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The special committee, composed of Judge Wade, Professor Weld and Mrs. Laura Clark Rockwood, with whom are acting the members of the executive committee of the association, President S. K. Stevenson, Secretary Ada F. Hutchinson, Chancellor McClain, Mrs. Ella C. Rich, have sent out hundreds of letters all over the state to the alumni of the University. The letter consists of the following:

"The Iowa City Alumni Association of the University asks your attention to the fact that the friends of the University in the state legislature will urge for consideration upon that body at the approaching session a proposition to levy a tax for the next five years to provide for more liberal support and the erection of much needed buildings.

"The accompanying statement, condensed from the report of President Schaeffer to the Board of Regents, and that of the Board of Regents to the state superintendent of public instruction, will show the needs of the institution and the reasonableness of the tax, by comparison with what neighboring states have done for their universities.

"May we not hope and urge that you will take an active interest in securing for the institution that judicious liberality which her needs require and the intelligent people of the state would approve?"

The following is the statement referred to in the above letter:

The tax of four-tenths of a mill which will be asked for the University would yield annually about $220,500 which would give, with the present permanent annual appropriation of $53,000, the interest upon the University fund of $16,000, and tuitions of $50,000, a total annual income for all purposes of $339,500. Of this it is proposed to use $150,000 per year for buildings and thus provide out of the proceeds of this tax for five years a collegiate building, a library, a museum, a medical hospital and other buildings which have been greatly needed, and without which the efficiency of the University has been impaired and its growth restricted. Even when this expenditure shall have been made the total expense of buildings for the University will not exceed that which has already been incurred by Michigan, and will not nearly equal the sum spent at the University of Chicago for that purpose within a few years.

The income for support left, after deducting from the total annual income the amount to be set aside for buildings as above proposed, would be about $190,000, or $60,000 more than the average income for that purpose during the past two years, and would still be a less annual income for support than is enjoyed by the State University of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, or California.

The plan of an annual tax is one which has been adopted in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska and other states, but it is to be noted that in these states appropriations have been made periodically in addition to the tax for buildings and support, while the tax here proposed would relieve the state from further biennial appropriations, and enable the board of regents to plan in advance for the expenditure of the income in the most economical and beneficial manner.

Zetagathian.

Last evening an unusually large audience greeted the first open program of this term at the Zet Hall.

The program was exceptionally good and opened with a banjo and guitar duet, which was very well rendered and received a hearty encore, after which President Clark made his farewell address and called his successor to the chair.

President Rigg, upon accepting the gavel, addressed the audience with a few well chosen remarks, touching upon the past history of the Zetagathian society and expressing wishes for her future success.

Mr. Olmstead then delivered an oration entitled "Patriotism," in which he spoke glowingly of our forefathers and traced the history of American patriotism in an entirely new and most interesting manner.

Mr. Guise followed with the declamation "Bernardo Del Carpio." The speaker appeared perfectly at ease, and held the attention of the audience throughout.

The debate upon the question "Resolved, that the subversion of the Turkish Empire would be beneficial to Europe," was opened by Mr. Barton, who emphatically denied any nation's right to overthrow the Turkish Empire. He advocated no theory, however, to better the existing circumstances

Mr. Miller followed as first speaker on the negative. He held that the Turkisk powers could not be subverted because of the jealousy existing between the six great powers of Europe Mr. Miller's speech was to the point and was one of the best of the evening.

The next speaker was Mr. Rea, who scathingly denounced the actions of the Turks, and argued that if the Turkish Empire was put into the hands of Armenia it would be beneficial to all Europe. His arguments were well received by the audience.

Mr. Keefe closed the debate with his usual flow of oratory, after which Mr. R. Moon delivered an oration on "Prohibition," in which there was good thought. Mr. Moon's delivery was also good, and he closed by saying: "Let men know the truth and the truth will make them free."

The last number on the program was "The Battle of Fort Christina," given by Mr. Veblen. The piece was was not so effective as it would have been had Mr. Veblen delivered it without laughing, but on the whole it was very good.

