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## Hesperian.

In spite of the elements, a good sized audience was present in south hall last Saturday evening. The program was opened by a vocal trio, "Voice of the Summer Night," rendered by Misses Bishop, Brock and Bender. A hearty encore was responded to by another selection, "Lullaby."

Then followed a declamation, "Mona's Waters," given by Jessie Popham. This was delivered in an impressive style, the speaker interpreting the selection with great force and expression.

Katherine Way then gave a speech on "Some Little Republics." Tavalara, Gonst, Franceville, Andorra, Mansnet, and Qualla Reservation were described. Each of these, however tiny, has a distinct government of its own and is practically independent.

Miss Annie Barrett then rendered a piano solo in a pleasing and fluent manner.

The debate of the evening followed. The question was: "Resolved, that the evils of immigration threaten to overbalance its benefits."

The speakers on the affirmative were Misses Agnes Safley and Cora Dorcas; on the negative, Ella Jones and Lillian Hulsibus. The judges chosen were Messrs Goodspeed, Loomis and Hanson.

Miss Safley, the first speaker on the affirmative, said the number of illiterate emigrants had increased during the past year, and that of those who were educated had decreased in like amount. Our naturalization laws are insufficient for the restraint of incompetent voters. She also said that many foreigners have no sympathy with our government, and wish to overthrow our public school system.

The first speaker on the negative was Miss Jones. "Many foreign elements wish to promote the welfare of our country, and the progress of our schools," said the speaker, and cited the president of Princeton College, who is an Englishman. Miss Jones stated that the different countries of the globe have been populated and civilized largely by immigration.

Miss Dorcas closed the debate for the affirmative. She said the question was not that the evils of immigration do overcome the government, but they threaten to do so. Miss Dorcas stated that in 1890 the number of emigrants to the United States was 491,000. Of these, one-half were from Italy, and a large number from Poland, Russia and Hungary. There was a perceptible falling off in emigrants of the best nationalities, the Scotch, Irish, English and Swedish. A large per cent of our population is foreign. Our laws prevent the landing of criminals, but they cannot prevent foreigners from becoming criminals after they land here. By their cheap mode of living, too, they can underbid American labor.

The negative side of the question was closed by Miss Hulsibus. The speaker said that foreigners are such only for one generation, and that no American has thoroughly unblended blood after the third or fourth generation. The evil of pauperism does not exist, for all ships are examined

and paupers are returned. In times of oppression, the oppressed come to this country and make the cause of liberty their own. That if sanitary reasons were against them the law could amend that. In early times the great railroads to the west were built for settlers, and these settlers came largely from the ranks of immigrants.

The debate was followed by a declamation, the "City of Is," by Bird Johnson.

The program of the evening was then closed by a declamation, "Annie Laurie," rendered by Libbie Howard. Miss Howard was not only fortunate in her selection but displayed great elocutionary ability. In the rendering of pathetic passages she was especially fine.

The decision of the judges was then read, awarding the debate to the affirmative side.

## Zetagathian.

The program in the south hall Friday evening consisted of:

Declamation ..... Mr. Rea

Oration ..... Mr. Page

Debate, "Resolved, that the Monroe Doctrine forms legitimate ground upon which to base an interference by the United States in the dispute between Venezuela and Great Britain."

Affirmed by Messrs. Giese and E. G. Moon. Denied by Messrs. Resser and Crone.

Oration ..... S. J. Sayers  
Declamation ..... M. W. Williams  
Both declamations were good, especially the one by Mr. Williams. The orations were excellent, though the one entitled "Plutocracy," by Mr. Page, was badly committed.

Mr. Sayers delivered the oration which was accorded first place in thought and composition in the recent contest preliminary to the Northern Oratorical League contest. It is needless to comment on a production which was accorded so high a place above other excellent ones by competent judges.

The debate showed good preparation. The issue was distinctly set forth, the affirmative maintaining the Monroe doctrine is the statement of a principle which is perpetual and vital.

The negative declared that it was a declaration made to meet the exigencies of a special occasion and finds no application in the present case.

Mr. Giese opened for the affirmative; his speech was to the point throughout and his delivery was forcible. His exposition of the Monroe Doctrine was especially clear.

Mr. Resser followed, pointing out the application of the doctrine originally, but denying its present usefulness. This speech was also strong.

Mr. Moon affirmed the need of arbitration and claimed the Monroe Doctrine as expounded by his colleague formed good and sufficient ground for interference.

Mr. Crone closed in an excellent argument advancing historical proofs of the temporary and local application of the Doctrine, and also making a good point against the definition by the affirmative.

The judges decided for the negative.

