WE WIN THE DEBATE

The Decision is Unanimous.

Last night's audience bespeaks the increasing interest taken in literary lines of Iowa College work. Those in attendance were not in the least disappointed, as the debate was an excellent one and victory was ours.

Professor Wilcox, who was for two years Secretary of the Mandarin Club, the question under discussion was stated by the presiding officer, Inspector of schools, in answer to the question of territorial extension of the United States is desirable. This was endorsed for S. U. I. by John B. Shortlett. He stated their position to be that unless present circumstances and future conditions make territorial extension undesirable.

He pointed out that the American people believe in the right of self-government, which must be solved before seriously considering territorial extension. There is no very enthusiastic feeling against international marriages, the peculiar situation as regards religious affairs, and the corruption as being greater in our foreign possessions than in our own territory. He pointed out that there is no very essential economic advantage in the acquisition of territory.

Jas. P. Whyte opened for the negative, and perhaps this was the best speech made on the negative. He maintained that if it could prove that it was desirable to annex our territory, there are more territories in the way of the decision being made in favor of the negative. He said that this question first arose in 1822. John Quincy Adams at that time said that if Cuba should become independent, he would devote his influence to grativate to the United States, and we could not cast her off. He objected strongly to the interpretation of the question. Cuba's commercial interests are American. When she is free, she will be in the direct line of traffic from the east and west. Cuba as a military point is of immense value to the United States. Spain recently offered Cuba to Great Britain for a consideration. Great Britain would thus hold the balance of power in South America. The last five minutes of his argument was taken up with this subject.

Edwin G. Moon, in continuing for the affirmative, declared that the question must be considered regarding those conditions which are now existing, and those of the future. We are not debating one hundred years hence, but under present circumstances. We now have 4,000,000 square miles of territory which has often witnessed bitter conflicts of interests. He called attention to the large number of foreigners now within our borders, and held that in the strong nation we have the advantage of last resort, interests, language and common blood. He next dealt with the people of Haiti, joined in 1861, 15,000 Chinese, 12,000 Japanese, 9,000 Portuguese, several thousand natives and negroes in Cuba. Cuba there are about one million Spanis

Medical Department.

Dr. Halton, M. D., visited the Medical Department yesterday.

P. E. Gardiner, M. D., was called home last week on account of the serious illness of his brother.

Mr. Gerrettson, of the Senior class, was summoned to his home in Knoxville, Iowa, one day this week, to be near the bedside of his father, who is very sick.

Dr. Decker, M. D., is spending a few days at his home in Davenport this week.

Dr. Hummel, M. D., was a pleasant caller at the Medical Department last Thursday.

The surgical clinics last Thursday occupied the entire afternoon, and special clinics were given Friday forenoon by Dr. Middleton.

It is with pleasure that we learn that Senators Everett of McGregor and Harriman of Hampton are appointed members of the Appropriation Committee of the Senate. The former is the father of Mr. Everett, of the Senior Medical class, and the latter is the father of Dr. Harriman, secretary of our Medical Faculty.

The following is President Schaeff's report in regard to the Medical Department and the need of a hospital in the State University:

"In the Medical Department very substantial progress has been made within the past two years. This is due to devoted laboratory work in chemistry, in histology, in pathology, has been considerably increased, and the work thus made more thorough. With the opening of the present year an obligatory course will be put into operation. At the beginning of the next year, the standard of admission will be raised, when the necessary equipment of a high school diploma, or equivalent, will be insisted on. In order to make this course in this department equal to that of the best medical schools of the country, two years' work is necessary. First, they should be increased from six to nine months; and secondly, a well-equipped, modern hospital must be provided. On this point I beg leave to repeat what was said in the last biennial report.

"If the University is to maintain a Medical Department, that department ought to be able to furnish its students with means and facilities for acquiring as good a medical education as can be obtained elsewhere. The state ought to be supplied with the very best sort of medical skill. It is not sufficient to train our students in the usual means of lectures and practical work in the various laboratories. They must have frequent opportunities of studying such cases as are found in large hospitals. In this respect our facilities are deficient, and the medical course can never be entirely satisfactory until the department is supplied with a well-equipped medical hospital. This has already been pointed out, and appeals have been made for the last two general sessions. The bill was defeated, and the need becomes more pressing every year. It should be remembered that the erection of a hospital was unanimously in the affirmative of the question.

should not be regarded as an expenditure of public funds merely for the sake of the University.

A question will be placed to which could be brought the sick and maimed from all parts of the state; a hospital will be a great comfort and relief from its further support. But it is a technical school filling a need and not a humbug. It is maintained by state institutions, and the other colleges cannot but wish it the same success to which they aspire. —The Oratorian.
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The past year has demonstrated that our literary societies are doing work of a high class. We made a good showing in the Oratorical Contest, and it is encouraging to note that the enthusiasm aroused at that time has not in the least diminished. Many are writing for the home contest, and we are certain of being well represented in the League contests. Our representatives in the debate of last evening did our University, their literary societies and themselves proud in their efforts. It is encouraging to the literary societies to see the increasing interest taken in these contests by the student body and the people of Iowa City. Last evening's debate is universally pronounced to have been a good one to the very last word, and it is to be hoped that it may be made a permanent one.

