What is it then that the University is lacking? With a magnificent library, and a museum and a faculty of lecturers, is there now some one might think that the institution is really well provided for. So far as all of these are concerned she is well supplied but is the treatment which these advantages receive that has given rise to serious complaint. An appeal has not been made for more books for the library, more specimens for the museum nor to any great extent for additional members to the faculty.

The plea has been for more and better room in order to accommodate what she already possesses. The absolute necessity for a College building and for a Medical hospital has been made more and again and likewise the most urgent demand for fire proof building to accommodate the library and museum. The need of these buildings will never grow less than it is today, but added to it each year will come new and additional needs as the University grows and will never be easier for the State to place her University on a sound financial basis than this very year and every time this is put off it only adds to the responsibility as well as the necessity of the progress of the University. When the number of her students increase in large proportion, and numerous valuable additions are made to the library and museum it is reasonable to suppose that the space which was offered year ago would become inadequate. It is hoped that the general assembly when it convenes this winter will realize the importance of supplying the University with some permanent support. It should at least see that a permanent tax is levied as is done in every other state. This depoisition of the University would be in a fair way to become one of the leading educational institutions in the West—Republic.

Will Carleton.

The exceedingly large number of tickets sold this year for the lecture course gave proof sometime ago that the public appreciates the excellence of the entertainments provided by the Bureau. It is indeed gratifying to note the entire success which is attending the course and the satisfaction it is giving. The opera house was crowded Friday evening with people anxious to hear and see the great poet orator Will Carleton.

The lecturer was introduced by Professor McIlhade and was enthusiastically received. He interested his audience from the first, and with his usual easy manner held its attention throughout. "Better Times" is an exceedingly interesting subject, and the audience hearing that title was equal to all that was to follow.

Not the least attractive feature of the lecture was the reciting by the poet of poems familiar to his hearers since the recitation appeared in "Farm Balls," "Farm Legends," "The Lightning Rod Dog," and "The Doctor's Story" was enthusiastically cheered, as was also "The Fourth of July" and "Piney Sam." Besides the poems the lecture was of course excellent; yet there can be no doubt that the reciting of them rendered it much more entertaining. The few well filled houses testified that the audience expected much of Will Carleton and there is no doubt that all were satisfied in the realization of their anticipation.

Eredelshain.

A large audience greeted the Kro- delphians Saturday evening. In their program a "Dickens evening" it proved to be, and the many admirers of this writer found much enjoyment in seeing their favorite heroes and heroines come into real life.

The program was opened by a vocal solo by Ethel Peters, after which came the interesting prologue, read by Grace Weber, introducing various well known characters from Dickens, who appeared in turn. These characters were all well represented, but Mr. Shorett, as Pickwick, Winnie Oeh­born as Mrs. Micawber, and Mary Ly­dall as Dora, deserve especial praise. The Grammar School Orchestra then furnished delightful music, after which Eora Owen recited "The Child's Dream of a Star," in a manner which was pleasing to the audience.

A scene from "Nicholas Nickleby" followed, in which Beulah McFarland represented the unspeakable Miss Nickleby very well, and Ada Kretch­baum made a charming Kate, while Temple Providence excelled in the per­formance with the presence of the crazy man in small clothes.

After this exciting scene the Gram­mar School Orchestra again furnished music, which was much enjoyed, as some permanent support by the house, by the hearty encore it re­ceived.

A scene from "Bleak House" was next, in order the circumstances was that in which Mr. Chadburn tried to improve Little Joe. Mr. and Mrs. Snagby, Guster and Little Joe were represented by Claude Horace; May Ollt, John Bowman, M Wells, and Merle Ollt. Respectively. The audi­ence was moved to tears in listening to the eloquent speech of Mr. Chadburn, as given by Mr. Horace.

The program closed with a much appreciated vocal solo by Elena Mac­Farland, after which the Dickens' Friends gave an informal reception to the audience. On the whole this pro­gram may be voted a success.

The Bruce photographic telescope, which is to be transferred to the observatory at Arquippa, Peru, is nearly ready for shipment, and started on its expedition Saturday, December 14th. This is one of the heaviest machine castings and machinery, tubes, etc., will be sent to New York by the Metropolitan steam line. The lenses, consisting of four lenses and 2000 tubes of glass in the spec­ trum, will be shipped to New York by rail. At the greatest rate has to be the arrival of new these, even though they are most securely packed and protected. Mr. Willard P. Ger­rier will accompany them to New York and see them safely loaded into the steamers strongroom, where they will remain until the steamer is meet at Mollendo, Peru. The telescope will be shipped on the "Condor" of the Merchants Line, around South America through the strait s of Magelia. The well filled house testified that the audience expected much of Will Carleton and there is no doubt that all were satisfied in the realization of their anticipation.
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The time is drawing near for the promulgation of the usual New Year resolutions and we desire to make a plea for a declaration regarding chancel attendance for the coming year. In many schools attendance at chapel is compulsory, and although this may have evil features, it certainly has its advantages. Besides the many other benefits to be derived there is that of having the entire student body together one time. While we believe that it should be left to each student to decide whether or not he will attend these exercises; we cannot help regretting that the average attendance is so small. It is unnecessary to urge this matter on many; while to the most indifferent these exercises are beneficial as well as pleasant. If for nothing more they tend to relieve the monotony of routine of everyday school-life. We hope that more interest will be manifested in the future as this is an unimporant feature of our college life.

With the approaching session of the Legislature our eyes turn involuntarily toward Des Moines. What will be the action of that body? What may we expect? We know that “Hope springs eternal in the human breast,” and that to that fact may be traced the cause of many of the anticipations of mankind. Yet we believe that there are other grounds upon which we may rest our hope for the University. There is no doubt that the time will come when the State will awaken to its responsibility and surely that time cannot be long delayed. We believe that most of the departments need aid in the matter of buildings, and it would be hard to overestimate their necessity in some instances. Yet, promising as are the needs of all it seems to us that those of the College Department should be first satisfied. No one can know anything of the matter and be de­ceived as to its wants. It is not alone in the interest of safety for the literary and museum that we plead for the department, but in the interest of so many of those divisions and classes that are today cramped for room. The time has come when literally “it is a condition and not a theory which confronts us.” Advantageous as might be the addition of new buildings to all the departments, the growth of the one must soon render absolutely necessary the providing of more room.

Local Alumni Banquet.

The local alumni banquet, to be given under the auspices of the Iowa City Alumni Association, will be held to-night at the St. James Hotel, commencing at 8 o’clock. It is hoped that all the alumni and professors of the University will attend. Several alumni from other parts of the state will be present at this banquet and respond to toasts.

Notice.

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According to an action taken by the Faculty on Friday afternoon the regular University work will take place on Friday and Saturday of the week of New Years, in place of Thursday and Friday as is usually the case. The Faculty have very thoughtfully considered that the students would dislike to travel on New Year’s day, and the desire that all work begin promptly on Friday.

Kansas Wesleyan University has fallen in line with Baker University, also of Kansas, and Georgetown College, and will play no more foot ball. Among the student suggestions of games that would meet with faculty approval are matlches, tops, and pull-a-way.


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