The Davenport Party.

No city in the state has furnished the University with more students than has Davenport. Each year these students come from that city, a large number of them, and they are often among the leaders in their different classes, in social, athletic and intellectual affairs. At the present time there are something over thirty Davenport people enrolled in the University in the different departments. Some of them have come this year for the first time, while others who have been here for two and three years have formed many friendships not only among the students, but also among the faculty and the people of Iowa City. The happy thought of giving a reception to the students and faculty lacking friends here is in the mind of some of these young men and women, and arrangements were made for giving such a party last evening. About five hundred invitations had been extended to students, faculty, and friends of the boys, and every thing, that might tend to make the party as interesting as possible was done. The arm­ory hall was very beautifully decorated with bunting, lanterns, and eau de toilette. The crowd was composed of merry dancers. Music was furnished by the Schillinger orchestra, and Prof. Clebsch, the dancing master of Davenport, had charge of the dance.

The patron and patrons were President and Mrs. Schaefer, Under­graduate treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. Estabrooks; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mc­arson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chambers, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Pitt, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Peessell, and Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Decker, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ballard.

It is the belief of those who attempted to describe the gayety of the scene or present itself throughout the evening, Youth and beauty mingled with lovely flowers delighted the eyes of the lookers on. Too much praise cannot be given to the boys from Davenport who thus attempted and succeeded in giving a reception which has had no rival in University annals. Add to the success of the party their in manifesting an exacting principle which should not pass unnoticed; that of friendship and fraternity toward students and faculty, and loyalty to the University.

It would be impossible for us to name the names of all who were present from Davenport, but judging from those present the boys are not lacking in interest in that respect. Among the alumni are noticed Mr. Frank L. Dodge and Mr. Jas. W. Hollinger. Among the ladies are noticed Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mcarson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Pitt, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Peessell, and Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Decker, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ballard.

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ChicagO's Debate Detail.

Henry Gale, the Varsity full back, who arrived here from California last Saturday, in advance of the team, and does not come to listen to the Irving programs evening.

Mr. J. W. Lawrence opened the debate with a statement of his opinion of "Japan's Position." He sketched briefly the condition of the two coun­tries and the discussions which then fol­lowed the course of events of the Chinese-Japan war to its latest develop­ments. The speech was given in his usual fine manner.

Mr. E. C. Smith followed with a declaration entitled "Rufus Bolling's "Position."

Mr. Smith's delivery was smooth and easy, and his effort was well appreciated.

The debate of the evening was on the question, "Resolved, that the im­port tax clause of the Wilson Bill is in the interest of the masses."
The affirmative Messrs. Keeler and Briggs argued from the standpoint of the practical application of the clause, while Messrs. Virtue and Rogers de­fended their position from the stand­point of abstract justice.

The judges rendered a decision in favor of the affirmative.

The last number on the program was a declaration entitled "European Policy," by Mr. Still. This benefit of literary work was well suited to Mr. Still's appearance, and he delighted his audience with his rendering of the wit and humor of his selection.

Mr. Still is a great addition to the dec­lamatory power of Irving.

College Foot Ball.

The meeting of the Western Intercol­lege Foot Ball Association was held at the Illini, Iowa City, January 15th, President Bar­nes of Nebraska, with the following "representatives": Judge E. D. Lawshe of the Missouri State University, R. C. Moody of the Kansas University and William Larrabee of State University of Iowa.

Several amendments to the constitu­tions were adopted, among the most important of which was a rule declar­ing no person eligible to play in a championship game who was not carrying at least ten hours a week work in the college or pursuing a re­quired course for a degree. Another that the receipts of the Kansas City and Omaha Thanksgiving games should not be pooled, as the Nebraska team thought that Omaha would be unable to play just as well as it did in the last game.

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"THE BUDGET REPORTER.

Monday Senator Wilson presented

to the Senate the petition of the

Bacchus Club of the State University

of Iowa in favor of the House bill

for the protection of forests.

The eye of the Transit world were
dazzled Friday morning by the ap-
pearance of the colors adopted by the
Senior girls who have organized a s-
ociety known as the O. E. S. The
society is secret in its organization,
and is the result of the efforts of its
members, who set sail under the
motto, "read, shift, obey.

Competitive Gymnastics.

Dr. Sargent detailed briefly his ex-
pertices during the past twenty
years in Boston, at Bowdoin College,
Yale College, and lastly, at Harvard, giving
reasons why he would oppose competi-
tion in gymnastics, not only on the

grounds of physical culture, but as a
means of discipline. At Bowdoin, he said,
had one of the finest class-
es he had ever seen in a college. That
was over 20 years ago, before athletes
came into vogue, and when the de-
sire for muscular training ran to


gymnasium apparatus altogether.

The inevitable development of the
work came, but no great harm was done un-
til an attempt was made to compete.

Then the sport frightened others, ex-

tremely restless from the games, and the last

interest lost in the work. To crown
all the desertors the gymnasium for

feared it would influence them in, and

in the end no one came in.

At Yale he was the same, and at

Harvard no better. Whenever com-

petition was encouraged the sure re-

sult was the total abandonment of

physical training—by the experts go-
ing where they could practice in se-

clusion, and by the average student

through the loss of an incentive.

The remedy applied was to encour-

age team and class work; to keep the

standard of difficulty down, and to en-

hance the value of grace and precision

in relatively simple movements; to

foster the idea of all-round develop-

ment rather than the overtraining of

special muscles called for in difficult

acts.

Besides, the Doctor urged, in these
days the expert athletes were nearly

on a par with the professionals. Now,
however, the professionals have car-

ried the science so far that no ama-

teur can hope to touch them, and how

ever good an exhibition there might be

under the auspices of an amateur

organization the collision must

certainly cause something far better in
difficult feats at any dime museum. It is the com-

petition of professionals carrying

the standard of skill so high that has de-

stroyed interest in college and ama-

teuse base ball, for instance, and would

operate the same way in the matter

of amateur gymnastics. Boston Herald

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