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Burdette's Lecture.

ATTENDED BY A LARGE AND APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE.

With pleasant recollections of the agreeable evening spent with "Bob" Burdette two years ago, the students of the University and the citizens of Iowa City turned out in large numbers last night to listen to that popular lecturer a second time. Every seat of the Opera House was occupied and many stood in the aisles and passage ways.

Shortly after eight o'clock Mr. Burdette was most pleasingly introduced to the audience by Instructor George Cook.

For nearly two hours thereafter, until the close of his lecture, Mr. Burdette regaled his attentive audience with his characteristic humor. Underlying the entire lecture as a groundwork was a sermon to young men which abounded in good advice. Upon this groundwork appeared in pleasing design the lecturer's bright bits of wit, his happy humor, his ludicrous descriptions, and his occasional bursts of eloquence. Added to this was the charm of the manner of presentation of the lecture; it was entirely informal and seemed more like the conversation of some genial, entertaining fellow than a lecturer. The entertainment was greatly appreciated by the audience and fully met the high standard that has heretofore been maintained by the Lecture Bureau.

Meeting of College Presidents.

President Schaeffer returned home Saturday noon from Madison, where he was in attendance at a "Round Table" gathering of University presidents. In an interview with a representative of the Republican, from which we take this item, he said:

"This meeting was a success, and while no association was formed, it was the unanimous opinion that the discussions did a vast amount of good, and a committee was appointed to arrange for a future meeting if it is deemed desirable. There were eleven of us there—representing 10 states, as follows: Canfield, Ohio; Swain, (Bloomington) Indiana; Smart, (Lafayette) Indiana; Draper, Illinois; Angell, Michigan; Adams, Wisconsin; Ad-Northrup, Minnesota; McClean, Nebraska; Snow, Kansas; Jesse, Missouri; Schaeffer, Iowa.

"It was generally decided that if we eleven, representing ten states, agree to some means of regulating and preventing these evils in the future, we could insist and stand our grounds, and induce other institutions to enter into the same agreement and adopt our rules. In no case did we pledge our respective institutions, but we agreed to use our best efforts to adopt a uniform system. A committee (embracing Presidents Adams, Draper and Snow) was appointed to draft rules covering the points mentioned. These will be sent to all the members of the conference and we will then give them our consideration.

"While we were at Madison, President Adams and other citizens entertained us very well. We were shown the buildings and equipments, and the

faculties and students held a large meeting in the University's fine gymnasium. Each of the presidents made an address of five minutes' length. We discussed various themes such as 'Business methods of running a University;' 'Enlisting the people's interest in a University;' 'Relation of the universities to denominational colleges,' etc.

"Foot ball was discussed also, and it was the general opinion of the assembly that stricter regulations and greater vigilance were necessary, in order to diminish the roughness of the game, and more particularly to prevent professionalism, of which latter evil numerous presidents complained. Some said that students who had played on the university's teams mysteriously disappeared immediately after the Thanksgiving Day games. In some cases, too, enterprising merchants paid students to play, although no one in the University had anything to do with the hiring.

"There were some amusing features connected with the conference. One of the newspapers used as a caption 'The Eleven Big Heads.' Another published a foot ball team 'line up' and I was called right half back. Various jokes about 'the University eleven' were made. 'The eleven,' by the way, was photographed before the 'team' adjourned."

The Reception.

Students who did not go to Close Hall Saturday evening missed something. It was neither a formal, cold-blooded affair, nor a jam of guests through which a flying wedge couldn't make its way, as so-called receptions often are.

The entertainment was informal but none the less delightful. After several songs by the glee club and others, Secretary Rose introduced Mr. Dorcas, who made a neat little speech on the position of the Y. M. C. A. in University life. He was followed by Miss Beulah MacFarland, who spoke for the sister association.

A solo by Miss Van Meter so pleased her audience that they insisted upon another, after which Professor Carter gave an original impersonation, "The Man Who Never Complains," and responded to an encore with one of James Whitecomb Riley's little stories. Then Keeler introduced C. C. Michener, formerly assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and now international college secretary, who made a brief but ringing speech about university life outside the classroom.

The remainder of the evening was spent in songs and social conversation providing a most delightful evening for all.

Irving.

The first meeting of the year in the North Hall, on last Friday evening, was an unusually good one. On account of the absence of President Keeler, retiring Vice-President Johnson introduced in a very pleasant fashion the new president, Mr. Briggs. In his inaugural speech the latter discussed plans and prospects for the coming term in an interesting manner and showed his appreciation of the work before him.