## Young Men's Meeting.

At the young men's meeting at Close Hall, Sunday afternoon, nearly one hundred young men enjoyed the short practical talk by Dr. McCord, of the Methodist Church. He spoke of "Family Ties" as those which relate to the great Christian family who speak of God as their Father, using the verse II Thesolonians, 2:12 as his text: "That ye walk worthy of God who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. His thoughts were tersely put and in his own original way, showing him to be a friend to the young man and one who is capable to cope with the difficulties which surround them. He said that the only Bible which the world reads is the life of the Christian, and as we expect the son to bear the characteristics of the father, infinitely more do we expect to see the member of this family of God to reveal His character and to be obedient to and agree with Him. We shall look for the marks or characteristics of the family. Aside from the old stock objections raised by aliens of this family is the fact that the members of this family are supposed to give up their wills.

Drawing the illustration from these very objectors, who by their selfish and indulgent habits, which they cannot stop, Dr. McCord said: "Show me the man who has control of his will and in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred I will show you a Christian."

The meetings this term will be made interesting as far as leaders are concerned, and will be helpful to all.

Certain Harvard men say that the committee representing the colleges interested in the quadrangular boat race has practically although not actually decided in favor of the course on Saratoga lake. This committee has met several times without reaching an agreement. At first the colleges were evenly divided, Harvard and Pennsylvania favoring Saratoga, and Columbia and Cornell the Hudson at Poughkeepsie. Finally Cornell voted for Saratoga but Columbia held out. Had it not been for the fear of interruption from traffic it is believed that the Hudson would have been agreed upon from the very start. It is one of the finest courses in the United States. Pennsylvania at first voted for the Delaware at Torresdale, but this was flatly objected to by the other three and was dropped. Harvard's initial preference was Springfield. This course was seriously entertained by the committee—despite the fact that the current there is stronger than on any of the four courses proposed—because the shallowness of the water would preclude encroachments by excursion craft, but was abandoned because there was no railroad track along the river bank on which an observation train could be run. It does not seem as though the objection to the Poughkeepsie course is well taken. The swamping of the Pennsylvania shell last year was not caused by the regular river traffic but by the governor's tug, which had been designated to assist in keeping the course clear. Besides it might have been avoided had the Pennsylvania men employed ordinary

caution in putting out their boat. From the standpoint of the spectators (consisting in the main of college people who contribute the money required for the maintenance of the crews) the Hudson river course is by far the best; it affords an absolutely unobstructed view from Crum Elbow, where the race begins, to the bridge, just below which it ends. In this respect it is to be preferred to New London where the crews are much further out from shore and where the observation train disappears behind a long embankment during the earlier part of the race. The course at Saratoga is good, but it is not seen how satisfactory arrangements can be made for the spectators.—Ex.

## Junior Promenade.

The first event of this kind given by a Junior class in the University took place on Friday evening, and was an unqualified success. The committee spared no pains to make the event enjoyable, and the result was in every way gratifying. The hall was brilliantly decorated by University, collegiate and class colors; the music furnished by the Chicago Italian Orchestra was eminently calculated to accompany winged hours and light feet; the lemonade and ices were delicate and refreshing, and the evening though warm furnished a pleasant breeze.

Such gatherings, conducted by members of a University class, which bring students of all classes together, are to be encouraged; and the class of '97 is to be congratulated in having instigated in our institution a class event which is an annually enjoyed feature in most of our large universities, and which is sure to find enthusiastic supporters in the University of Iowa.

## The Seniors are Festive.

Obedient to an invitation from one of its members, Miss Mae Henry, the Senior class assembled at her home on College street Monday evening. Progressive dominoes was the order of the evening, Roy Palmeter carrying off the prize for greatest success in that game, and F. Brock for greatest non-success.

During the course of the evening Miss Henry was assisted by the Misses MacFarland and Anna Robinson, in serving dainty refreshments; and cards tied with the class colors were given as souvenirs.

This is perhaps the pleasantest social event in the history of the class; and the cordial spirit which prompted it, as well as the affair itself, will long be remembered and appreciated by the members of class '96.

## Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Tennis Association this evening at Close Hall at seven o'clock, when important business will be transacted. All lovers of tennis are invited to come and join the association.

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Now that the tennis courts are being put in condition, we hope that the University may be represented by a goodly number of players and that tennis may again take its place among our athletic sports. The present tennis management are pursuing an aggressive policy, and are sparing no pains to provide the finest association courts in the state. A plot of ground 160 by 150 feet has been secured east of the grand stand in the athletic park, and is now being leveled off. The association will enclose this ground with a twelve foot woven wire fence and will furnish nets and keep the courts in condition for playing. There will be four double courts and one single court with ample room so that the spectators will not be in the way of the players. In return for this outlay, which will cause an expense of about eighty dollars, the association desires that all persons who are interested in tennis will join the association. All students of the University and members of the Faculty are eligible to membership, and the membership fee has been placed at the exceedingly low sum of one dollar which will entitle the member to playing privileges for 1896, or for the spring and fall terms. The association meets this evening at Close Hall, at seven o'clock, to complete its organization and everyone is invited to be present and assist in bringing tennis once more to the front.

