A Correct View of the Situation.

The digestive organs are anxiously awaiting the decision of the Legislature as to a more permanent educational existence. The University has been eking out an educational existence. It is too strong to die, but too poor to grow. It is an educational giant tied down with strong chains. It has turned thousands of bright young people out of doors who have entered all the avenues of employment, all vocations and professions. The place of an educational institution is scattered through the ninety-nine counties of the state. These men and women may live among the most influential. It seems as if they should make their impressions on the Legislature next month.

The Legislature which meets on the 17th of January is in many respects an able body. It contains more broad and progressive men than any Iowa Legislature in a dozen years. For once the state has been able to choose its lawmakers outside of the worshipers of one or two particular hobbies. It is, we fondly believe, and shall believe until compelled to do otherwise, a body made up of men who will apply business common sense to law making. We believe that these lawmakers ought to do something for the permanent good of the University. It can do something for the educational problem of higher state education and solving it. The University must either produce a permanent income so that the world may be planed on a certainty instead of an ever-recurring contingency. It will aid the little men, many of whom are struggling to make a living. They are supporting it now, though poorly, and paying large taxes, and it should be remembered that in the future it is to be our duty to see that the University is protected. It is to be supported by the taxpayers. They are supporting it now, though poorly, and paying large taxes. It is a great thing for the University to have a permanent income for the support of its schools. The Iowa and Illinois Medical Society has made it his secretary, and he has been president of the University for many years. The American Medical Association and the American Medical Society were proud to accord to him the honor of being a member. He was a Mason of high degree, and best of all he was beloved deeply in the hearts of the people among whom he lived and labored for so many years.

Amateur or Professional.

The entire misconception which seems to prevail at the University of Iowa is in regard to the distinction between an amateur and a professional. An amateur is well illustrated by the following, from the U. S. Weekly: "Casper Whitney retires his charges against Western athletes in the current number of Harper's Weekly. On May 15, the governor of Minnesota, Mr. Peck, was in the city; he said that Minnesota would be made to "accoutre" the foot ball team. He did not say that he was going to make it a "foot ball" team, but that he was going to make it a "football" team." Is it a relief to find Whitney's definition of an amateur accurately stated, and to feel that one can honestly differ with him on the question of what is professionalism or purity in athletics? He says an amateur is one who enjoys the sport. He says an amateur is one who plays purely for love of the sport. He says an amateur is one who plays in, on part, for gain. This, as has so often been said, confines amateurism to the wealthy, and makes "athleticism" simply a pastime of the rich. Unfortunately enough from this standpoint, Whitney is right and fair in his analysis. But it is also right and fair to admit the existence of another standpoint.

It would be interesting to learn the Chicago definition of an amateur. It must be one entirely new to the athletic world, and one which Chicago should be given the credit for originating. The leaders in athletics at least may be perfectly honest, and say that they believe that they can advocate professionalism and purity in college athletics at the same time, but it is difficult to see under what code of college ethics he can play on the Chicago plan this year. But Chicago intends to get around this difficulty by saying that playing for money does not make one a professional. They will make a claim that it is unjust to prevent a person from working his way through college by means of his athletic ability. But it is unjust to prevent a person from getting all money he can by reason of his skill in base ball, but he must not expect to continue playing on college teams. By accepting money for his playing he has placed himself in another class as far as athletics are concerned, and it may not affect his position as a student in the least.

College athletics are undoubtedly in need of reform in the West, but the task would not seem very hard if it were not necessary to begin by teaching some of the colleges the meaning of the word amateur—Dailyordial.

College Notes.

The botanical department of the University of Wisconsin is constantly receiving from this country as well as abroad contributions to its collections. Its collection of mosses is one of the most complete in the country. A large box of North American mosses was sent recently to Mr. Jules Cardot, of Stomer, France, to be distributed in his work, Mucil Eksiciati Septentriali-Americanus. A case containing up to 800 species of flowering plants is also ready to be shipped by freight to Helsingfors, Finland.

Harvard Athletic committee have elected Lorin B. Deland chief of the corps of football teachers for the coming year. That a small town can successfully support a University Extension lecture course is shown by the example of Merrillan, Wis., a town of about 600 inhabitants. At this place Mr. C. W. R. B. Reitnau, lecturer of the University of Wisconsin, is giving a course of six lectures on American history. Not only is there a large audience in attendance at the lectures every week, but a good-sized class has also been formed for the course, as a result of the thorough study of the subject by the lecturer. By the efforts of the high school principal and a few citizens, public interest has been aroused and classes will certainly be demanded by the people in future years.

The athletic teams, boat crew, etc., will be entirely new to the University of Wisconsin this year, and it is expected to hold an exceptionally fine base ball team.

The London Field, returning to the university field in regard to university athletes in America holds that the wide difference between the amateur systems of the two countries renders an equal match impossible. It says that to successfully contest with Americans, which can only be done on their own lines and to other, implies that men shall be taken away from their businesses for months together and trained at public and private expense. English amateurism is unable to tolerate men being made more running, jumping and weight lifting machines. There is a strong feeling in university circles against renewing international contests until the American system shall be reformed.