Homeopathic Department.

Mrs. Gray, Sr., was accompanied back to the University by her sister, Miss Goodlove, who will remain a few days to visit S. U. I. and surroundings.

Dr. Royal was unable to be here Tuesday but came Wednesday and filled Dr. Newberry's hour by permission.

Dr. Cogswell was unable to fill his hours on Friday

We wish to remind the gentle reader in the Homeopathic Department that if he has died, been married, or had a narrow escape of any kind, or done any other dreadful thing, please slip a notice of the same in the VIDETTE-REPORTER box, in the North hall, and the same shall be tenderly remembered.

Dr. Swinburne, of Earlville, Iowa, was one of the number at the Medical clinics Thursday. The Doctor graduated from this department a number of years ago, when the facilities were not so good as now, and no doubt he could see vast improvement over the work done then.

Dr. Watson presented a paper to the Johnson County Medical Society on Wednesday evening in the lecture room of the Homeopathic hospital. His subject was "A Birdseye View of Arsenic," and it was handled in a manner that showed his profound knowledge of the action of this great polychrist on the human tissues. The paper was briefly, but profitably, discussed by Drs. Royal, Gilchrist, Newberry and others, and furnished an evening of real profit and value to all present.

It will be well to bear the following "don'ts" in mind:

Don't slam doors.

Don't disturb a lecture by unnecessary noise in the halls.

Don't forget that the lecturer is giving you his *very best* attention. Accord him the same courtesy.

Don't neglect a quiz; it is for your your own benefit.

Don't disturb a quiz or lecture by noisy walking.

Don't forget the magnitude of your chosen profession. Ennoble it by a wise use of your time and talents.

Law Theses.

The following subjects have been selected by the Law Faculty for the theses of the class of '96:

1. To what extent may a condition in a sale of a chattel be treated as giving rise to a warranty?

2. Would a statute be constitutional authorizing the erection of telegraph poles in the public highways without additional compensation to abutting owners?

3. Discuss the functions of court and jury in estimating damages.

4. To what extent and in what cases may mental suffering be a ground for the recovery of damages?

5. Discuss the liability of a carrier with reference to baggage not placed in his exclusive control.

6. Discuss the limitation of liability of a carrier of passengers by contract.

7. Discuss the question as to what constitutes an accident within the terms of an accident policy.

8. Is the naturalized brother of one dying intestate the owner of real estate in Iowa capable of inheriting such real estate, if the intestate's deceased parents were during their lifetime non-resident aliens?

9. Is a will revoked in Iowa by the subsequent marriage of the testator?

10. Where the heir dies while the inherited real estate is the homestead of his ancestor's widow, can the widow of such heir be assigned dower in the reversion under Iowa law?

11. Can a plaintiff maintain an action on a cause revived by a written admission after the admission is lost?

12. Do recitals in its bonds estop a municipal corporation from setting up illegality in the issue of said bonds?

13. Would a waiver of a jury by defendant in criminal prosecution for felony be constitutional?

14. If A, in Missouri, kills B, in Iowa, by shooting across the line, in which state can he be punished, if in either, and what principles of law apply? Discuss the crime, the intent, and consequences, with reference to the question of jurisdiction.

15. A, a creditor, secures the obligation of B, his debtor, to pay the debt in gold. B did not know that he was promising to pay in gold, and the circumstances were such that it could not be said that he was negligent in not discovering the terms of the contract. Gold is at a premium when payment is due. Can B obtain any relief against the enforcement?

From the theses a committee chosen by the Faculty of the Department from the Examining Committee will select the five which show the highest merit as legal essays To the writer of the one of these five which has the highest literary merit, from the standpoint of clearness, conciseness and accuracy of expression, will be awarded a prize of twenty-five dollars, offered by the Chancellor of the Department.

To each of the writers of the other four theses selected as above indicated, a prize of twenty dollars, given by the University, will be awarded by the same committee.

