.

Mary Collson, '97, has been absent from recitations this week on account of sickness.

C. W. Kellogg, L. '94, and Guido Wirth, L. '95, will not return to school after the Holidays.

The Law Faculty had their pictures taken for the Junior Annual Tuesday afternoon at Coover's.

Wm. Elliott of Creston was a visitor at the Law Department yesterday. He expects to enter next term.

The flag floated over the central building Wednesday in honor of Ex-Governor Kirkwood's eightieth birthday.

Professor M. J. Wade delivered an address at the opening of the Court House at Marengo, Iowa, Thursday Dec. 20.

The Botany classes were entertained by Professor and Mrs. McBride, last evening, at their home on Washington street.

The following is the schedule of the American History Seminary: Jan. 4.—"The Salem Witchcraft," John Hornby. Jan. 18—"Continental Congress," (first paper,) H. G. Plum. "Continental Congress"(second paper,) Annabel Collins.

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Librarian Rich will read a paper before the annual meeting of the State Library Association to be held in Des Moines next week.

The "Zets" and "Heps" have decided to entirely rescat their hall. New chairs have been ordered and will be in place by the first week of next term.

Morris A. Zollinger, L. '94, returned to school this week to take examinations with the class. He has been reading law in an office in Vinton since last spring.

The next Pentathlon contest will be held Jan. 9 and 10, 1894. This will be the second in the series which will be held to choose representatives to the state contest, to be held in Davenport in May.

The Ridgway Club held its regular meeting last Tuesday evening in the zoology lecture room. The program consisted of a paper by Decker on "The Avian Alimentary Canal." After some discussion the club adjourned until Jan. 9th.

Friday afternoon at their regular business meeting, the Erodelphians elected the following officers for the winter term: President, Grace Burge; Vice President, Elinor Dubal; Recording Secretary, Maude Butler; Corresponding Secretary, Adelaide Lasheck; Sargeant-at-arms, Gertrude Blakely.

The secyod bulletin of the Homeopathic Department will be out in March, 1894. Its special feature will be an account with illustrations of experiments now being made by the senior class on the generation of nerves. The work is original, and will prove creditable to both the students and the department.

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