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A Letter From Russell.

(*Continued from last issue.*)

I now began to live on short rations, as we were not catching any fish in the net, though the others still ate four hearty meals a day. In the evening of September 3d, the wind subsided long enough to enable us to cross the bay. From this point to the Gros Cape the islands are larger and fewer in number. We were four days in traveling this thirty miles. But the seventh of September was a calm day, and we pushed on with all speed, as we were now without food and had little tea and tobacco left. We reached the Gros Cape, called *Neechel-ah-keye*—the Big White Point—by the Indians, early in the morning. It is a rather prominent granite hill, not projecting into the lake, but marking the point from which to set out from the mainland for the islands. These islands form a chain extending to the south shore of the lake, a distance of perhaps fifty miles. The traverse to the first cluster of small islands is short; we stopped here to boil the the kettle. Amiel shouted, "*Les Grenes Jannes*," which brought the whole party scrambling up the rocks to the stretch of moss which covered the north side of the little island, where a patch of yellow berries shaded by the slope of the hill still remained upon the stem though it was past the season for them. These berries, like overgrown blackberries in shape, are of a rich yellow color, slightly oily in taste, and by far the best of northern berries. They grow singly upon a simple stem three or four inches above the moss. We swept down upon that patch like a swarm of locusts. No need to tell the children, "manges les grenes." Red rasberries, black and red currants, a species of creeping blueberry, two species of red berries known as cranberries, crow berries, saskatoon and gooseberries were also found.

We crossed the next traverse by nightfall, a distance of eighteen miles The shifting wi d that might raise a sea that would swamp us in a few minutes made the crossing dangerous. We were not in the best possible "condition" but each one strained every muscle, not missing a stroke of the paddle for three hours. For the first half of the traverse our eyes were fixed now upon the horizon for the appearance of a roll upon the surface of the lake or a cloud indicating the appearance of wind, now toward the islands before us which still lay below the horizon.

As usual we chose a poor camping place, this time landing upon a small island that had been recently swept over by fire. The wind continued for four days, rain and sleet falling nearly all the time. Four white fish are considered a day's rations in the north, my rations for the four days was one white fish and the supply of salt being exhausted that one was eaten without "extras." The three days upon which I had nothing but tea were spent in a half torped condition, too could and week to move about. The three small children fared ill enough, the admonition, "*mangez les grenes*" or "*reste du tranquille*" failing to quiet their clamor.

Across a short traverse we could see a small group of rocks by which lay the Grand Traverse to the mainland on the south shore of the lake. This traverse to *L'Isle de Pierre* is the most dreaded of all as there are no islands on either side. Starting at 4 o'clock a. m., on the morning of the 12th, we reached the mainland at eleven. When the low lying shore of the delta of the Great Slave River is first seen by the Indians in making the crossing the shout of "*In-dah-kinhl*" (mainland) is raised. On this occosion I lent my voice to the cry with a right good will. We still had twenty-five miles of lake and river "*suys*" to traverse before reaching the Fort. All were weak with hunger. Tea and tobacco were gone and all were anxious to "*moosh*" (push on as fast as possible). As we were forcing our way against a strong current in one of the "*suys*" at nightfall we came upon a small hunting canoe containing Mr. Edward Nagle, one of the "traders" at the post, and his servant Francois. We had a few hard "cakes" and three or four ducks. While the latter were boiling three musk rats were shot and put into the kettle and I must admit that those "castors," as the breeds called them, were delicious. The luxury of bread once more! In the morning our blankets were white with the first heavy frost of the season. Our breakfast—it was pleasant to contemplate the certainty of having a breakfast—consisted of ducks and rats, the small stock of bread being exhausted. A steady rain soon began which continued until we reached Fort Resolution at 3 p. m. We had been sixteen days making a trip that is usually accomplished in four or five.

For a day and a half I enjoyed the generous hospitality of Mr. Jas McKinley, the clerk in charge.

The "Fire traders" having concluded to send a scow loaded with goods across the lake, I made arrangements to accompany them.

On the afternoon of the 15th of September we began the return trip. Mr. Jas. Hislop was in charge with a couple of Breeds from the Fort to assist Amiel and Vitall in rowing the barge as far as *L'Isle de Pierre*, after which we expected to depend principally upon the sail. We reached the Grand Transverse the third day and attempted to cross with a light but favorable wind We had gone about half way to the Islands when the wind died away, springing up again almost immediately from the north and blowing with increasing violence nearly swamping our craft before we reached *L'Isle de Pierre* again. The gale continued throughout the next day. But on the 19th we crossed to the Gros Cape and again laid by for four days while the north wind howled across the lake. On the 27th we sailed into a "*suy*" which we found covered with ice an inch in thickness which cut through the planking of the barge in a few minutes. We occupied the day in extricating ourselves from this difficulty. And so with varying fortunes, now running upon sunken rocks alternately sailing and rowing, we reached Fort Rae on the 28th of September, having been fourteen days on the journey.

