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Report of Visiting Committee.

Mr. Grote offered the following report of the visiting committee to the State University at Iowa City:

To the Twenty-sixth General Assembly of the State of Iowa:—

Your committee, under the provisions of a Senate concurrent resolution to visit the State University of Iowa, located at Iowa City, Iowa, state that they have, to the best of their ability, performed the duties incumbent upon them in respect to this, and submit the following:

Answering to the specific instructions, we have to say:

First.—Evidence by your committee, deemed conclusive, shows that the appropriations made by the Twenty-fifth General Assembly have been wisely and economically expended for the purposes for which they were appropriated.

Second.—No indebtedness in excess of appropriations has been contracted.

Third.—There has been no diversion of funds from the purpose for which they were appropriated; but, in order to complete the new Homeopathic Medical building and new Dental building, funds to the amount of $7,758.95 were used out of the general income of the University.

Fourth.—The law relating to the drawing of money has been complied with.

Fifth.—A complete list of the employes of the institution, together with the full compensation of each, is submitted herewith.

Your committee found the various departments of the University doing much excellent work, considering the facilities they have to work with.

In regard to the treatment the University has had from the State and the needs of a more liberal policy by the State toward the University, we beg leave to refer you to the very able report of the visiting committee appointed by the Twenty-fifty General Assembly, and found in the House Journal of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly, on pages 555 and 556, all of which your committee most heartily endorse, except as the same has been modified by the buildings erected by the appropriation of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly.

In regard to the needs of the University, we would place them as follows, naming them in the order of their importance:

First.—A new Medical Hospital.

Second.—A new fire-proof Library and Museum building.

Third.—A new Collegiate building.

In support of this position, we would state further: That the Allopathic Medical Department has, at the present time, no hospital whatever under its control. The clinical amphitheatre, now occupied by this department, was formerly a barn. It is connected with Mercy Hospital by a corrider made of rough boards, eighty feet long, and there are no means whatever of heating this corrider. When we take into consideration that a surgical operating room is always heated to the temperature of the human body, during an operation, we can readily see the danger of carrying a patient through this alley, having practically the temperature of the outside atmosphere. It is not in keeping with the standing of the State of Iowa to thus jeopardize the lives of its citizens entrusted to the skill and care of one of its institutions.

We earnestly urge that a liberal appropriation be made for the building of a suitable medical hospital.

The State has acquired, by purchase and gift, a magnificent library, embracing books upon every topic, and of every age. Many of them are volumes of great historic and monetary value impossible of being replaced in case of loss. At a small cost to the State, the management of the University has collected the best museum of natural history west of Baltimore, Maryland, and, in some respects, the best in the world. The present quarters of this library are in the old chapel, and of the museum in the upper story of the natural science building. Neither of these buildings are in the slightest degree fire proof, and this magnificent library and splendid museum are liable to be utterly destroyed at any time.

A new fire proof building for the accommodation of this library and museum is recommended as the second greatest need of the University. If such a building were erected at once, the two buildings vacated by the library and museum could then be used to relieve the crowded condition of the Law and Collegiate departments, of which we will now speak, until a new and more commodious building could be provided.

We found the Law department situated in a portion of the old capitol building, and badly in need of room. The balance of the building is occupied by the offices of the president, secretary and treasurer, and chancellor of the Law department. This entire building is needed by the Law department alone; but if it is thought best to allow it to stand on account of the historical associations clustering around it, it must be speedily repaired. If repaired and given up to the Law department entirely, it would make for it a comfortable home for quite a time to come.

Your committee found the Collegiate department full to overflowing in all departments. Many of the class rooms are overcrowded. The class rooms in what is known as the old dormitory building are badly out of repair, the plaster crumbling, and the floor worn in holes. Indeed, it may well be questioned, from the condition of this building, whether the lives of students are safe while therein. This department is also making use of rooms over the engine room, never designed for recitation rooms, in the old homeopathic building, and in addition, have been compelled to hire rooms in the city.