It has been a matter of some query with us whether our would-be contestants for the spring field meets are keeping themselves during this pleasant weather. Of course it makes no difference to the University whether Grinnell keeps the state cup or not, but we would like to see a few occasional ripples on the surface, so that we might know whether the athletic spirit of the University is still alive or not. Of course we admire such lovers of athletics as Mr. Chantland '92, and Mr. Clark '90, but we do not believe that these two gentlemen be allowed to have a monopoly of all the athletic spirit in a student body of over twelve hundred. We are glad that Mr. Chantland has shown sufficient love for athletics in S. C. I. to offer a good race to the very last word, the greatest number of cross country runs this season, and we are also glad that Mr. Clark is fond enough of exercise to run over the course every Saturday afternoon, and we are glad that he preserves a silver medal for his trouble. But when the present situation dawns upon us the effect is not extremely pleasing, and we think that an effort should be made to find others who will be willing to have a race on every Saturday afternoon with Mr. Clark. Of course we don't care whether our athletes be to be in perfect condition by spring, and we are not anxious to be represented by a strong team at the State Meet, but we do object to having Mr. Clark take his exercise over the county runs by himself and receive a silver medal for it.

Hematologic Department.

Dr. Gilchrist read a paper before the Iowa State, last evening, on the subject "Genetics and Classification of Tumors." Will Kaufman was very sick the latter part of last week, but is on deck again with his usual appetite and vigor.

Dr. Homan conducted the eye and ear clinic Tuesday in the absence of Dr. Newberry. It was a full clinic and the Dr. did himself full justice in exhibiting operations and methods.

Dr. Newberry receives the regulation spring smile. Cause: It's a good one. Just ask him about it.

Dr. Blackwood has commenced a series of evening quizzes on Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week on Physiological Chemistry. It is needless to say the quizzes are appreciated and will be generally attended. The Sophomores were called on division Wednesday night. It is safe to say that the subject was handled without gloves, and equally as safe to say that it was discussed in about the same manner.

Howard, Junior, has been having a tissue with something resembling grippe.

In the course of his inaugural address Thursday, Governor Drake offered the following suggestions concerning the University: "Our State University has already attained a very high standard of excellence, but there is room for further development. A great struggle is being made by the entire management, and it has many difficulties to meet and overcome. The buildings are inadequate properly to accommodate its present abundance, and there are many necessities to be provided for that should by no means be neglected. This institution is deserving of your greatest consideration, and all its reasonable wants should be met, so as to keep it fully abreast with like institutions in other states."

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course to the Dents.

The Chemistry class is taking up

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Phi Pels gave a delightful party at

their hall Friday evening.

H. R. Hugh, L. 97, became a member

of Tabard Thursday night.

Miss Simms has returned after a

several days' stay with the local Y. W. C.

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Gus. Middleton was absent on ac-

count of sickness the early part of

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We understand that the Senior

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Miss Church, clerk of the Dental

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Professor Wilcox, who was for two years connected with the University of Chicago, as a student. After the invocation by Mr. Barrett and a highly appreciated selection by the Mandolin Club, the question under discussion was stated by the president of the Union, in honor of which a well-attended debate was held.

The debate was opened for S. C. by John B. Sherrill. He stated his position to be that under present circumstances, a further territorial extension of the United States is undesirable. The debate was opened for H. C. by John B. Sherrill. He stated his position to be that under present circumstances, a further territorial extension of the United States is desirable. He then showed that the American people today faced a situation which must be solved before serious national existence be assured. There is the currency and tariff question, the peculiar situation as regards the United States in a very peculiar speech he shewed that our interna tional condition does not warrant an extension.

Jas. P. White opened for the negative, and perhaps this was the best speech made on the negative. He maintained that if they could prove that it was desirable to annex one or more of territory the decision must be in favor of the affirmative. He said that this question first arose in 1832. John Quincy Adams at this time said that if Cuba should become independent from Spain it would gravitate to the United States, and we could not resist her. He then made the argument thoroughly to the affirmative's interpretation of the question. Cuba's commercial interests are American. When the Panama canal goes through it will be in the direct line of traffic from east and west. Cuba as a military point is intensely valuable to the United States. Spain recently offered Cuba to Great Britain for a consideration. Great Britain would thus hold the balance of power in South America. The last few minutes of his argument was taken up in dealing with Hawaii.

Edwin G. Moon, in continuing for the affirmative, insisted that the question must be considered in the light of those conditions which are now existing: not those of the future. We are not considering Cuba under favorable conditions, but under present circumstances. We have not 4,000,000 square miles, neither have we a navy, nor have we a fleet. Cuba has witnessed bitter conflicts of interests. He called attention to the large number of our people who have emigrated to Cuba, and held that in the strong nation there must be community of interests. He then closed by dealing with Cuba's history, and next dealt with the people of Havana. The population is made up of 60,000 large families, 10,000 small families, 5,000 foreigners, several thousand natives and several thousand of a mixture. In Cuba there are a native 50,000 Spaniards, and thirty or forty thousand negroes. The past history of those people does not promise good citizens under a government like ours. In closed countries there is less chance of introducing the race problem. When we have solved the great problem now before us, there should be no more talk of this. It is the judgment of the American people advise or allow annexation. This appearance closed all of Mr. Moon's previous efforts, and his reputation as a debater is well known.

