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Hesperian-Edelphian Contests.

Hesther, charming Philosopher, was at Close Hall this year in attendance at the Hesperian-Edelphian concert. The Edelphian Societies were represented by strong members and, taking the contest as a whole, honors were very evenly divided.

The program consisted of a debate, a declaration and an oration—so agreed—on the question of the question in debate. The Leona Call presided, and made some fitting introductory remarks regarding the contest.

The program was opened by a heartily corded call by Mr. A.C. Miller. This was highly appreciated by the audience and was a rare musical treat.

"Mind, the Victor" was the subject of the oration delivered by Mary Hornbook, Hesperian's representative. This was a very strong oration, possessing good thought and excellent composition. Her voice was very rich and well modulated, and her appearance pleasing and forceful.

Edith Chastrow, of Edelphian Society, next delivered an oration on "Truth-Seeking." This possessed rare literary merit, and Miss Chastrow's delivery was well-nigh perfect. The effect of this effort was perhaps as great as any other of the night.

The debate of the evening was on the subject, "Resolved, that the University of Iowa should maintain and establish a university." The Edelphians upheld the affirmative and the Hesperians the negative.

Bennah McFarland opened for the affirmative. We have no space to give a full account of this debate—deserves, but will give a short outline of each. This lady stated that the negative must prove three propositions, 1st. That the United States government is the proper agent to perform the said action; 2nd. That the action is necessary; and 3rd, that these will justify such an undertaking. The affirmative's main points were that the said action is not needed for a national university; that its existence would be detrimental and is not within the spirit of the constitution.

Miss Zimmerman was the first speaker for the negative and the first part of her speech was taken upon rebuttal of her opponent's action. It is recognized abroad and at home—2,000 American students in foreign universities.

Miss Mistle Eise continued for the affirmative in a very effective speech, and answered some of her opponent's arguments in a very pointed manner; cited disfavor of politicians and newspapers against views of professors of our existing universities on many day questions, and it would be all the more so with a national university. Specified the tendency of politicians to influence the university in its decisions.

Mrs. Dorcas demonstrated the fact that there are good debaters among the fair sex. She made an excellent speech and some telling arguments. Such a proposition is financially expedient, as was shown by charts, economically expedient, would foster inventions and discoveries. A well established local; a national university would unify as practical.

Miss Mae Henry made a strong closing speech for the negative and replied to many of her opponent's arguments in a manner that maintained that the United States government by the grant of any power to the states, cannot constitutionally found such an institution of learning; would increase and not diminish sectional feelings would tend to bring about greater wire pulling, and would be un-American. In closing the debate Miss Marion Davies probably made the most effective speech of the evening. Her replies were apt to the point, and she especially distinguished herself in refutation. We now have this table of millions of dollars of property at our capital which is now practically useless, but which would be utilized by such a university. This lady's wit seemed to her to be repeatedly interrupted by grumblers and critics.

The "Honor of the Woods" was next delivered by Miss Labroke, of Edelphian Society. The rendition of this piece was particularly fine, and nothing but words of commendation can be spoken for such effort. Miss Gray, Hesperian's declaimer, recorded "The Flight" from Abbech's "Judith," in the most excellent manner, and made a very creditable appearance. While the decision of the judges was being taken Misses Brook and Gardner sang a duet.

The second was added for the negative and one for the affirmative. Miss Charlton won the oration and Miss Labroke the declaration. Below is given the markings for the oration.

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Hammond Law Senate.

An unusually large audience was present at the Hammond Law Senate meeting on last Thursday evening. Among those present were Judge Kinne, Chancellor McChall, Judge Ney, Professor Robbich and Dean Carrier.

The program was opened with a glee club, but was heartily encored. This was followed by a well rendered declamation by Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Geiser gave a speech on "The Influence of Environment." He thought environment was the predominating element in the formation and moulding of character. The text number was an oration by Mr. Hamil, which showed careful thought by the author and was well delivered.

