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## Dr. Watson's Address.

The following excellent address was given by Rev. Dr. S. N. Watson, '92, in response to the toast "Educational Ideals," at the recent alumni banquet:

"Mr. Toastmaster, ladies and gentlemen. It is an axiom of Biology, that science which classifies the facts of Life, that the type determines the growth—it is toward the typical form that the development of species tends, and the counterpart of this truth in the educational world is that mental and spiritual development is both guided and limited by the ideals that inform it. Certain ideals of what education should do, and be, and make informing the minds of those who direct the educative processes of the rising generation, at once determine what the mental and spiritual development of that generation is, and may themselves be inferred from the results attained by the education given. Educational ideals are therefore matters of both real and speculative interest to all of us who meet here as alumni of a great institution of learning, the creation of a mighty state for the carrying out of its educative duty toward its citizens of the future.

"Within the time compassed by what we may rightly consider as modern educational methods, two ideals have held sway for a season; the one dominating the field of education to the entire exclusion of the other, only to yield its place to the other's exclusive possession when its day was done. These two ideals have been the aesthetic and the practical, and their outcome in methods were the classical and the scientific methods of education. For many years, in what was the comparative infancy of scientific thought and scientific attainment, a college course was a definitely outlined curriculum. It was called a curriculum, and the word itself was an index to the idea informing the method. It was a running course, a practice track, where minds were run up and down declensions and conjugations and moods and sequences, and rules and exceptions, forwards and backwards, and it would have been sideways if there had been any possibility of such a thing, with this object in view alone, the development by exercise of mental elasticity and suppleness, and by imbibing of aesthetic taste. The staple diet of the college student of those days was Latin, Greek, with a modicum of Belles-Lettres, and some very little scientific teaching in the way of lectures and demonstrations. Perforce, scientific training as we know it now was unheard of, for the facts themselves on which our modern scientific work is based were not in existence in the world of thought.

"It was a training in many ways defective, as a means of fitting a man for tussling with a greedy world, but it produced some magnificent results. The older we get the more naturally do we look backward for our human objects of reverence, and wake from our reveries of hero-worship, with the words on our lips, 'Cogitavi dies antiquos.' And what grand old mental and moral giants were some of the

grey-heads that we have all known who were trained in that old time classical college course; chaste minds, keen logical intellects, appreciative of all poesy the world and life contain, vigorous thinkers, and masters of forceful English of purest type. Are there many more left among us? They are growing fewer and fewer; I do not believe that we are making them with our educational methods of to-day, and the world of letters will be poor indeed when they are gone. For we to-day have inherited a system of education, the exact opposite of that which it supplanted. It is dominated by the intensely practical ideal as opposed to the aesthetic. As the old time curriculum was a stern, unyielding thing, sometimes breaking where it could not bend men to its lines, so is this new educational method pliable to the last degree, a thing of electives from the nursery up. As the old college course had no place for scientific attainment, or the cultivating of the experimental in intellectual work, so have we to-day little room for logical and aesthetic and philosophical development as such, and science and scientific investigation wins most ready applause and has ever the popular ear. The older method was the idealization of the abstract, our modern system is the enthronement of the concrete. While that failed to consider the individual at all, this considers nothing but the individual. Like the old method, the more modern method has both its virtues and its faults. With the opportunity it gives for individual development and the cultivation of individual capability, it has produced some men of keen investigating minds, whose like the world has never seen before. It has given to every man a practical working knowledge of the every-day world about him, simply indispensable to men to-day in the conduct of their lives. It has made possible the physical and material cultivation and advancement of the world of men in the immediate future at a rate never dreamed of before. It has multiplied our creature comforts without number, and has decreased our dangers in a like ratio; and in the world of philosophy and speculative thought, the world of pure reason, it has worked with the wand of a magician in broadening horizons of thought, in multiplying data for thinking, in emancipating the human mind from the thralldom of out-won concepts, and setting it free in glorious universe of liberty forever.

"But with all this it has missed something, and I think we are beginning to see that it has, and we are preparing ourselves for a new and more perfect day in educational methods inspired by a new ideal. We have passed through two periods of extremes; we are now ready to unite the experiences of the past in a more perfect mean. We are finding out that education consists not so much in furnishing a man with tools for his future livelihood, as in training him to find and use the tools for himself."