Egan opened the literary program with a declamation of "Cataline's Defiance." He was followed by Lee in a neat little speech on "Secondary Education."

"Resolved, that an International Copyright Law should be secured," was affirmed by Warner and Smith, and denied by Chamberlain and Ralph Otto.

It was Warner's first appearance before an Irving audience and he became somewhat "rattled" at first, but kept his nerve and shook himself together in a way that promises better things.

Chamberlain's discourse was thoughtful and interesting, giving evidence of a thorough knowledge of his subject on the part of the speaker.

Smith upheld the copyright on the high moral grounds of justice to all men irrespective of nationality, while Otto attacked the copyright as a monopoly and waxed facetious in discussing the advantages to humanity had Homer and Virgil been possessed of copyright privileges.

This debate was the first in which the new ruling of Irving, allowing the affirmative a three minute rejoinder, was made use of, Smith closing for that side.

The judges declared the negative winners.

"Evolution of Civilization" was the somewhat ponderous subject of Starr's oration, but he did it ample justice. The intimation of a future application of the cyclone to the uses of man as the lightning has been recently subjected, was a somewhat startling feature of his address.

The program closed with a trial scene from a Texas court, being an adaptation of one of Richard Harding Davis' stories by Keeler and Loomis. It was excellently presented, entertaining and pathetic in the extreme, and a pleasing variation from the regular numbers.

Irving is to be congratulated on the work of two of its new members who appeared for the first time Friday night—Starr and Chamberlain.

Obituary.

Mr. Albert VandenBurg died at the Schneider residence at 319 S. Capitol street, Thursday, Jan. 7, 1897, at 1:30 p. m., aged 21 years.

The young man had not been feeling for about two weeks, and on Saturday evening, January 2, he consulted Dr. Littig and was told that the trouble was probably due to appendicitis, and that an operation would be necessary. His mother was telegraphed for, and the time of the operation fixed at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday. At 2 o'clock Dr. Littig, assisted by Drs. Clapp and Bierring, performed the operation and found the trouble had already developed into suppurative peritonitis, and that it was almost a hopeless case. After the operation he felt somewhat relieved, and the next morning and following day his condition seemed quite hopeful and nobody had any idea that the end was so near, until about 3 o'clock Thursday morning, when there was a change for the worse, and he rapidly sank until death came calmly and peacefully as above stated.

His remains were taken to his home at Alton, Ia., for interment, the Pharmacy faculty and students marching in a body ahead of the hearse in removing the remains to the train, Mr. T. McMahon, a classmate of the deceased, being sent by the faculty and students of his department, along with the mother of the deceased, as an expression of sympathy to the bereaved family. The deceased leaves a father and mother, a sister and two brothers; one of the brothers attending school at Holland, Mich.

The Western Intercollegiate Football Association has "fired" the S. U. I. team from the league. The pennant was refused our eleven but the credit of winning it was recorded, and, after this paradox, the team was dismissed from the Association on two grounds (not foot ball grounds). The S. U. I. team was charged with failing to have a representative at the meeting in Kansas City, Dec. 19, 1896, and with failing to pay its annual association dues of \$50. To the first charge S. U. I. must plead "guilty;" of the second it can be said that the 'Varsity eleven probably has more coming to it from the league than it owes. However, as we had no man at Kansas City to present our claims, the latter explanation now avails little or nothing. Professor Sims was seen by a representative of the Republican, but would only say in answer to queries: "I am not prepared to speak of our future."—Republican.

Companies A and B will drill Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30; C and D, Fridays, 4:30 to 5:30. Lecture for Seniors, Tuesdays, 4:30 to 5:30. Wednesdays, recitation first section of Sophomore class, 3:30 to 4:30; second section Sophomore class, 4:30 to 5:30. Thursdays, recitation for Juniors, 4:30 to 5:30. Friday, battalion drill, 4:30 to 5:30.

Sunday evening about eight o'clock, the rooms of several students at 115 Court street, were invaded by burglars. All jewelry and other articles of value found were carried off. The heaviest loss is sustained by J. C. Prall, all his medals being stolen. It is hoped that the thief will be captured.

The basket ball team was defeated by the Rock Island Y. M. C. A. team last Saturday night, the score being 16 to 13. Lack of practice, owing to repairs in the gymnasium, was largely responsible for the result.

The Young Women's Christian Association will serve an oyster supper at the Christian Church next Saturday night, January 16, beginning at 5:30. Get a good supper for 25 cents.

The Rock Island basket ball team will play a return game with our team at the gymnasium Saturday evening. Our boys are practicing hard and will make an excellent showing in the contest.

Notice.

