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Bohemia.

The large and varied audience was at first disappointed when it was announced that Dr. Andrews, the essayist for today, would not be present, another student for the one previously announced on "The Dynamics of Chemistry Processes." His substitute, Dr. W. H. Smith, in essay on "Porcelain" was, however, highly interesting and instructive.

The history of porcelain dates back to about 200 B.C., and its discovery is one of the marvels made by the Chinese. The Chinese first produced a very hard clay, the proportions of magnesia and not till the 10th century was color placed beneath the glass.

During the 17th century porcelain manufacture was introduced into Japan, and by the 18th century Japa­nese ware surpassed the Chinese, and is now in some respects the finest in the world. Since the early days the porcelain industry in China has shared in the general degeneration of all Chinese arts.

True, hard porcelain was independently discovered by Frederick Boer­ger, Meissner, Saxony. The secret soon spread, and the first porcelain factory in the ancient was created at Berlin in 1713.

There are three chief constituents in porcelain: silica, and feldspar, with lime or gips, and zecchese, with lime gips, borax and oxides as secondary. All true clays, when mixed with lime or zecchese, become anhydrous, and silica and zecchese. Kaolin is a true clay, chemically an acid, ortho-silicite, and is mixed with a varying amount of silica and zecchese. The fusibility of a clay is determined by the presence of magnesia, lime, potash and oxide of lime. A decrease in the amount of alumina al­so increases the fusibility.

The varieties of porcelain can not be marked off by hard and fast lines, as there is a gradation from a common chamois brick to the finest ware. We recognize four general groups: porcelain, stoneware, majolica, and pottery.

Professor McIlrife reported on some peculiar variations in hickory.

Dr. Herring will give a voluntary re­port on the cultivation and recognition of diaphanous fibula in mediaeval art.

Dr. H. H. Pahst, M.D., 1867, has been elected to the board of directors.

Miss C. I. Peterson, M.S., 1887, has been confined to her room for several days on account of illness.

W. W. E. Hoppert, M.D., is still con­fined to his room on account of illness but is improving slowly.

Dr. H. H. Pahst, M.D., has completed his very interesting and instructive course of lectures in Obstetrics, and is to be missed none at the end of the term.

Dr. S. A. door lectures to the Senior and Junior classes only, Dr. Guthe will lecture on "Diseases of Child­ren."

The classes in History under Dr. W. A. Warren are now being reviewed by the students.

Professor Rockwood will from now on till end of school year give lectures on a special subject, Chemistry every Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock. Quizzies are coming on every Saturday night as a reward and only a few weeks more till the end of Medical school year examinations.

The Iowa Legislature is now fully organized, and no doubt are long we will hear of large sums of money be­ing asked for by every institution that has its partial or total support by the state, and the claims will be set forth with a different force, according to what we are now asking. None doubt that these can present their claims the strongest and raise the hardest will receive the most favorable recognition.

It seems to us, however, that no claim can be stronger nor could any demand be greater, than the needs of the State University, and therefore the claims of the University should be presented in a more emphatic manner, in order to make the case more effective.

The hospital is badly needed, and we do not want to wait two or three years longer, but hope that the hall will be erected on the square and the direct flame. Ut­most care is exercised as to tempera­tions of the test pieces.

Three days are required to heat up one of these furnaces, ten hours for baking, and three days again for cool­ing down the furnace.

In case the porcelain is to be colored the color may be placed under or over the glaze, but more coloring is given over the glaze. Very few colors will stand the heat of the fire. Oxides of cobalt, copper and lead are mostly used for coloring.

Specimens of the different kinds of porcelain were then presented for inspection.

After five minutes' quasium, the paper of the evening was discussed by the Club.

Dr. Hillier gave a voluntary re­port on the cultivation and recognition of diaphanous fibula in a mediaeval art.

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The Debts.

To-morrow night the Chicago de­bate will occur at the Opera House. Everything promises a well fought battle, and we sincerely believe the victory may at last perch upon our hands.

But no matter how we decide, we hope every student who possibly can will attend. As an act of courtesy we owe it not only to our guests and opponents in the de­bate, but to the men, to furnish a pleasant evening and a good social event. We do not doubt that we can do this, and we do not doubt that we can do so.

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The season is now at hand when the candidates for the base ball team should begin regular work; if we in-
clude to retain the silver bat in our possession. But before regular work can be begun it is necessary that the
management for the coming season should be organized. As it is at present the team is without a captain or
manager, and the prospects from a financial standpoint are very poor, although there is an abundance of
good material in the University from which to form a winning team.

Last year's team met with very good
success in the number of games won,
but the opening of the present season finds us with no suit on hand and with a considerable deficit in the
treasury. The management is resigned,
and the Advisory Board has failed to ratify the team's choice for
captain. We believe that no better man can be found for the position
of captain than Brownlee, '87, and
that if the Athletic Association
would take steps for raising the in-
debtedness and would elect a good
business manager, our chances for vic-
tory and the silver bat will be unsur-
passed. If the University is to retain
her interest in athletics we must put
a winning base ball team in the field
next spring, and to do this it is essen-
tial that a good captain and manager
be selected to begin work at once.

Edroelaphus.
The Edroelaphus, program of last
Saturday evening, the first one of
this term, was shorter than usual.
The numbers were all, however, very good.
Miss Lulu Holson introduced the
president for the winter term, Miss Clem.
She briefly outlined the program for
the society for conferring this honor upon
her.

Dr. Edреоlaphus Graft opened the
program with a piano solo. The selection
was well rendered and merited the encore
which was given.

"The Ruggles' Dinner Party" was
the subject of a declamation by May
Henry. Miss Henry always speaks
well, and her pleasing rendering of this
selection proved her ability to bring out humorous situations.

