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A Correct View of the Situation.

The friends of the State University are anxiously awaiting the decision of the Legislature as to a more permanent income. For many years the University has been eking out an educational existence. It is too strong to die, add too poor to grow. It is an educational giant tied down with strong chains. It has turned out thousands of young men and women who have entered all the avenues of employment, all vocations and professions. The graduates of the University are scattered through the ninety-nine counties of the state. These men and women are many of them among the most influential. It does seem as if they should make their impress on the Legislature which meets this month. If they can not do something for the University, no lobby from Iowa City can accomplish anything.

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 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 this Legislature ought to do something for the permanent good of the University. It can distinguish itself by grasping this problem of higher state education and solving it. The University must either be placed above biennial beggary, or it ought to be strangled outright We do not want a State University unless we can have at least a standing by the side of Missouri and Kansas and Nebraska; we ought to have a standing by the side of Michigan.

The Western states all have such institutions. It is too late to discuss the wisdom of the policy. We are committed to it. We believe it is a good policy. It gives us an educational conservator and standard. Let us make the University as prominent as Iowa is in politics and industries.

The first step, and only step, it seems to us, is to give the institution a permanent income so that the work may be planned on a certainty instead of an an ever-recurring contingency. It will make little difference to the taxpayers. They are supporting it now, though poorly, and paying lobby ists besides. The institution now has an uncertain income, make it certain and increase it slightly. The difference in the burden will be unnoticed, even in these times. It has been suggested that the permanent levy be fixed at a fifth of a mill—Des Moines levies three whole mills for library purposes alone.—*Register.*

A Departed Scholar Honored.

The many friends of the late Dr. Peck, Professor of Surgery in the Medical Department of S. U. I., will be interested in the following, from the Des Moines *Register* of Jan. 6:

"Some time ago, the state historical department of Iowa asked Mrs. Peck, the widow of the much-beloved doctor, to have a portrait of him painted for the state. Mrs. Peck consented, and Karl Schmalhaus was engaged to do the work. The picture has just been completed, and after being exhibited in Davenport for a few days, it will be sent to this city and placed in the rooms of the state historical department. A replica of the picture is to be made by the artist at once and placed in one of the public institutions of Davenport.

Dr. Washington Freeman Peck was born at Galena, Wayne county, New York, Jan. 22, 1841. In 1859 he began the study of medicine and surgery at Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York, from which he graduated three years later with the highest honors. He served two years as house surgeon in Bellevue and Blackwell's Island hospital. He served eighteen months as United States army surgeon at Lincoln General Hospital in the District of Columbia. In 1864 Dr. Peck came to Iowa and settled in Davenport, where he resided up to the time of his death in 1891. On Sept. 18, 1865, he was married in Davenport to Miss Myra Purdy. Three children were born to them, Mary A., Jessie Allen and Robert. Mary died in 1868, Jessie is now the wife of Mayor Henry Vollmer, of Davenport, and Robert is practicing medicine in Davenport.

For several years before his death, Dr. Peck was classed among the leading surgeons of the world. In his own city and state he was ever active in helping to found and build up hospitals and medical colleges. He was the leader in getting Mercy hospital established at Davenport. The State University at Iowa City had no surgical department until he succeeded in interesting the legislature in the subject and a medical department was then established. Of this he was elected professor of surgery, which chair he filled until 1889, when he resigned because of failing health. For many years he was chief surgeon of the Rock Island road. The Iowa and Illinois Medical society made him its secretary, and he was president of the Scott county society. The American Medical association and the American Medical society were proud to enroll him as a member. He was a Mason of high degree, and best of all he was held dear 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 Chicago in regard to the distinction between an amateur and a professional is well illustrated by the following, from the U. of C. Weekly:

"Casper Whitner reiterates his charges against Western athletics in the current number of Harper's Weekly, giving most of his attention to Minnesota. He seems to think Michigan too far gone for reform. It is a relief to find Whitney's definition of an amateur accurately stated, and to feel that one can honestly differ with him and still consistently advocate purity in athletics. He says an amateur is one who plays purely for love of the sport; a professional one who plays, in part, for gain. This, as has so often been said, confines amateurism to the wealthy, and makes "athletic" simply a pastime of the rich. Undoubtedly from this standpoint Whitney is right and fair in his anathemas; 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 Chicago may be perfectly honest in their belief that they can advocate professionalism and purity in college athletics at the same time, but it is difficult for an outsider to see the connection between the two.

If as Mr. Whitney claims, and it has not been denied by Chicago, Nichols has played professional baseball, it is difficult to see under what code of college ethics he can play on the Chicago team this year. But Chicago intends to get around this difficulty by saying that playing for money does not make a man a professional. They will probably claim that it is unjust to prevent a person from working his way through college by means of his athletic ability. But a person is at perfect liberty to make all the money that 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, although 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.—*Daily Cardinal.*

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 three best in this country. A large box of North American mosses was sent recently to M. Jules Cardot, of Steney, France, to be distributed in his work, Musci Exsiccati Septentrional-Americanae. A case containing over 400 species of flowering plants is also ready to be shipped by frieght to Helsingfors, Finland.

