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#### Close Ha'l.

A circular has been issued giving some interesting statements, and also making an earnest appeal for aid to the people of Iowa City, as follows:

Since the erection of Close Hall and its occupation by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. the two associations have been unable to meet the expenses through the ordinary sources of income. The deficit thus resulting, especially up to June 30, 1896, will be very near two thousand dollars.

A thorough study of the situation has shown that this deficit must continue to increase, unless the associations can be relieved of the attending interest charges by its liquidation. Furthermore, unless the capacity of Close Hall be increased, the institution cannot, even then, be put upon a self-supporting basis.

It is proposed therefore to raise by subscription a guaranteed sum sufficient to relieve the associations from debt, and to enable the trustees to make alterations in the steam plant and bathrooms, which will more than double the effective capacity of the building. The future of Close Hall depends upon the success of this can-

It would be difficult to overestimate the benefits conferred upon the University by Close Hall and the interests centering therein. It furnishes the only available auditorium of sufficient size to accommodate the students of any department of the University

It serves as headquarters for our foot ball team, track team and base ball team, providing as it does the only gymnasium and bathroom accessible to the student body.

It is made use of as headquarters for all the visiting delegations of whatever kind from other colleges. Its reading room and its game room serve as a resort for a large body of students, who might otherwise be lead to seek relaxation in less desirable ways.

Furthermore, and most important of all, its influence upon the student body is distinctly and emphatically such as promotes a higher Christian life such as might otherwise be less pronounced in a school of non-sectarian character.

All these, and much more, it does as well as it can under the conditions by which it is circumscribed. Will you help to carry on its good work to better advantage?

The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. of the State University of Iowa have an aggregate paying membership of 385, which could easily be brought up to 500 or 600 if the capacity of Close Hall were correspondingly increased. At present the membership exceeds the proper capacity of the building.

During the year 1895— The attendance at Sunday serv-

ices in Close Hall has been..... 3,000 The attendance at Bible classes 1,100 The attendance at the gymnasi-

employment to the number of 12
It is earnestly hoped that the above appeal for aid will meet with the support that it deserves.

#### An Honor Crowned Life.

Rev. Charles William Schaeffer, D. D., LL. D., the aged father of President Schaeffer, died at noon Sunday, March 15, 1896, at Germantown (Philadelphia) after a very short illness, heart disease being the immediate cause.

He was chairman of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, and he was at the seminary the preceding Monday, giving instructions to the ministers. "He was one of the oldest, the best known and most beloved Lutheran ministers, and was distinguished as an earnest and forcible preacher," says the Germantown Telegraph, and his history attests that statement.

He was born May 5, 1813, at Hagerstown, Md., where his father, Rev. Solomon Schaeffer, was pastor of the Lutheran church. Following the bent of his ancestry, he entered the ministry in 1835, and held various pastorates for thirty-nine consecutive years. He has been crowned with honors for a generation. In 1864 the seminary above noted was organized, and he became its professor extraordinary. In 1874 he was chosen Burkhalter professor of church history, holding that position until 1894, when he resigned, and was made professor emeritus. He has been chairman of the Faculty since 1879.

He was president of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania for many years, and was president of the general synod and general council, in 1865 and 1869, respectively, his being the marked honor of presiding over both general bodies of the Lutheran Church.

He was president of the board of foreign missions and of the church committee of the general council at his death. He has been a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania College and Muhlenberg College.

He was formerly editor of The Lutheran and the Foreign Missionary, and associate editor of the Evangelical Review and the Lutheran Church Review. He published "The Early History of the Lutheran Church in America" and "Family Prayers," and translated the "Hulle Reports." He also wrote and translated many hymns.

Dr. Schaeffer's death caused great sorrow in the seminary, and faculty and students mingled in expressing sorrow over the loss of one whose services had been medifold.—Republican.

#### Notice.

The Athletic Editor of the Hawkeye wishes to call attention to a typographical error in the records of John V. Crum. The error gives Crum's performance of the 120 yard dash at New York the credit of being the world's record around a turn, whereas the honor should be given to his 220 yard record.