The Kinsman-McCloud Law Book Company, of Omaha, Nebraska, offers as a special prize a set of Lawson's Rights and Remedies (7 vols, and index) to the best thesis on a subject to be proposed by the Faculty, the award to be made in the same manner as the other prizes, the theses written for this prize not to be considered, however, as competing for any other prize. The subject of this special prize is as follows:

What do you think of the position that there is not a national common law? Is it reasonable and sound, or otherwise?

Glee Club.

The chorus class which met in Close Hall last term every Tuesday evening at 6:30, for one hour, will begin its work again next Tuesday. All who desire to spend a pleasant social hour in singing college songs are invited to come. A good attendance is desired as the question of getting a professional director will be considered.

Notice.

Meeting of the VIDETTE-REPORTER editors at 1 o'clock Monday at Close Hall.

Dr. Wm. R. Harper, President of Chicago University, graduated from Muskingum College, in Ohio, at the age of 14, delivering his commencement oration in Hebrew, and received the degree Ph. D. at Yale when only 18 years of age.

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A word should be said regarding the athletic benefit to be given Monday evening. As is well known, at the present time our University has one of the finest athletic parks in the west, and this incurred considerable expense. In order that it might be carried through, President Schaeffer, Dean Currier and Chancellor McClain signed a note for fifteen hundred dollars. The condition of our finances is not changing rapidly for the better. The benefit is to be given to raise money to aid in paying off this debt. Miss French, prompted by the same spirit and interest as that shown by the above named gentlemen in the past, has kindly consented to give her time and services to help liquidate this debt. Many of the students are also to be commended for the time and trouble they have taken to make the entertainment a success. It is to be hoped that it will prove a financial success—it is certainly in the interest of a good cause, and Miss French is so well known to our readers that all know the class of entertainment that will be given.

The meeting of the Athletic Association which was held at Close Hall Wednesday evening, was attended by a surprisingly small number of members, although there was considerable important business to be transacted. It is extremely unfortunate that, after this meeting had been duly advertised on the bulletin boards and in the college papers, only *nine* members were present, including the president and secretary. The election of the foot ball manager was postponed until the next meeting, as one of the members proposed an amendment to the constitution which can be acted upon only at the next meeting. This matter is of vital interest to all, and whether we elect one of our own students to assume the management of next year's team, or whether we amend the constitution and elect a reliable business man to take the office, it is absolutely essential that everyone interested in our foot ball prospects for next year should be present at the next meeting, which will be held Wednesday afternoon at 4 p. m. at Close Hall. We understand that everyone who last fall subscribed one dollar or over towards the payment of the foot ball indebtedness is entitled to voting privileges in the association.

Medical Department.

Mr. Kephart, M. '97, has been confined to his room for several days on account of sickness.

The Senior class is arranging for the closing exercises; several committees have been appointed.

The Juniors have now the regular quiz in therapeutics The Seniors are through with the study, and will take up Medical Jurisprudence and lectures on Insanity instead.

Dr. Guthrie will hereafter give the Junior class in Physiology an extra quiz every Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock till the end of the term.

Mr. Stocking, M. '97, has been laid up for a couple of weeks with a sprained ankle, but is now able to attend classes again.

Mr. Peters, of the Senior class, is now back at his post as assistant at surgical clinics.

Dr. Shrader is now able to attend to his regular lectures and clinics.

Dr. Bierring will fill the chair made vacant by the death of Dr. Peters till the end of the school year in March.

"I cannot regard any schedule for the higher education, no matter what the college to which it is initiatory as adequately comprehensive, which does not embrace a definite and well balanced instruction in the more advanced knowledge of the human body, its relationship to other forms of being and the means through which it best can serve those larger purposes of life which it universely inspires, says Dr. Truddun in the January Popular Science Monthly.

At the recent meeting of the faculty at Swarthmore College it was decided to make the gymnasium exercises of the Freshmen and Sophomore classes compulsory.