The Harvard Athletic committee have elected Lorin F. Deland chief of the corps of football coachers for the ensuing 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. Paul S. Reinsch, 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 more thorough study of the subject. By the efforts of the high school principal and a few citizens, public interest has been aroused and courses will certainly be demanded by the people in future years.

The athletic teams, boat crew, etc., will begin their preliminary training at the University of Wisconsin some time during this month. The prospects are bright for a good crew and an exceptionally fine base ball team.

The London Field, recurring to the methods followed in regard to amateur athletics 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 no other, implies that men shall be taken away from their business for months together and trained at public and private expense. English amateurism will never tolerate men being made mere running, jumping and weight hurling machines. There is a strong feeling in university circles against renewing international contests until the American system shall be reformed.—Ex.

Missionary Circle.

The Missionary Circle will begin the study of some of the non-Christian 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:

I. The Rise and Spread of Mohammedanism.

1. Mohammed's life previous to his public career.
2. Mohammed's public life at Mecca.
3. The Medina period of Mohammed's life.
4. The spread of Mohammedanism.

II. Mohammedanism and Christianity Compared.

1. Some explanation of Mohammed's success.
2. Christian and Mohammedan doctrine of divine sovereignty.
3. Doctrine of the Trinity and the two faiths.
4. Mohammedan and Christian view of man contrasted.
5. How commend Christianity to Mohammedans?

III. Confucius' Life, Teachings and Times.

1. The sixth century B. C. one of great men
2. Chinese history prior to Confucius.
3. The secret of China's greatness.
4. Chinese regard for Confucius.
5. Confucius' remedy for the evils of his time.
6. Main points in his doctrine.
7. Lao Tse's criticism of Confucius.
8. The last thirteen years of his life.

A gymnasium class for members of the faculty has been organized at the University of Wisconsin. The class is held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, and is quite well attended. Many of the professors find the exercise of great benefit to them and are enthusiastic in their work. Bowling clubs will soon be formed by students and faculty and some interesting games are promised for the winter.

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If S. U. I. is to be well represented on the athletic field next spring, hard, systematic and united work must at once be commenced. Ths 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 a nominal sum; and, at least, the majority of our students should be members of the organization. As it now is, 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 utdertakings. The officers of the athletic association and the varions teams are elected by the members of this 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 considerable 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 such as naturally arise from those 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 colleges favoring classification to advance the interests of all, and it would seem 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 immeasurable benefit to the cause of higher education in the state.

As usual the enemies of the University 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 are, it seems, certain influences in the state which are always opposed to the University, and it would be a matter of surprise if they should not be particularly clamorous just now.

S. O. Hahn, ex-'96, who has been a member of the real estate firm of Holbert & Hahn for the past three months, has accepted the position of manager of the western office for Iowa and Minnesota, of Powers Brothers educational specialties, main office in Chicago. Mr. Hahn expected 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 $148,000. 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 Pennsylvania 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 movement 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.

"Octave Thanet," Jan. 13.

Lary, L. '95, is visiting friends in the city.

Will Lomas was a Sunday visitor in the city.

May Gabriel is confined to her room by illness.

P. F. McHugh, Law '93, is in the city this week.

The Collegiate Department now numbers 512.

U. S. Alderman, L. '96, of Nevada, Ia., returned yesterday.

The S. U. I. Band is practicing for the entertainment of Jan. 13.

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

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

Eva Glass has resumed her work in the University and will graduate with '96.

Harriet Holt spent Sunday at the home of Miss Ida Felkner, in Downey, Iowa.

The paper in English History Seminary was read Wednesday evening by Miss Clermont.

Miss Clara Harvat 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 evening at the armory.

Helen Stewart will not be in the University this term, having completed her work last term.

L. B. Robinson, L. '95, has formed a partnership with Mr. Wm. Milchrist an old attorney of Sioux City.

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Lusch, L. '96, arrived yesterday. He stopped off at Waterloo for a few days on his way here from his home in Dubuque.

Mary C. Holt, '95, returned to her school in Janesville, Wis., on Sunday. after a holiday visit with Iowa City friends.

At the annual meeting of the Western Interstate Foot Ball Association Charles G. Burling was elected treasurer for the ensuing year.

The basket ball team will play with the Chicago University team at the armory on Jan. 18. The home team is strong and a good contest is expected.

At a meeting of the Athletic Association last evening the following officers were elected: Wm. B. Allison, Jr., was elected representative to Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association; K. E. Leighton, Vice-President, and Roy L. Emry Treasurer of Dual League, and Sam W. Hobbs Secretary of State Athletic Association. G. W. Lawrence, manager of foot ball team, gave his report. The report was accepted and a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Lawrence for his efficient and able management of the team.

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The Strike at Glassock's, A Moral Story.
Water color sketch—"I hailed the man on the ladder."
Designed by Miss Decker and Dr. Wauchope.
Water color sketch—"I heard her at the door, a poundin'."
Designed by Miss Decker and Mrs. Watson.
Violin solo..Professor Van Steenderen

IV.

The Mo'nin' of Aunt Lite, A Negro Story."
Water color sketch—Bungay.
Designed by Miss Wright and Mrs. Hosford.
Statue—Aunt Lite.
Designed by Mrs. Mayer.
Song ..... Miss Chase
"Old Folks at Home.

V.

Was It the Good Bear, A Child's Story.
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