To be Continued.

The old South building seems like a dilapidated refrigerator.

## A Fitting Compliment.

In a recent issue of the *State Press* appeared the following complimentary notice of Dr. B. F. Shambaugh, who begins his work in the department of Political Science this term: "The Faculty body of the Collegiate department has been notably strengthened by the arrival of Dr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh, who will work in adjunction with the Chairs of History and Political Science. Dr. Shambaugh's preparation has been versatile and thorough along this line. He made a brilliant record as a student here, graduating in '92 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. During '92-'93 he pursued graduate work at his Alma Mater under Professor Loos, and wrote a monograph on the 'Early History of Iowa City,' an effort that received high commendation from many sources and gave promise of future production of higher scope and weight. He also rendered valuable services in editing the 'Johnson County Claims Association Records.' The years '93-'94 were spent in specialization at the Wharton School of Economics of the University of Pennsylvania, an institution that may fairly be considered as the dominating fountain-head of politico-economic thought in America. During the latter portion of this period and up to March, 1895, he was in direct touch with Professor Patten and Professor James, both eminent originators and cultivators of thought in political science. In March he received his degree of Doctor of Philosophy. From here he sailed for Germany and spent some time in close specialization with Dr. Conrad. Then came several months at Berlin listening to the expositions of Wagner and Schmoller. Dr. Shambaugh is now engaged in publishing Documentary Material for Iowa History. He will offer two courses, in the principles of constitutional law, and on the objective study of great political states of the world. He is possessed of an intense individuality of character, thoroughly imbued with love for his work, and will throw himself into it with an earnestness and enthusiasm of purpose that cannot fail of accomplishing wide and favorable results."

## State Teachers Meeting.

The forty-first annual session of the Iowa State Teachers' Association opened in Des Moines last Tuesday. Out of Iowa's 26,000 teachers, 1,400 were present.

Numerous prominent educators from this city and the University were in attendance, including President Schaeffer, Drs. Patrick, Gilbert, Andrews, Nutting and Calvin; Dean Currier; Supts. Cramer and Stevenson; Professor and Mrs. Coughlan, Professor and Mrs. Lumbar; Professor Searcy, the Misses Otto, Misses Grogan, Anderson, Barber, Pryor and Lloyd; Librarians Rich and Ridgway.

The opening meeting was held in Plymouth church, the venerable Judge Wright delivering the address of welcome, to which President Gates of Iowa College responded.

The Iowa library session was called to order by President Rich of the University library. In his annual ad-

dress he called attention to the illiteracy of the Chinese empire, and compared it to Iowa, giving data. He held that the absence of illiteracy in Iowa is due to the public schools and the spread of literature.

Mrs. Ridgway discussed the best methods of buying books, touching on prices, discounts, etc.

At the meeting of the High School Teachers' Round Table, President Schaeffer held that a standard should be adopted, comparing the national guard of '61 and '95. He held that uniformity was the cause of the improvement.

The Iowa Society for Child Study was addressed by Dr. Gilbert, of which the *Des Moines Leader* calls "particularly interesting," adding "The child study movement has struck the Pedagogical department of the State University with good effect. Professor McConnell and Dr. Gilbert are doing excellent work there." Dr. Patrick should also have been noted in this connection.

At the Music Teachers' Round Table the first paper, "The Advantage of Music in the Public Schools," was discussed, and was participated in by Professor J. W. Ruggles, who advocated the making of music one of the "regular studies in the public school course, to be taught by the regular teacher in daily or tri-weekly lessons, and to complete it with the high school." A resolution was adopted, providing that legislative action be sought in favor of making vocal music a regular study in the common schools.

## Schedule of Military Work.

WINTER TERM, 1895-1896.

Monday.—Drill Companies A and B.  
Tuesday.—4:30-5:30. Recitation Minor Tactics. Seniors and Juniors.  
Wednesday.—3:30-4:30 1st section Sophomore Drill Regulations. 4:30-5:30 2d section Sophomore Drill Regulations.  
Thursday.—4:30-5:30. Recitation Minor Tactics. Seniors and Juniors.  
Friday.—Drill Companies C and D.  
Saturday.—10-11. Instruction in Rifle Firing. For all Freshmen.