Is it right for the great State of Iowa to compel its leading institution of learning to resort to this makeshift to educate the young men and women of the State?

We earnestly urge, as the third need of this institution, a liberal appropriation, either by way of specific tax or specific amount, to erect a large central building for the use of the Collegiate department, and as an administration building.

We found the Homeopathic Medical department nicely located in its new building, and lacking only its completion to make the department up to the highest standard of efficiency. We wish to especially commend the condition and management of this hospital, and recommend that a sufficient appropriation be made to complete the clinical amphitheater and the balance of the hospital.

The Dental department, in its new building, is complete in all respects and ranks as the very best dental school in the entire west. It is an example of what all the departments of the University can be made if they are only given the proper financial support. This is the only department of the University that is up to the standard of the times in its equipment, as schools go, and we wish to point out to the Twenty-sixth General Assembly that this department, in the last biennial period, has turned in to the income of the University $3,755 in excess of expenditures.

We believe that the other professional departments, with as good facilities for doing work, would, in a few years, show the same satisfactory results as are now reported by the Dental department.

H. L. WATERMAN,
Committee on part of Senate.
SAMUEL MAYNE,
J. F. GROTE,
Committee on part of House.

Junior Law Lyceum.

The regular weekly meeting was held in the lecture hall Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock.

C. G. Watkins rendered in good declamatory style "The Charge of the Light Brigade."

F. D. Everett, in his most pleasing manner, recited "We are Twenty To-night."

H. W. Power charmed and amused his hearers with a medley. His transition from one part to another was in full accord with the sentiment of the production.

The debate, "Resolved that the concurrence of a majority of the jurors in a civil suit should be decisive," was affirmed by Hammill and Pendleton, and denied by Jacobs and Beard.

The affirmative contended it would tend to decrease litigation, as so many cases were re-tried on account of the jury not coming to a just agreement owing to the stubbornness of one or more of their number. They favored it as having been tried successfully in this country and in other countries, and cited eminent jurists who favored it as being the only method of securing justice.

The negative opposed the adoption of new customs in preference to the present ones of long use and good repute, and declared that the time necessary for all of the jurors to come to an agreement was not to be considered, as time was not a factor of justice. The history of juries was given to show why it has been customary, as a means of promoting justice, that all should agree on the verdict.

The speakers were enthusiastic and the question was well handled. The The judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

Philomathean.

The Philomathean society gave a very interesting program last Friday night. The program was opened by Mr. Jno. Meisner. His subject was an illustrative topic on the intricate workings of the newly invented submarine gunboat.

A vocal solo by Mr. M. H. Thielon was the next on the program. He gave a German song. It was warmly applauded and encored.

The debate was next on the list. The question debated was the resubmission of the prohibitory amendment.

Mr. O. N. Oleson opened the question with a strong speech in favor of resubmission. Mr. Oleson argued the question in his usual earnest manner winning the entire sympathy of his audience.

Mr. W. H. Briggs, the first speaker for the negative, was not at all dumbfounded by his opponent's striking arguments, but met them with "pointers" from a different standpoint.

Mr. M H. Thielen, the second speaker favoring the question, presented the present practical bearings of this all-important question, arguing the insufficiency of the present compromise.

Mr. W. H. Hughes, the negative's assistant, in his usual suave way, argued that the great expense connected with a resubmission made it undesirable; besides that, legislation will not change the desires of a sovereign people

The question was decided in favor of the negative.

The last number on the program was a speech by Mr. E. P. Bettenga. He spoke in an interesting manner on his chosen subject, "Victor Emmanuel."

At the regular inter-term election the following were chosen: Pres., E. P. Bettenga; Vice-Pres., W. H. Briggs; Sec., C. E. Bowersox; Treas., J. G. Marner; Ex. Com Mgr., Jno. Meisner; Reporter, O. N. Oleson; 1st Marshall, C. G. Meier; 2d Marshall, F. A. Stromsten.