On motion the Jacob's Bill, "Resolved, that the manufacture and sale of cigarettes should be prohibited," was taken up for discussion. Messrs. Jacobs and Aldrich supported and Keeffe and G. W. Lawrance denying the same.

The affirmative held that the cigarette habit is ruining the youth of our land; unfitts them for their duties as good citizens. The coming generation will inherit a weak constitution. This law is different from the prohibitory liquor law, in that, that popular amlint is all with us and this law can be enforced.

The negative contended that this would be a sanguinary law and against public policy and common sense. He showed all supra civil laws had. This law could not be enforced; the prohibitory liquor law is an example of non-enforcement. We cannot legislate people's appetites.

The debate was then thrown open to the house and Moses, Bates, Anderson and O'Connel spoke on the measure. A vote on the bill resulted in 18 ayes and 16 nays.

The visiting members of the Faculties called upon for speeches, to which all echoed in his turn respondod, after which the Senate adjourned.

As far as possible the colleges to take part in the relay championship race have been arranged in two groups of four of about equal strength. To the winner in each group will be given a team cup as a college trophy; and each member of the winning team will be given a gold prize. The prizes for the winning team finishing second will be silver cups. If there are three colleges entered in any group no second prizes will be given. If but two are entered the prizes will be silver cups.

Besides the Harvard-Pennsylvania race, the two principal team races so far arranged are:

2. Williams, Dartmouth, Amherst and Union College.
4. College of the City of New York, University of the City of New York, Fordham College, Fordham, College, and Syracuse University.
5. Chicago University, University of Michigan, University of California, and University of Iowa.
6. University of Minnesota, University of Illinois, Toronto University, and University of Wisconsin.
7. University of Virginia, University of North Carolina, Johns Hopkins and Vanderbilt.
8. Trinity, Wesleyan, Tufts, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
9. Judson, Robinson will lecture to the students this evening.

The Hawkseye's Burrah.

A University song written by W. A. Dorcas, to music by W. A. Dorens.

Though quickly flows each college day, Though years slide swiftly by, We Hawkseyes no soil to till, And our college yet to fill.

'Tis here we know supreme delight, 'Tis here we sport with all our might, When we open the college gate.

Chorus.

We'll round our joys, we'll soar our days, We'll bear the burden heavy, Our college shall come to light In our memory forever.

We'll go where and we'll go where, We'll go where, we'll go where. We'll go where, we'll go where, We'll go where, we'll go where.

We'll sing our songs, We'll sing our songs, We'll sing our songs, We'll sing our songs.

O yes we Hawkseyes no soil to till, Our college yet to fill, We'll go where, we'll go where, we'll go where.

Our name we never fear, And it is known both far and wide, We stand by our college.

Everyone has watched with great interest the rapid development of Japan. This progress has been shown in nothing more than in educational matters. Japan possesses but one university which is recognized as such by the government. It is called the Imperial University and is situated at Tokio. It is unlike many of our American institutions in many ways, one of the differences being that Latin and Greek are not taught. The University is divided into faculties of Medicine, Law, Philosophy, Science and Engineering, the course in law is the most popular, and that in philosophy is the least. Yet there are very few lawyers in Japan. This course in law, however, gives entrance to many government positions and is taken up by those who wish to enter public life. The introduction is entirely by lectures and the standing determined by final examinations, entered into by more than one American universities.

The university has about nine hundred students, far more than one hundred and twenty. There is almost no college life and the students never are together as a body. The government of the university is by a council composed of the head professors of the different departments, together with the president.

Athletes have not yet made much progress. A base ball, a track team, and a crew are maintained. Foot ball has not been introduced, but it may be expected soon, as there is one team already at the University of China.

There are several other institutions which stand on the same level as the Imperial University, but they have not yet been recognized by the government as universities.

Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Athletic Association Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at Close Hall. Annual election of officers and affairs will be present.

R. L. Bosby, President.

Wm. W. Gorton, H. M. '96, has been appointed to a lucrative position in the U. S. Marine Corps of surgeons.
interested in the athletic success of S. U. I. do not fail to attend the meeting next Saturday and see that the proper men are elected to take charge of our athletic interests.