I discharged the boy Andrew as he was laboring under the impression that I could not get on without him.

Since my return I have been engaged with orinthological and ethnological specimens.

Sincerely Yours,

FRANK RUSSELL.

Denominational Literature in the University Library.

A few days ago, the libarian of the general library of the university addressed letters to the several ministers in Iowa City soliciting their influence and aid in procuring, through the publishing boards of their respective denominations, such official and other publications as they might be disposed to donate to the library, with a view to collecting in the library valuable historical, statistical, doctrinal, and other literature pertaining to the great religious bodies of the country. Nearly all of the ministers addressed responded promptly and favorably. Dr. Barrett, of the Presbyterian church, forwarded promptly to the Board of Publication, at Philadelphia, the letter addressed to him. The Board of Publication responded with equal promptness and with equal favor. On Thursday, the 8th., the substantial acknowledgment came in the form of a collection of Church liturature, comprising 30 pound volumes, as shown in the following list:

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This prompt and generous action on the part of the Presbyterian Board of Publication is likely to be followed by similar action on the part of other denominational Boards.

To Dr. Barrett is due the credit of securing this valuable collection.

J. W. RICH,
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Erodelphian Special Program.

A large crowd greeted the Erodelphians Saturday evening in their special program, which was opened with an amusing medley by Zulema Kostomlatsky, Elinor Dubal, Lulu Holson, Mae Freeman, and Mary McGuire.

A song, "Three Maids of Lea," by Beulah McFarland, Elena McFarland and Mary Barrett, was a very original feature of the program. The song was itself pleasing, and its rendition good.

The lawn-tennis drill was the next on the program. Eight young ladies went through the various movements of the drill in a manner which was very nearly perfect.

The second part of the program was the farce entitled "Old Gooseberry." This is a very amusing farce, and was very much enjoyed by all. The plot is as follows: Mr. Fizzington Corker, a deaf old gentleman, is determined that his daugnter shall not marry an individual in full possession of all his faculties, for they would talk together all day long and he wouldn't be able to hear them. His daughter, Laura, is equally determined that she will not marry a deaf husband. By a peculiar circumstance, the young man whom she is most fond of, finds his way to her home, and as he is accused of being a poacher, he feigns deafness, therefore Mr. Corker pronounced him the very young man for a son-in-law. At this happy moment a German physician arrives and cures Mr. Corker of his deafness. Matty, the discontented housemaid, who has been accustomed to give vent to her feelings without reserve, as her master cannot hear, does not know of this cure, and accordingly goes on calling her master names, and brings his wrath down upon her. Since Corker can hear he changes his mind about having a deaf son-in-law, and gives Simon Snapshot, the young man who is though to be a poacher, notice to leave, but by Laura's intervention and the knowledge that he has only been feigning deafness, he accepts him as his son-in-law.

In the cast of characters, Erle Tompkins, '96, deserves special praise. His interpretation of the deaf old man was very nearly perfect, and his make-up was splendid. Carl Stempel, '96, did excellent work as a sportsman, and his acting was very good. Bertha Traer, '96, and Adelaide Lasheck, '97, did the respective parts of the spoiled Laura, and the Saucy Matty, very well. Hugh Shepard, '96, and Roy Palmeter, were very good in the parts of the "game-keeper" and the "gardener." The program as a whole was excellent, and the Erodelphians are to be congratulated on their success.

The Hesperians will give a dramatization of Tennyson's "Princess" next Saturday evening.