The Alumni Fund Association at Yale is working to increase the general funds of the university. In order to do this the following circular letter has been sent out to the graduates by the executive committee: "Yale's greatest need is an income for general purposes. Most of the endowments and legacies are confined to specific uses, so that, while each year the university grows richer in new buildings and special scholarships she continues to need money more and more for operating expenses. This association undertakes to collect $10,000 to $12,000 per annum for use in any department. The fiscal year ends in June, and we have only about $250. It will be observed that $10,000 per annum is equivalent to an endowment of $200,000 bearing 5 per cent interest. We ask you for a contribution and we desere the liberty of asking you for it every year until you form the habit of adding this to your list of annual gifts. Yale men have established a reputation for courage and persistence; let them not neglect to be liberal, especially toward their mother, Yale."—Ex.

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It has been a subject of remark in the past, and is important enough to warrant its repetition in the future, that in the assignment of articles for readings and reports, some of our professors and instructors seem to be in blissful ignorance as to the equipment of our library. No fault is to be attributed to any one in the matter farther than that no student should be expected to report on an article which he has not had an opportunity to read. To be sure the book assigned is always to be found in the library, and in some instances duplicate copies, but in many instances if the members of the class should "line up" as they do at Wieneke's a few mornings prior to a lecture, and each wait patiently his turn, some of the belated ones could not more than catch a glimpse of the book ere the bell summoned them to class. Of course it would be better if each student could come into possession of a book of his own, but as that is not practicable the instructors should temper their demands accordingly.

In some eastern universities for the promotion of sociability and harmony the Faculty hold monthly teas, which are attended by the members of the Faculty, their wives, and graduate students only. We do not feel called upon to advise our Faculty to adopt such a plan (though it might not be a bad idea), but we do think it would be an admirable idea to have class teas, if not monthly, at least once a term. Light refreshments could be served and the expense connected with such occasions would be but very small. As matters exist to-day the classes are divided up into factions, each busily engaged in its own pursuits, and never until graduation approaches do they realize that they are part of a class, or have anything in common with their fellow classmates.

Every year the upper classes draw largely from the other colleges throughout the state. These students have but little means of becoming acquainted even with the members of their own class. Why should class enthusiasm die away with the Home Waltz of a Freshman banquet? Would not a simple class tea be as much a banquet to the unacquainted in your class if class spirit and enthusiasm were as manifest?

The Freshman girls, taking advantage of the fact that 1896 is divisible by 4, made a move the other night that ought to be highly commenned, for in so doing they have shown that they also have a class interest and a desire to become acquainted with their classmates. If such class teas or sociables were once established they would certainly be looked for ward to with much interest. Let some class take the initiative.

Medical Department.

Mr. Dean, M. '96, is spending a few days at his home in Muscatine, Ia.

Mr. Grimes, M. '97, is visiting at his home at Newton, Ia.

Dr. W. L. Bierring was called in consultation to Lone Tree last Saturday evening.

The following resolutions were passed by the Junior class:

On behalf of the Junior Medical class, relative to the departure at her home in Dubuque, Iowa, of Mrs. Scripture, we, the undersigned, respectfully submit the following considerations:

Whereas, it has pleased Providence to call from the trials and cares of this life the mother of our friend and classmate, Mr. J. L. Scripture; and,

Whereas, the suddenness of this summons must have impressed upon him more keenly than otherwise the greatness of his loss, therefore be it resolved:

First, that, if possible thereby in a measure to ameliorate his grief, we tender him our heartfelt sympathy, well aware what such bereavement implies; and

Secondly, that, as an indication of our feelings, we have these reflections published in the local papers, and arrange that copies thereof be forwarded to the sorrowing one.

LENNA L. MEANES,
PAUL O. OSAJÖRN,
H. E. DAY.
Committee.

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New Orleans Picayune.—A service of more than ordinary interest was held Sunday afternoon in the meeting room of the Young Men's Christian Association, on Camp street. There was beautiful singing by the Ottumwa Male Quartette, composed of Messrs. Edward Weeks, first tenor; James Swirles, second tenor; Eugene W. Peterson, first bass; Will. F. Muse, second bass. These gentlemen are citizens of Ottumwa, Iowa. * * It was a pleasure to listen to their magnificent singing, so artistic, expressive, sonorous and in such perfect unison. A strange feature, and one that is rarely seen in a deeply religious meeting, was that the selections of these gentlemen were applauded with much vigor by the large number of young men in attendance.