Edward M. Baker was the next speaker for the negative, and he dealt with the desirability of annexing Cuba. Nature meant that Cuba and the United States should be one. There must be a common blood, and by a majority, materially and politically it would be a benefit. Cubans are a hardy, industrious, and law-abiding people. They have been gradually drifting away from Great Britain, and as soon as that happens there should be a restricted reciprocity between both countries. Cuba's forests, fine harbors and fisheries—the latter would also remove a bone of contention.

Harry W. Hannan next followed for the affirmative, and demonstrated Cuba's right to Cuba. It was a problem of annexation. Annexation was the only way to solve this problem, and the democratic condition of people—there being more than 2,000,000 inhabitants, the United States is sufficient for self-defense. Canada, but a few days ago, pledged her united sympathy to Great Britain and took steps to render her assistance in case of war. There are a large number of separate churches in Cuba. In Canada the Church, under the civil law, has the right to levy taxes and to draw from the taxes to support those churches. Mr. Hannan made a strong appeal and presented a strong argument.

Harry T. Woodruff in opening, called attention to the fact that Iowa was secured by the policy of territorial acquisition. The traditional policy of the United States is one of territorial acquisition, and it has been successful. Geographical position, military considerations and commercial needs favor such extension. He called attention to the past extension and held that the past should afford a criterion for the future. It is enlarging the soil instead of adding another. Must be interested in the future. It is enlarging the soil instead of adding another. Must be interested in the future.

Mr. Wayne for the negative, and Mr. Moon for the affirmative, gave the closing arguments for their respective sides. Those were a summary of the argument held by the two sides, and were well worthy of attention by the pleasant interchange of wit.

While the decision of the judge was being taken the Mandolin Club rendered an excellent selection which was well received by the audience.

The judges were Professors David Kinley, Uni. of Illinois, H. C. House, Uni. of Wisconsin, and Rev. F. Minier, of Cedar Rapids. The decision was unanimously in favor of the affirmative.

Medical Department.

Dr. Haltin, M. D., visited the Medical Department yesterday.

P. E. Gardiner, M. D., was called home last week on account of the severe illness of a brother.

Mr. Gerster, of the Senior class, was summoned to his home in Knoxville, Iowa, one day this week; to be near the bedside of his father, who is very sick.

Mr. Decker, M. D., is spending a few days at his home in Davenport this week.

Dr. Hummel, M. D., was a pleasant caller at the Medical Department last Thursday.

The surgical clinics last Thursday occupied the entire afternoon, and special clinics were given Friday forenoon by Dr. Middleton.

It is with pleasure that we learn that Senators Evall of McGregor and Harriman of Hampton are appointed members of the Appropriation Committee of the Senate. The form er is the father of Mr. Evall, of the Senior Medical class, and the latter is the father of Dr. Harriman, registrar of our Medical Faculty.

The following is President Schaeff er's report in regard to the Medical Department and the need of a hospital.

"In the Medical Department very substantial progress has been made within the past two years. The time devoted to laboratory work in chemistry, in botany, in pathology, has been increasingly increased and the work thus made more thorough. With the opening of the present year an obligation four years' course is put in operation. At the beginning of the next year, the standard of admis sion will be raised, when the requirement of a high school diploma, or its equivalent, will be insisted on.

"In order to make the course in this department equal to that of the best medical schools of the country, two things are necessary. First, the course should be increased from six to nine months; and secondly, a well-equipped modern hospital must be provided, and on this point I beg leave to repeat what was said in the last biennial report.

"If the University is to maintain a Medical Department, that department ought to be able to furnish its students with means and facilities for acquiring as good a medical education as can be obtained elsewhere. The state ought to be supplied with the very best sort of medical skill. It is not sufficient to train our students by means of lectures and practical work in the various laboratories. They must have frequent opportunities of studying such cases as are found in large hospitals. In this respect our facilities are deficient, and the medical course can never be entirely satisfactory until the department is supplied with a well-equipped modern hospital. This has already been pointed out, and appeals have been made to the last two general assemblies. The need becomes more pressing each year. It should be remembered that the erection of a hospital at the expense of the state is a matter which should not be regarded as an expendi ture for the future for the sake of the University.

"Such a hospital would be a place to which we can point with pride, and is needed from almost all of the states: a place where such are unable to render the expense should receive the most skillful medical and surgical treatment without cost. The money spent in the erection and maintenance of a hospital would be returned to the people many times over in the saving of valuable lives, and in the restoring to health of many of the citizens who, from lack of means, are unable to obtain proper medical treatment. In spite of difficulties, the hospital, Morally, educationally and numerically, will become one of the most valuable ends of the University."
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