#### College Notes.

Coach Watson, of the Harvard crew, has gone to England to study the methods of training and rowing of the Oxford and Cambridge 'Varsity crews. He will stay in England until after the annual boat race between the two universities, at which time he expects to learn some valuable points.

Passage has been secured on the Berlin for the fourteen Yale men who will go to England on June 6 for the Henley regatta. The crew averages 174, or three pounds heavier than last year's eight. The London Field, in commenting upon Yale entering her crew in the Henley regatta, was unkind enough to say in a recent issue: "They could get no one to row them in America, therefore they are coming to Henley, although no one invited them."

Perry Trafford, of the Harvard Athletic Committee, has suggested that a Board of Arbitration be appointed, to consist of neutral colleges, the duty of which shall be to impartially decide the various foot ball disputes which may arise between the different colleges.

At the annual meeting of the Yale basket ball team, it was decided to attempt to bring about the formation of a league between Princeton, Yale, Trinity and Wesleyan, for next season, and for Princeton and Yale to meet in New York the night before the annual foot ball game.

The University of Chicago will not meet Columbia College this year in debate. The former's oratorical association held a meeting Wednesday of last week by far the most exciting in a long time. A refusal to accept Columbia's proposition, after it had once virtually been agreed upon, grew out of Chicago's allegation that the Gothamites had juggled the question to their great advantage. It is claimed the question was given out at Columbia three week before it was sent to Chicago Finally the Chicago debaters wanted three weeks to choose sides in, but Columbia sent a communication refusing to accede to this arrangement, and this brought the question up anew. After a hot discussion it was decided to postpone the debate for a year. To add fuel to the flames already kindled, a communication from the faculty reached the students, proposing to transfer the control of the oratorical association to the university authorities. The association then decided to revise the constitution and make an appeal to the faculty for autonomy. It is, however, likely that the faculty will soon be in control.—Cardinal.

#### '96 Class Meeting.

There will be a class meeting of '96 at Close Hall, Monday evening, at 7 o'clock. Commencement matters are to be discussed and several important committees are to report.

CHAS. G. BURLING, Pres.

#### Notice.

For further particulars delinquent subscribers will please see the Business Manager of this publication.

The following new members registered for the Junior Law class this term:

Junior Law Additions.

C. B. Camp, Keokuk, Ia.

C. G. Burling, Postville.

H. M. Daniger, Council Bluffss.

W. A. Goodburn, Marcus.

W. P. Hoxie, Waterloo.

J. N. McCoy, Oskaloosa.

R. D. Marks, Sioux City.

J. B. Newman, Cedar Falls.

S. C. Smith, Winterset.

W. A. White, Washington.

H. H. Dorland, Whittier.

#### In Memoriam.

Through the power of an All-wise Providence, the father of W. H. and M. J. Butterfield was called from this earth to his home beyond.

We the members of the Law class '96 mourn with our bereaved class-mates in this hour of sadness, and extend to them our sincere sympathy and condolence.

M. H. KEPLER, M. E. GEISER,

W. G. ANDREWS.

Committee.

Hawkeye '97.

The few remaining copies of the Junior Annual are now on sale at Lee Brothers Book Store. There are about 50 copies yet unsold and about 150 subscriptions yet to be filled. Now, in all seriousness, if you want a Hawkeye, be sure to call for it at once. The Board cannot in justice to itself hold the books longer for subscribers.

Broken Field, Princeton's New athletic grounds, is rapidly nearing completion, and it is now expected that it will be ready for use by the time college opens next fall. The field is to be most complete and it will certainly be the largest athletic field in the country, for on it will be laid out eight tennis courts and three base ball diamonds, which in the fall will be converted into two foot ball fields. The grading of the field is in charge of Mr. Harris, of the Princeton Scientific School. The field is to be kept dry by two series of drainage; one a two-foot under drainage for storm water; the other a system at intervals of 30 or 40 feet for surface water.

The team of four men chosen to represent Princeton at the Athenian games sailed from New York last week on board the steamship Fulda. Colfelt,'99, was prevented from making the trip, by the opposition of his parents, and H. B. Jamison, '97, was chosen by Captain Garrett to take his place on the team, and enter the 400 metre run. Jamison, in the recent trials, was a close second to Colfelt at the quarter-mile run. In the absence of Captain Gorrett, H. C. Brokaw will take charge of the team out of doors, as soon as the weather permits, and it is expected that the men will get at least a month of out-door work before the Caledonian games, which take place on May 2.