The last number of the Quill contains an interesting discussion, suggested by a recent article in the St. Paul Dispatch, regarding the trouble between "Barbs and Frats" at the University of Minnesota. Undoubtedly the Quill is right, as to the nature of the trouble, and assigns a good reason for its origin. Opposition to fraternities should not be based upon the imperfections of certain members

any more than in the case of any other organization. It is easy to see, however, that the comparative worthlessness of some individuals who compose them, and their evil influences, so far as they have any, tends to give color of truth to the charges, which the Quill says are made.

There is, we fear, at least locally, some sad evidence of moral leprosy on the part of fraternity representatives, and the same thing is not unknown outside those organizations. We have failed to discern, however, that this or any other cause has produced strife between the "Barbs and Frats" in the University. Indeed most of those quarrels and differences of which we have reason to be ashamed have originated not between the elements spoken of but between different fraternities.

It is true that the remarks as to fraternity and non-fraternity men may have found application in many schools, and to some extent here. As a matter of fact, however, we do not think there has been sufficient evidence of such a condition to warrant its being emphasized while the warfare between fraternities goes unmentioned. No doubt strife between any faction over honors is detrimental. If this be true it does not appear that the petty strifes between fraternities to which non-fraternity men are not parties are less lamentable in its results, or degenerating in their tendencies, than those which arise in the manner spoken of by the Quill.

The finances of the athletic association have increased so greatly during the past year at the University of Minnesota that the advisory board have decided to build an athletic field, and manager Putnam has been instructed to have the work begin as soon as possible. The field will be located on the triangular piece of land beside the new drill hall. It will be fenced in and have a grand stand and bleachers that will seat about 10,000 spectators. Training quarters will be arranged in the basement of the drill hall, which will make it extremely convenient for all classes of athletics. All foot ball and base ball games will occur here as also will the track meets.—Ariel.

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**Fact and Rumor.**

Roy Stover spent Sunday at his  
home in Marengo.

Fanny L. Davis spent Saturday and  
Sunday in the city.

Margaret Van Metre spent Sunday  
with relatives in Tipton.

Stella Price came down from West  
Liberty to spend Sunday.

John Chambers, of Davenport, is  
visiting friends in the city.

Phi Kappa Pi initiated White and  
Roach, C. '99, Saturday evening.

Brownlie, D. '97, has returned, and  
will greatly strengthen our base ball  
team.

W. A. White, L. '97, has been initi-  
ated into the Delta Tau Delta fratern-  
ity.

Dr. J. C. Shrader has been elected  
president of the Iowa State Medical  
Society.

Judge Granger, of the Supreme  
Court, spent Sunday in the city with  
his son, Rollo.

Fred A. Harriman, L. '97, was initi-  
ated into Beta Theta Pi fraternity  
Saturday night.

Miss Winnie Newell, who has been  
visiting her brother, Geo. W. Newell,  
returned to her home in Agency Mon-  
day.

A small party of S. U. I. students  
attended a social event of the Terpsi-  
chorean order at West Liberty Mon-  
day evening.

The Kappas will give the last of  
their series of "at homes" at Mrs.  
Sawyer's, on College street, Friday  
evening.

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The Psychology class is taking memory notes from Dr. Patrick's lectures.

Jno. V. Crum returned to Bedford Saturday. He is the same enthusiastic worker in athletics when released from his legal duties.

Some of the Freshmen found old friends among Si Plunkard's aggregation on the street yesterday. The meeting seemed mutually agreeable.

The Ivy Laners digressed from their usual form of meeting, Monday evening, by inviting all charter members and ex-Ivy Laners to spend the evening with them. The time was spent in the perusal of some of the best selections of the year, and then refreshments having been served, the old and new followers of the ivy leaf joined in a pleasant social time.

The impetus given college bicycle racing by the action of the recent intercollegiate convention has produced a perfect whirl of activity among the wheelmen in the colleges. It looks now as though Columbia would have the best team, with Fearing, Ottman, Baxter, Stevens, Howard, Ruppert, et. al. Fred Goodman, who completed his Freshman year at Princeton, but left early in his sophomore year, was enrolled at Columbia for a short time, but will not be eligible for the team. Harvard, Yale and Pennsylvanian will have fairly good teams, although there are no stars in sight at any one of the three, save Douglas of Pennsylvania, and Hill and McFarland of Yale. These are good men and should be heard from. Heidrick of Yale and Hinds of Cornell are pretty good, and so is Brinckerhoff of Harvard, but unless the new classes are hiding under a bushel the lights of several phenomena, the prospects of these three teams are not as good as Columbia's, speaking now of the complete teams. There may be, however, several strong men from other colleges. Princeton is badly off for cycle racers since Goodman left and Corser graduated.—Young Men's Era.

**College Notes.**

The only woman chemist in Paris is a Vassar girl, Miss Ida Welt.

The Yale bicycle squad now numbers about 23 men. Of this number about 10 will be selected to represent Yale in the Intercollegiate Association races. This meet occurs June 3, and several other colleges will enter regular bicycle teams.

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