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The real estate agents at Des Moines, have made some discoveries, one of which is indeed truly remarkable, namely that, we haven't room to grow, that we lack grounds upon which to put any buildings were money to build them appropriated. They have evidently overlooked the the fact that there is just as as much out of doors measuring from Iowa City as from Des Moines. But we will come back to to this question again and discuss it more fully in connection with the other charge which has been made, that the business men of Iowa City will do nothing to aid the University. Now if they will but take the trouble to come to investigate those charges we would like to take them to Close Hall, the first and finest College Y. M. C. A. Building in the west and made possible only by the generous gifts of Iowa City business men and from there they might look across to the park given at the same time by the city to the University. We believe they would then be compelled to acknowledge the falseness of their charges. But what is of far greater importance just at present in that our business men are willing to do more. We have no hesitancy in asserting that if the State will furnish the buildings the city will contribute the grounds. It is yet possible for us to have one of the finest University grounds in the west. To those who have doubted this we wish briefly to sketch a plan (the conception of which belongs to Professor Loos) which we believe recommends itself highly not only for its beauty but also for its practicality. This might be briefly designated as the plan for a T shaped campus. This could be accomplished by procuring the block upon which Close Hall now stands and the block just north of the present campus and closing the street north of the Science building. There are on neither of these blocks expensive buildings which it would be necessary to move. If this plan were adopted at once new buildings could be so arranged as to make them very convenient. The block on which Close Hall stands when cleared of its worthless buildings would furnish an excellent site for a library building, without disturbing the churches. The buildings for the Engineering Department could be placed upon the block to the north previously mentioned. Then too the Medical and Dental Departments could find room for expansion to the east, which would put the Hospital, the Chemical Labratory and the Departments in convenient position to each other We do not urge the plan because of its novelty. It is both desirable and practicable. It would give to the University that stamp of permanence and an opportunity for expansion which would forever silence all agitation for removal. It would keep the various departments of the University sufficiently close together to engender the proper University spirit and the centrally located library would be convenient for all. To those who fear the moral influences of the place we could point to the six churches, the Y. M. C. A. building and three private schools which would either be upon or near the grounds. We refer to the Presbyterian, Congregational, Unitarian, Methodist, Christian and St. Mary's churches and to the Iowa City Academy, St. Joseph's School and St. Agatha's Seminary. Can any other University, State or denomniational, make as good a showing? We submit these things for your consideration.

University Calendar.

Tuesday, 8 p. m., lecture in Y. M. C. A. course by Judge M. J. Wade, on "Patriot and Poet."

Wednesday, 3:30 p. m, Sophomore meeting at South Building.

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Middleton, '97, spent Sunday in Davenport.

H. M. Troy, '93, is visiting for a few days in the city.

Munger, C. '92, was in the city Saturday and Sunday.

Elizabeth Jones, '94, visited at home Saturday and Sunday.

Aldrich, '95, and Sweinhart, '97, spent Sunday in Tipton.

Mary Bollinger, '96, spent Sunday at her home in Davenport.

Lena Seitsinger spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Tipton.

Laura Clark, '92, has moved to Iowa City to make this her future home.

Miss Bonnie Elder, of Mason City, visited over Sunday with University friends.

Cornelia Ingham, ex-'95, who has been visiting with University friends, returned to her home in Algona Saturday.

The 10 o'clock division of the Livy class had a "spread" last night, in celebration of having finished the 21st book of Livy.

Resser, '97, who has been confined to his room for the last two weeks with the measles, is able to be at his classes again.

Eugune Wambaugh, Woods Hutchinson, and H. W. Tilden, of Des Moines, have been secured as judges on thought and composition in the oratorical contest.

At the Pedagogial seminary, Saturday evening, Virginia Swan, '94, began a report on the committee of ten, in the examination of United States schools: and Blunt, '94, gave part of a report on the election, and certificates of county and state superintendents.

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At the Germania Radisch, '95, read the paper on Goethe, giving a review of some of the author's best poems. Hagemann, '95, reported on Lowell and contemporary literature.

The praise service given in Close Hall on Sunday afternoon was well-attended, and the music furnished by the Y. M. C. A. Quartette was a pleasant feature of the meeting.

The members of the Pi Beta Phi fraternity gave an informal reception to about a dozen of their gentlemen friends, Fridayevening, at the home of the Misses Ham. An enjoyable time was spent in games and dancing.

The attendance at the Extension lecture at Waterloo has increased from 200 to 500 this season. Prof. McBride will continue his lecturers on Botany at this place and Chancellor McClain will deliver a series of lectures on "The Origin of Popular Government in America." Plans are also on foot for beginning the Extension work in Dubuque.

The students and citizens of Iowa City, will be given an opportunity, Wednesday, Feb. 28th, to listen to a treat in the shape of a lecture by Charles D. Jameson. The lecture is to be descriptive of the curious Indian customs, the mountains, the grand glaciers, etc. of Southwestern Alaska, which the Professog had an opportunity of beholding while there last summer, and of the magnificient scenery and wonderful sights as seen by him from the observation car of the Canadian Pacific, while en route to Alaska. The lecture wil be illustrated by the use of some 70 stereoptican views selected from a collection of about 120 photographs which the Professor secured himself while on his trip. The proceeds of the lecture are to be used for the benefit of the foot ball team.

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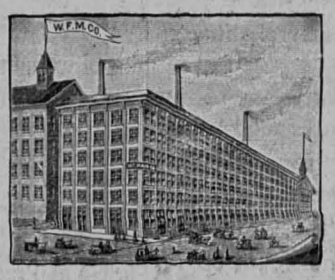

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