The Arion Lady Quartette has made a good impression wherever it has appeared this season.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

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"Corruption in Politics" is an expression so often used nowadays that whether for good or evil the two words have come to seem complimentary. There is, probably, a good deal of sentimental nonsense about some of the ideas entertained by many good people in this regard, and no doubt much that in their own private lives they would consider legitimate appears in politics most horrible and most dangerous.

To a mind philosophically inclined there will appear in the above fact a subject worthy of reflection. The pharisaical proclivities of those who often repeat the phrase are indeed remarkable, yet when all of this element is eliminated there still remains enough of fact about this same corruption to arrest attention. Lamentable as are the effects of depravity in political parties we need not look so far for an illustration of its legitimate results, for it is sadly evident in University life. The quarrels and schemings of various factions, the acrimonious disputes and ridiculous charging and counter charging of individuals, the corrupt and dishonorable practices of sundry rings whenever occasion serves, in various enterprises in which students are interested, have become so constant a feature of our system that even the casual observer with no claim to personal sanctity must turn away with disgust.

No sooner is it known that some important question is to be settled than various forces begin their "campaign." Some faction wins, of course, and then the music begins in earnest. The defeated party charges treason; the charge is usually true. The victors charge treachery; this charge is also usually true. Next the vanquished party discovers evidences of dishonesty, together with sundry indications of total depravity in the victorious party. This discovery is offset by the "winners" by the always cruel and biting retort, "Thou judgest others by thyself," or by simply avering "introspection" as the parent of the discovery. It would be useless to continue the statement of a case with which all are more or less familiar. Suffice it to say that the whole matter is becoming more and more wearisome to the decent portion of the student body, and though interest is yet somewhat lacking, our little "Hills" and "Gormans," our puerile "Platts and Quays," may have ere long as food for contemplation the "vicissitudes of life and the transitory nature of human greatness."

One of the most evil features of the present practice lies in the fact that while the faction which happens to have out-schemed the other seems to realize little of the responsibility resting upon it, the one which is beaten develops a systematic opposition to any progress, and the result is deplor-

The above is not meant with reference to any particular or recent development in our politics. It is altogether a too familiar condition to need a special application to any time or case. Many have observed the case silently and with a patience which has bordered upon seeming stupidity, yet we have that a change is forthcoming and that in an interest which has lain dormant there may be sufficient force to perfect a much needed

Mr. W. M. Martin, an old S. U. I. student, has entered newspaperdom by beginning the publication of the Economy, at Salon, Ia Vol. 1 No. 1 appeared Thursday. It is a bright, newsy, eight page paper.

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#### Arion Lady Quartette.

The principal feature of the concert was the singing of the Arions, the charming Lady Quartette. While there was much talent and culture among the individual singers, the beauty of the work was in the perfection of the ensemble singing. There was a marked finish in the style and expression with which the quartettes were rendered. The purity of harmony and intonation was especially pleasing, while the phrasing and articulation were prompted by the nicest taste and discrimination. The best number was Nedlinger's "Rock-a-Bye," though "Old Folks at Home" was received with much favor by the audience.-Keokuk Democrat.

This excellent quartette will be at the Methodist Church Monday evening.