SOPHOMORE DRILL REGULATIONS.  
1st Section.—Balle, J. E., Barker, Beardsley, Bond, Capell, C. S., Capell, F. J., Carter, Cohny, Donohoe, Ende, Eustis, Frailey, Heck, Hobby, Hollingsworth, Holsteen, Luce, Otto, R.  
2d Section.—Howell, Johnson, M., Moon, C. H., Moore, Roessler, Nelson, Soleman, Stull, Swisher, Taylor, Veblen, Watkins, Weed, Wetzel, Young, Barr, Browne, F. W., Eaton, Eby.

SECTION IN MINOR TACTICS.

Seniors and Juniors.—Arey, Bartsch, Clark, Dakin, Emry, Graves, Jackson, Koza, McCoy, Palmeter, Smith, S. C., Stover, Tompkins.

Burger, Baker, I. W., Barbar, Bloom, Brown, R. E., Brown, R. O., Budrow, Crone, Denny, Foster, Freeman, Gibbs, Horack, F. E., Hubner, Hardman, Hetzel, Hewett, Hobbs, Hull, Hutchinson, Iverson, Johnson, Kiser, Larrabee, LaForce, Lorenz, McCord, Petersburger, Popham, Price, Resser, Reynolds, Schaeffer, Sears, C. W., Simmons, Smith, E. S., Smith, C. S., Middleton, Thomas, Wilkin, Willis.

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As announced in our last issue the debate between Iowa and Chicago Universities has been arranged for the 17th of this month. As generally known, our representatives were chosen in the preliminary last November. The question will be the same as debated then, our side being the affirmative.

In order to defray the expense of the contest we suppose an admission fee will be necessary, but urge the largest possible attendance whether that be true or no. Not only do the debaters on both sides deserve it but especially the literary societies of the University should receive encouragement. These two organizations are doing a work which every one recognizes is absolutely necessary to our development as a University, and they should have the support not only of students but Faculty and citizens. We remember that the contest with Minnesota University, held two years ago, was not well attended, but that was owing no doubt to the fact that there were other events whose dates conflicted with that of the contest. The committee which has the coming contest in charge has been careful to avoid such difficulty and it is to be hoped that nothing will interfere with the success of the debate. It costs the societies a good deal of money to hold these contests, and in order to continue them we urge the hearty support of all. This will be our first contest with Chicago in debate, and that fact should arouse an interest which should secure a good attendance.

### Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, We are called upon to mourn the loss of our colleague Alfred Charles Peters, professor in the medical department, and

Whereas, We recognize the efficiency of his work in his years of service as demonstrator of anatomy, secretary of the medical faculty, and pro-

fessor of rhinology and laryngology, recalling his scientific zeal, devotion to his profession and keenness of intellect as evidenced by his success as a teacher, and mindful of the rare example of quiet heroism shown by his years of patient endurance during the progress of a fatal malady, therefore it is

Resolved, That we the members of the faculty of the medical department of the State University of Iowa extend to the bereaved family our warmest sympathy for their loss, and

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of the medical faculty, that a copy be forwarded to the family of the deceased and copies furnished the Iowa City and Davenport papers for publication.

CHARLES S. CHASE,  
ELBERT W. ROCKWOOD,  
WALTER L. BIERRING,  
Committee.

Whereas, It has been vouchsafed in the mysterious decrees of Divine Providence, which Master and Disciple must obey, to remove from us our beloved teacher, Dr. A. C. Peters, Professor of Rhinology and Laryngology, and

Whereas, We his students are deeply appreciative of his scientific attainments and kind sympathy and attention which he has always graciously shown us. Be it therefore

Resolved, That we, the class of '96, express our sincere sorrow at his untimely demise, and that we extend our sincere condolence to his brother our classmate, and to his bereaved relatives. And be it

Resolved, That we forward for publication a copy of these resolutions and that a copy be likewise sent to his mourning friends.