Ottumwa Quartette Feb. 17.

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Fact and Rumor.

The Laws had a clinic yesterday.

Mr. Plum did not meet his classes to-day.

The class in bimetallism did not recite on Monday.

Professor Loos did not meet his classes Monday.

Percy Kaye is confined to the house with "la grippe."

Moulton, '99, is around again after a two weeks' illness.

Charles Bloom is in Council Bluffs on business this week.

The Physics class had an examination Monday morning.

Roy Mosnat, '99, spent Sunday at his home in Belle Plaine.

Miss Ruby Baughman is having a severe attack of tonsilitis.

Messrs Rowell and France returned from Ames Sunday night.

Ruth Hobby has resumed her work after an illness of some time.

Co's A and B worked heroically in exterminating the fire last evening.

Invitations for the Sophomore sociable were given out Monday morning.

Mr. C. R. Marks, of the Junior Pharmacy class, spent Sunday in Wapello.

Perry Moffett and Harry Smith, of Tipton, visited over Sunday with C. S. Aldrich.

Mr. Smith is able to meet his classes again after a week's struggle with "la grippe."

The Sophomore class will give a social at the society halls next Thursday evening.

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A fine photograph of Irving Institute now adorns the walls of the north hall.

Valmah T. Price, L '91, spent Sunday in the city, the guest of C. H. Burton, L. '95.

We are pleased to note that Will Larrabee has recovered from his recent indisposition.

Several Senior Pharmacists went to Des Moines Friday to take the State Board examinations

Ballard, Phar. '96, and Mueller, L. '97, spent Saturday and Sunday at their homes in Davenport.

The Sigma Nus will have a banquet next week to celebrate the anniversary of their organization.

Professor McBride lectured in Centerville, Thursday night and in Lamoni, Friday, of last week.

Dr. A. L Haas and wife, of Coon Rapids, Ia., are visiting at the home of Miss Minne, on Summit street.

The Junior Pharmacists are joyful over the fact that they will have a written instead of an oral examination.

Professor Currier's Latin classes did not meet to-day on account of his absence in Des Moines in University interests.

E. G. Decker, M. '97, returned this morning from Davenport, where he has been working at Mercy Hospital for some time.

T. J. Fitzpatrick, C. '93, now president of Graceland College, of Lamoni, Ia., has just published a little book on "Ferns of Iowa and their Allies."

Judge Ney was unable to meet the Senior Law class in Equity to-day. Professor Rohbach gave the class a quiz on Corporations during that hour.

If the maxim in equity, "He who comes into equity must come with clean hands," were literally true, what a rush for the wash basin there would be.

The next of the debates in Mr. Beardsley's class will occur Feb. 20; subject, "Resolved, that private property in land is not conducive to the general welfare." Affirmed by Sears and Shorett; denied by Bettinga and Thomas.

The battalion ball occurs Friday evening of this week, Feb. 14. It is the idea of those in charge to make it an annual affair, the net proceeds of which shall go to the Athletic Association. No special invitations will be issued, but a general invitation is extended to all students and friends of the University, with the promise of a good dance and palatable refreshments. Programs at 9 o'clock.

The February number of the Law Bulletin made its appearance last week. The contents comprises "Hypothetical Cases in the Law of Private Corporations," by Professor James A. Rohbach, and "Hypothetical Cases in Sales and Bailments," by Chancellor McClain. These are used in connection with Professor Rohbach's and Professor McClain's lectures on the respective subjects. The Bulletin is the unique feature of our Law department and its value to the students can not be over estimated.

Notice.

The Allison Club of the State University of Iowa will meet at Close Hall Wednesday at 7 p. m. All who desire to see Iowa's illustrious son exalted to the presidency are invited to be present.

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