#### "A Baggage Check."

Chas. E. Blaney's furiously funny farce comedy, "A Baggage Check," is now in its second season of success. Mr. Blaney has given us three funny farces under such absurd titles as "A Railroad Ticket," "A Summer Blizzard," and "A Run on the Bank." We can rest assured that "A Baggage Check" will be up to the standard. This piece has been entirely revised and reconstructed, leaving nothing to be desired in the way of funny situations and good specialties. Being well aware of the fact that the theatre going people of to-day demand something besides the usual singing and dancing, the cast for this company has been engaged chiefly for the individual specialties. First comes the funny little comedian, James T. Kelly, "seen here before in Mr. Blaney's "A Railroad Ticket," who made many friends here by his quaint Irish sayings. Supporting Mr. Kelly will be found W. J. Sully, Louis Martinetti, Chas. Morgan, Lizzie Melrose, Lyda Clark, and the famous Nicholas Sisters in the famous acrobatic dance. The thread of the story upon which the evenings entertainment is hung tells of a very dudish young man losing his baggage check, which keeps him out of his fortune. The story is well told and carries you to a steam laundry in the second act, which is an exceedingly bright satire on the laundry business, having never been used before for theatrical purposes. The company throughout the piece introduces single and double singing and dancing specialtits, with many clever novelties which go to make up an evening entertainment well worth seeing.

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#### Fact and Rumor.

Lary, ex-'97, is in the city.

Miss Emma Eaton is quite seriously

Mabel Cook spent her vacation in Chicago.

Mary Lytle is wearing a Kappa pledge pin.

Wise, L. '97, back with the class this term. The Senior girls had a spread dur-

ing vacation. Geo. Carter is suffering from a

sprained ankle. Bertha Blum spent her vacation in Burlington.

The Zoology class studied a dissected chicken Friday.

The Botany class has several new members this term.

The Zets had a social on the Friday night of the vacation.

Dr. James, of Cornell College, visited the University Thursday.

O. L. Engstrom, of Boone, Ia., has entered the Senior Law class.

Roy Collins will be out for some time on account of his eyes.

Miss Blanche Bloom is taking work in the University this term.

W. R Gibson, L. '96, will not be in the University this term.

Abbie Safford, ex-'96, has returned

to take the spring term's work. Edwin G. Moon was confined to his

room by illness during vacation. F. A. Williams, '99, enjoyed a visit from his father during vacation.

Sophie Koehler spent her vacation with Edith Bale during vacation.

Maud St. John returned last night. Mabel Foster entertained the Pi Phis at her home during vacation.

Collins, '99, enjoyed a visit from his parents and sister during vacation.

Rodney Arey enjoyed a visit from his sister, of Cedar Falls, this week.

Friday evening, March 20, the Senior girls had a spread in North Hall.

Margaret Van Metre spent the vacation week with relatives in Chicago.

Miss Eula DeVoll joined the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity last night.

Miss Grace Bradshaw, of Cornell College, is visiting with University

The Hesperians will give a reception to the other literary societies this evening.

Harriette Holt has been spending the vacation in company with a sprained ankle.

G. A. McElroy. '98, has again entered the University after an absence of four terms.

Mattie Dunham left to-day for her home in Mason City. She will not return this term.

C. C. Yost has re-entered the University for special work after an absence of one year.

Professor Wilcox did not meet his classes on Friday, owing to his absence in Des Moines.

Professor Shimek, who has been quite seriously ill for the past two weeks, is improving.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bradway entertained some of their University friends at a taffy pull Thurdsay night.

B. C. Keeler is at home attending to his spring bicycle business and will not return until about April 6.

The Senior German class will do seminary work this term, and the Juniors will read German lyric poetry.

Now that we have such splendid weather for athletic work, every man should come out and improve the opportunity.

H. D. Williams, ex-Phar. '96, has resigned his position with Boerner's Pharmacy and has accepted a position with W. H. Graff.

Lester Jackson will not be in the University this term, having accepted a position in St. Louis. He will return to graduate in June.

E. W. Cutting, L. '96, having spent the winter as instructor in the Decorah Business College, is again present in the Law Department.

L. J. Kirkiand, L. '97, who was called home at the close of the fall term by the illness of his sister, has again entered the Law Department.

W. C. Dewell will remain at his home in Maxwell, Ia., until commencement, when he will return to the University and graduate with '96.

The base ball benefit dance will be held on April 6. Tickets will be sold for \$1.50, including dancing, cards, and refreshments. The gallery admission will be 25 cents.

The track athletes met at the park Wednesday afternoon for a little preliminary work. The track has been improved and we should like to see a large number of athletes at work.

Our prospects for base ball this year are very good, but the management needs financial assistance. The season tickets to the inter-class games are still for sale at one dollar and every student should purchase one and thus aid a good cause.



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