The oration, "Worth of Idols," by
Bertha Rimm, was full of beautiful
thoughts. From her easy delivery
one would have supposed her to be one
of Edroelaphus's experienced speakers rather than one of the new
girls.

Edith Charlton's declamation con-
cerned another part of the history of
the Ruggles family. In contrast to Miss Henry's piece, hers presented a
pathetic scene—the death of Carol.

The debate, "Resolved that Ameri-
can has no right to interfere with
the boundary dispute between Great
Britain and Venezuela," was affirmed
by Ethel Perkins and Mary L. Reed.

The speakers for the affirmative
argued that Great Britain and Ven-
ezuela were able to take care of them-
selves, and had not even asked the United States for assistance, and that if she interfered when she had
no right, war would follow.

Their opponents held that where
a strong nation was opposing a weaker
it was our duty to protect the one in
distress; also that if we did not stand up
for our rights, European powers would
divide South America among themselves as they did Africa.

The decision was given in favor of the
negative.

The Philanthropic Society.
Our young but growing literary soci-
ety is gradually carving its way to dis-
traction. It held its first session of
this winter term last Friday evening,
in an interesting program was carried
out. It seemed as if the holiday
pastimes and the kind Xmas remind-
ers had restored to the minds of the
speakers the vigor and vim that is only
natural to the S. U. I. student.

The program was opened by a speech, well-delivered and witty, by
Mr. Petersen. He spoke on the "Past,
Present and Future."

The debate, arguing the question
that President Cleveland's war mes-
 sage was justifiable from an European
standpoint, was well handled and
interesting to say the least.

Mr. Fitz opened the debate with a
well-prepared argument outlining the
Monroe doctrine and its succeeding
history, and presenting his side in
such a clear light as to make his op-
ponent's work hard to upset his plans.

The negative side was brought for-
ward by Mr. Grimes who, in an able
manner proved, to the apparent satis-
faction of the audience, that the Mon-
roe doctrine was not as yet a part of
established international law.

Mr. Clay took up the Justice of the
United States in compelling the Great
Britain to arbitrate the Venezuela
frontier question.

The next speaker on the negative,
Mr. Briggs argued his side with a
vigor and vivacity that caused the af-
firmative to wish for one more chance.

On account of the Iowa-Chicago de-
bate the next program will be given a
week from Friday.

It has been announced in the Chi-
gro papers that Frank C. Lowden, a
graduate of the Law Department,
and the one who delivered the annual
dress last year before the Law gradu-
ates, is about to marry Miss Pullman,
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Fact and Rumor.

Hagemann, L. W., is suffering with the grippe.

President Schaefer was in Davenport
day.

Tucker and Miller went to Daven-
port Wednesday.

Dolly Wickersham, O. W., is wear-
ing a Phi pledge band at Barnum.

Stull, 90, is still unable to attend classes, but is improving.

Pearl Marsh, H. M. 99, is suffering from severe rheumatism.

Swidler, C. H., 99, is able to re-
sume his University work.

Baptista Kirby has been absent several days on account of illness.

Illness has prevented Joan Bishop from returning thus far this term.

Mr. Cantwell enjoyed a brief visit
from his mother, Tuesday morning.

Miss Nellie Curran, of Kansas City, is visiting F. E. Thompson, L. W.

Florence Ady, C. H., has returned after a two months' visit in the south.

Simmons, 90, has just returned, ill-
ness having prevented an earlier ar-
rival.

Professor Patrick will lecture on
"Psychology" at Waterloo Friday evening.

Miss Leah Mills, D. 90, has been unable to attend classes owing to a severe cold.

Miss Nellie Sheldon is unable to be present on account of trouble with her eyes.

John Crum has returned to his home in Bedford, la., after several days visiting with friends.

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Gilles, 36, was slightly indisposed the last two days.

Holts' C.190, is suffering from the grippe and is unable to attend classes.

General Oliver Otis Howard visited the University with President Schaar- fer, Wednesday morning.

Lieutenant Vogdes and several officers of the battalion called on Gen. Howard yesterday afternoon.

Gen. Howard attended church and visited classes Wednesday. He also favored the Laws with a speech.

Professor Wiel will deliver the first of a series of lectures on "Astronomy" at Cedar Rapids Friday evening.

Sophomore Politics was postponed Wednesday because of Professor Loos' absence on an University Extension lecture.

W. J. Tapper, Phar. 390, was called to Monona, la., last Thursday, as an important witness in a law suit. He returned Monday night.

The Y. W. C. A. gave an informal reception at Close Hall, Wednesday afternoon, in honor of Miss Sims. All report a very enjoyable time.

Professor L. G. Wiel will deliver a lecture on "Astronomy" in Cedar Rapids Friday evening. This is one of the University Extension lectures.

The students are generally availing themselves of the opportunity to enjoy the ice. The river between the bridges is crowded almost every day.

Dr. Ludwig Simon, C. W. saia for Munich next Saturday, to study in the hospital there. Dr. Simon is a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at New York City.

Timothy Harrigan, of Hampton, la., arrived here yesterday, stopping off on his way to New York City, to visit his brother Fred, L. W. He expects to stay until next morning.

Sigworth, 390, who has been taking a special preparatory course for the study of medicine, is now a full fledged "Medic," having entered the Medical Department at the beginning of this term.

A large number of Freshmen enjoyed the lecture given Saturday morning by Lieutenant Vogdes, explaining the action of the rifle. The lecture was very instructive and the Freshmen decidedly edified.

The FI Pials had an enjoyable spread Tuesday evening at the home of Mabel Foster, married only for a few minutes to the sudden configuration of a large shade, which, but for the presence of mind of Miss Clyde Cobb, who grabbed the burning shade and carried it out, might have resulted in a serious fire.

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