Missionary Circles.

The missionary circle will begin the study of some of the non-Hindu religions of the world at its next meeting. A course somewhat similar was completed some few years ago, and proved very interesting and instructive. Plenty of material for reference is available. The following is a brief outline of the course:

1. The Rise and Spread of Mohammedanism.
2. Mohammed's Life previous to his public career.
3. Mohammed's public life at Mecca.
4. The Medina period of Mohammed's life.
5. The spread of Mohammedanism.
7. Some explanation of Mohammed's success.
9. Doctrine of the Trinity and the two-faiths.
11. How command Christianity to Mohammedans?

11. t'ontinuus' Life, Teachings and Times.
12. The sixth century B. C. one of great men.
13. Chinese history prior to Confucius.
15. Chinese regard for Confucius.
16. Chinese and their remedies for the evils of his time.
17. Main points in his doctrine.
18. Lao Tzu's criticism of Confucius.
19. The last thirteen years of his life.

A gymnastic class for members of the faculty has been organized at the University of Wisconsin. The class is held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and is quite well attended. A number of interesting and the exercise of great benefit to them and are indispensable in their work. Bowling, which has been aroused and courses will certainly be demanded by the people in future years.
If S. U. is to be well represented on the athletic field next spring, hard, systematic and uniform work must at once be commenced. The first thing that should be done is to increase the membership of the athletic association so that a larger number may take a direct interest in all athletic affairs.

At the present time the membership is surprisingly small, and little interest seems to have been displayed in the meetings of the association held within the past year or two. The membership fee is nominal sum; and, at least, the majority of our students should be members of the organization. As it is now, the membership is almost entirely restricted to those holding places on the various teams. If the membership was as large as it should be, more interest and enthusiasm would undoubtedly be shown in all athletic undertakings. The officers of the athletic association and the various teams are elected by the members of the organization, and all should take interest enough to see that we are always represented by men of ability, and who are thoroughly representative. If a student is not an athlete it is all the more reason why he should join the association and use what influence he may have toward raising the standard of our athletics.

As might naturally have been expected considerale stir has been created over the result of the meeting at Des Moines, where the report of the committee on college classification was adopted. The protests against the action of the meeting are as such a necessary thing, when such schools whose standing does not entitle them to a place. Aside from dispute which naturally arises and which at this juncture seems pretty generally joined in by papers throughout the state, it is not easy to imagine any thing other than good as the result of the adoption of the report. It has been the object of the college, favoring classification to advance the interests of all, and it would be true that that end is accomplished as some institutions not now entitled to standing will immediately take steps to comply with the requirements. If the matter results as now seems probable, the meeting during vacation will have proved of inestimable benefit to the cause of higher education in the state.

As usual the enemies of the University will take advantage of the disappointment of those who opposed the measure, but it is scarcely probable that any one who understands the matter involved should be influenced by what they say. There is, it seems, various influences in the state which are all, however, opposed to the University, and it would be a matter of surprise if they should not be particularly malicious just now.

S. O. Hahn, ex-69, who has been a member of the real estate firm of Hobert & Hahn for the past three months, has accepted the position of manager of the western office for Iowa and Minnesota, of Powers Brothers educational specialists, main office in Chicago. Mr. Hahn expects to be in the University the remainder of the year.

Howard Houston Hall, which has just been opened at the University of Pennsylvania, has for its purpose a rather novel one in college affairs. It is intended as a club house for the use of the students of the university and will be used as a place of meeting for the college organizations. The hall has been erected at a cost of $18,000. On the first floor are billiard rooms, a smoking room and a cafe, and also a library and correspondence room. On the second floor are reception rooms, athletic trophy rooms, and a large assembly hall. The third floor is devoted to rooms for various student organizations.

A quadrangular boat race between Harvard, Cornell, Columbia and Yale, is among the possibilities for next spring. At a meeting of candidates for the Harvard crew on Jan. 4 Captain Bullard, in the course of his remarks, said that such a race was probable, and would be the object of this year's training. Several weeks ago the press announced that a move was on foot for such a contest, with the possibility of drawing Yale into the race without overstepping the policy of Harvard with that college. It now seems almost certain that Yale will not row.

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Fact and Rumor.


Will Lousans was a Sunday visitor in the city.

May Gabriel is confined to her room by illness.

P. F. McHugh, Law 30, is in the city this week.

The Collegiate Department now numbers 512.

U. S. Allerman, L. 98, of Nevada, Ia., returned yesterday.

The S. U. I. Hand is practicing for the entertainment of Jan. 11.

Reports took the place of the usual papers in English Seminary.

Miss Hartman, of Creston, Ia., has entered the Collegiate Department.

Era Glaas has resumed her work in the University and will graduate with the 96.

Harriett Holt spent Sunday at the home of Miss Ida Fekner, in Downey, Iowa.

The paper in English History Semi­

nary was read Wednesday evening by Miss Clermont.

Miss Clara Harsh has re-entered the University and will graduate with the class of 96.

The girls celebrate their leap year privileges by giving a dance this even­

ing at the armory. Helen Stewart will not be in the University this term, having com­

pleted her work last term.

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