Signed in behalf of the class,

E. DAVIS RUSSELL,  
L. W. DEAN,  
J. L. TAMISEA.

Whereas, God in His almighty providence has taken from our midst our esteemed and cherished professor, Dr. Peters, and

Whereas, We are called upon to mourn his loss, not only as a valued and efficient instructor, but also as a cheerful and loving friend. Be it

Resolved, that we as a class do hereby extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and large circle of friends out of whose midst this loved one has been taken, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the late deceased.

JUNIOR MEDICAL CLASS, '97.

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**Fact and Rumor.**  
Octave Thanet, Jan. 13.  
Drill commences next week.  
Athletic benefit Jan. 13. Attend.  
Professor Magowan has been seriously ill.  
There were no society programs last evening.  
Will Calvin spent Christmas at his old home.  
G. E. Stover, '97, has re-entered the University.  
I. Vannice, ex-C. '98, has entered the Law Department.  
Miss Mabel Cook re-entered the University this term.  
Leslie Lee, C. '99, visited in Cedar Rapids during the holidays.  
C. C. Stover, ex-'93, visited Psychology class Friday morning.  
Instructor Smith spent his Christmas vacation in Mt. Pleasant.  
Lloyd Elliott, L. '93, spent Christmas with his parents in the city.  
St. Kathrine's Guild will give a leap year dance Thursday, Jan. 16, 1896.  
Miss Libbie Howard, of Jefferson, is enrolled among S. U. I. students this term.  
Miss Catherine Bates, of Waterloo, will take up University work this winter.  
Professor Sturm spent part of his vacation at Independence visiting friends.  
Mr. Hunt, of the Sioux City High School, was a visitor at the University Friday.

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At last side walks have been laid from the Armory to the Central and South buildings.

Rita Stewart will not be in the University this winter on account of trouble with her eyes.

Bernard Willis enjoyed a visit from her cousin, Miss Rehko, of Des Moines, during the holiday.

Professor Loos will have charge of the Sophomore Politics for the first two or three weeks of this term.

Bert Barrett spent Christmas with his parents. Bert has a good position at the hospital at Independence.

Frank Gunsolus, ex-'95, has been chosen captain of the Lehigh University football team for the season of 1896.

Hugh Shepard's friends are glad to know that he has recovered sufficiently to resume his work in the University.

The marriage of W. D. Lovell, C. '91, and Miss Jessie Remley, '95, occurred at the bride's home Christmas night.

Ben Swisher and Will Eaton received their fair friends at the former's home on Summit street, New Year's day.

A double column portrait of John V. Crum and a biographical sketch appeared in a recent issue of the New York *Clipper*.

Professor Patrick attended a meeting of the American Psychological Association at Philadelphia during the holidays.

We understand that Missouri has withdrawn from the inter-state league on account of the decision over their game with Nebraska.

Misses Roberta Holmes, Carolyn Kimball and Mary Holt, all graduates of S. U. I., and now efficient teachers in the Janesville, Wis., high school, spent the holidays in the city.

W. H. Brunn, L. '96, having completed the course in the Law Department, will not be in the University until commencement. He will assist W. N. Birdsall, L. '95, at Reinbeck until that time.

F. W. Myers, Governor Jackson's secretary, and Miss Mamie Louis, were married Dec. 26, at the bride's home. Mr. Myers is a graduate of the Collegiate department, and one of the rising young men of the state.

Miss Alice French (Octave Thanet), of Davenport, will give an entertainment at the Opera House, Jan. 13. It will consist of readings from some of her most famous stories, illustrated by living pictures. The proceeds of the entertainment will go to the athletic association.

The tenth annual session of the Iowa Academy of Science was held the last of this week in Des Moines. Professor Nutting read a paper on "The Origin and Significance of Sex." Dr. Andrews spoke on "The Influence of Moisture on the Ignition Point of Sulphur," and "The Reduction of Sulphuric Acid as a Function of the Temperature." Professor Calvin talked on "The Le Claire Limestone of Iowa," and Professor McBride read papers on "Forest Distribution in Iowa and its Significance," and "County Parks and Notes on the Problem of Nomenclature as it appears in the Mytomycetes."



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