The Newtonian law of gravitation, that every particle of matter in the universe attracts every other particle with a force which depends upon its mass, and which diminishes in proportion to the square of the distance between them, is commonly regarded as one of the best established of scientific laws, but, according to a paper presented by Prof. G. G. Omouck of the University of Wisconsin, it appears that astronomers and mathematicians are beginning to suspect that this law does not tell the exact truth about the matter.

It is not doubted that over a very considerable range of distances, say from a fraction of a yard to the remote planet of the solar system, the law fits very closely indeed to facts, but that it correctly represents the force acting over very great distances, es that such as that between the earth and the remotest fixed stars, is regarded with increasing skepticism, as it appears almost certain that at the other extreme, the attraction of one molecule of water, earth or air for its neighbors, separated from it by almost infinitesimal spaces, does not even approximately conform to the Newtonian law.

From the theoretical point of view we are presented with two alternatives: If the Newtonian law is exactly and absolutely correct, then the universe contains only a limited and finite quantity of matter. Or, if the universe is unlimited in quantity of matter, then the Newtonian law cannot be strictly true. From the experimental side several distinct lines of proof oppose the first of these alternatives and converge toward the conclusion that the attracting force diminishes more rapidly with increasing distance than has hitherto been supposed. Among these lines of proof may be noted certain minute peculiarities in the motion of the swifter moving planets and in the behavior of the compressed gas when the stress to which they have been subjected is removed. An interesting suggestion made in this connection is that the gravitative force suffers an absorption in its passage through the celestial spaces similar to the loss of intensity suffered by light in shining through an imperfectly transparent substance such as glass or air. But this must for the present be considered as only a suggestion and nothing more, although it adapts itself singularly well to some conclusions about the law of attraction furnished by electrical phenomena.

A formal test of the candidates for University of Chicago track team was made last week in the varsity gymnasium. The trials were satisfactory to Assistant Banyoof, who is training the team, and he has hopes of taking out a much stronger team than that of last year.

Radcliffe College has received $5,000 from Mrs. Joseph Flaske, of New York, in honor of her late husband, who was formerly a resident of Cambridge. The college has also received $6,968.38, the balance of a bequest of the late Caroline R. Perkins.
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The Christian Endeavor Society of the Chicago church entered the professional students in their parlor to-night.

Mr. Handy, a former S. U. I. student, has returned to Tipton after a week's visit with friends in the city.

Friday night Professor Weld delivered a lecture at Mason City, and Professor Calvin lectured at Des Moines.

This letter will lead an expedition to Labrador, promises an excellent and valuable result from this research, and the papers published will be of great value to the public and to science.

We recorded Sunday from C. E. Dukin announcing the death of his father that morning. His many friends will deeply sympathize with him in his sad bereavement.

Supt. E. A. Kreger, of the Cherokee schools, has decided to enter upon the practice of law in Cherokee. Mr. Kreger, during 1896-96, attended the S. U. I. Law department.

Frank Russell, as an archaeologist, will lead an expedition to Labrador, in June. He will be accompanied by six students of the University of Pennsylvania. The expedition, which promises to be a profitable one, is supported by Dr. C. T. Mendenhall, Superintendent of the U. S. Coast Geodetical Survey; Dr. V. V. Baas, of Norway; J. A. Grip, of Sweden, and others. Dr. L. G. Lawyer, a member of this expedition, has been absent from the city.

Several pupils of the preparatory school, have returned to school for the summer term. They will attend the preparatory school for three months, and will then return to the regular school.

Mr. Blandy, who recently visited the city, is now on his way to Canada.

Mrs. Cook, who has been visiting her daughter Mabel for several days, returned to her home yesterday.

The students will be given a holiday on Friday, and they will return to school on Saturday.

There is more carp in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constant failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven carp to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Half-Carp Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for our circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. Cheney & Co., 170 South Dubuque Street.

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