Yale's preliminary catalogue shows the faculty to number 225, an increase of 19 over last year. The statistics for the academic department are: Seniors, 279; Juniors, 281; Sophomores, 324; Freshmen, 330. Total, 1,214, an increase of 64.

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Fact and Rumor.

N. Knight, D. '96, is nursing a painful felon.

Miss Stemple is confined to her room by illness.

J. C. Virtue, C. '95, returned to his home yesterday.

John V. Crum is spending a few days in the city.

W. N. Stull, C. '98, missed classes yesterday owing to illness.

N. D. Ely, L. '95, of the firm of Ely & Bush, Davenport, Ia., is in town.

L. A. Swisher, C. '98, is confined to the house with an attack of the la-grippe.

Gallagher, a member of the Junior Law class of '94, has entered the Senior class.

M. D. Moulton and E. W. Kemmerer, C. '99, were initiated into Irving last evening.

Professor Currier received a telegram to-day announcing the death of Judge Wright.

Daisy Hatch has been absent from her classes part of the week on account of illness.

The Kappas will give a reception to Miss French this evening at the home of Mrs. Currier.

G. E. Rizer, D. '97, has been called to his home in Ft. Madison by the death of a brother.

The Junior Dents have been dissecting. Part of the class are doing work in the clinics.

O. R. Kelley, D. '98, left yesterday for his home at Wilton Junction on account of throat trouble.

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J. C. Robinson, D. '97, is unable to attend lectures on account of illness.

Dr. A. A. Harlan will be here Monday to deliver a special course of lectures to the Dental students.

B. C. Keeler, L. '97, returned this morning from Chicago, where he has been attending the 'cycle show.

An effort will be made to secure the report of the foot ball manager for the season of '95 for our next issue.

On the first day of the year, at Keota, occurred the marriage of Dr. E. A. Rogers and Miss Helone Ruse.

The Guild gave a leap year party at the Armory Thursday evening. It was a decided success in every particular.

Mr. C. H Brown of Belle Plaine, Mr. Darling of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. Godlove and Mr. Carr of Lone Tree, have entered the Freshman Dental class.

"Spike" has been displaying the grit of a veteran in the Dental Department the past few days, having had several teeth extracted and filled.

At a meeting of the Freshman Dental class last evening the following officers were elected for the Winter term: President, E. F. Hayes; Vice-President, F. M. Metzgar; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Jennie Hirons; Sergeants-at-arms, L. A. White and Charles C. Countreyman.

The sharks which most of us have seen would certainly be members of the human family, but the Morphology class is being made familiar these days with the genuine animal. Professor Houser brought back with him from Woods Hall a sufficient number of a small variety of the shark for laboratory work.

A number of improvements were made in the Dental building during vacation. The south room on the third floor has been fitted up for giving instructions in making regular appliances. The north room of the same floor has been made ready for Dr. W. G. Clark, of Cedar Rapids, to demonstrate porcelain work to Seniors.

The result of the visit of President Harper and Secretary Goodspeed, of the University of Chicago, to Lincoln, Neb, several weeks ago, has been announced. The University of Chicago is richer by at least $250,000. As the founder of the U. of C. has a conditional standing offer of duplicating any donation made, up to $2,000,000, the gift announced recently may mean $500,000 to the university. Checks have come to the institution in such rapid succession of late that students and professors have ceased to be surprised. The latest donor is Mrs. F. K. W. Shimer, of Mount Carroll, Ill. She has signified her intention of turning over to the University of Chicago, Mount Carroll Female Seminary. In addition, she promises to endow the university with at least $150,000 in cash, and that sum may be increased to $200,000. The gift is unique, and practically means the transfer of a flourishing school, with 200 students, without any conditions. It is in no sense an affiliation, as the trustees of the university will absolutely control the property and the management of the school. In the transfer will be included four buildings, with furnishings, and twenty-five acres, all of which is valued at $100,000. The cash endowment will bring the gift in round numbers up to $300,000.—Ex.

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