All students having to make up Solid Geometry should report to Mr. Merritt at once. The class will recite daily at 3:30 for the next six or seven weeks.

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Perhaps it would be appropriate to announce that the members of the VIDETTE-REPORTER staff have sufficiently recovered from their "recent bereavement" so that this paper will be edited three times a week, as has been the custom. The "man up a tree," after interviewing several members of the Quill Board, at last found one who pleaded guilty to writing the "In Memoriam" article which appeared in a recent number of that agitator. This celebrated journalist said that it was to be interpreted as a joke, but we can give our readers no further information on the subject, as the representative of that parody on LITERARY journalism, whenever further questioned, would fall into a paroxysm of laughter.

As a rule, the Quill can mistify ideas, contortionize the truth, mimicize nothing, and even make frequent vain and sickly attempts to be witty at our expense, and we will condescend to treat them all with silent contempt; but the spicy funnygraph in question—which is characteristic of the funny man on the Quill and humorous enough to send an Egyptian mummy into a Japanese nightmare—needed explanation, and with our usual clarity we humbly volunteer to help the Quill out of its ludicrous position. This charitable spirit is one of our fundamental tenets, and was repeatedly shown long before the Quill happened in its embryonic state. We do not wish to be understood as objecting to such amateur "feats" in journalism, for it furnishes the LITERARY magazine of S. U. I. with copy and advertises the VIDETTE-REPORTER. But as many of the readers of our illustrious contemporary will here many years pass, be found in legislative halls and prominent in the professions, it would be better serving the object for which it is supposed to

exist if it would use such space to "re-agitate" such important questions as, for instance, "opening the library for an hour or two during the evening."

One would almost think that our beloved and worthy contemporary is over anxious for our discontinuance. Pray tell what they would do for football cuts, and how could they get along without our back numbers to see whether they have all the news in the copy for their next issue?

Words cannot express our appreciation of the Quill's sympathy in these, our sad hours of affliction and bereavement. One sweet consolation in these trying hours is the fact that we learn who are our true friends and in whom to place trust and confidence. Dear Quill, your reward is not of this earth; but in the future you can have our locals already "set up," which will save your type-setter unnecessary work.

The only blot upon our glorious foot ball record is that deficit. It is as a miserable accompaniment to a rich melody. The way the students in general shrink back from any little sacrifice they might make to clear this debt, is enough to kill our foot ball interests for next season. There are a few, we recognize, who have given more than their share, and for these we have only words of commendation; but there are MANY who have done nothing. The sacrifice is a small one if only every student had the loyalty to contribute his share. The deficit did not occur through any mismanagement of the team and its expenses, but through one of those always imminent reverses of Nature—the weather, this time at Omaha. We have said enough however, in previous issues, in reference to this. It ought, by this time, to be perfectly plain to every student in the University as to the reasons for the debt and the best means of blotting it out. Efforts to obtain the necessary amount have been made through the various class organizations, but this has met with slight success. The management, assisted by some of the loyal young ladies of the University, have for some weeks been endeavoring to complete arrangements for a foot ball dance, the proceeds of which should be used in lessening this debt. The dance was to have occurred last Friday night, but the majority of tickets sold were sold to the merchants of this city. In a financial way the merchants have helped the foot ball team more than the students themselves. If we look into the accounts carefully, comparing that which the merchants have given with that given by ourselves—the students,—we find an exhibition of selfishness on our part that is indeed surprising. If any one of our rival Universities should say that our victorious team was supported NOT BY THE STUDENTS but BY THE MERCHANTS of Iowa City, would not a tinge of indignation course through your veins at such a taunt? Yet such is the case. As a University paper we do not pretend to say how you should help raise this debt. Whether you should aid by purchasing a ticket for the dances given for its benefit, or otherwise, we would leave for you to choose, but we do say emphatically that you owe something, all you who have not already given, and we feel sure that the management would be thankful for any contribution you are willing to make.

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Chapel exercises began yesterday morning.

Wert Foxie, L. '97, returned Saturday evening.

Della Alford, '99, has re-entered the University.

Zets initiated W. H. Thomas, '00, Friday night.

Hobbs and Hetzel are among the last to arrive.

Judge Seeds is again lecturing to the Law students.

"Bob" Burdette ate dinner with the Phi Psi yesterday.

Miss Strayer, of Waterloo, has entered the department of Pharmacy. Have you secured your tickets for the foot ball benefit? If not, do so at once.

Professor Andrews was called to Columbus Junction yesterday on X-ray business.

The Ottumwa Male Quartet will be at the M. E. Church next Monday evening, Jan. 18th.

Pfeiffer, ex-'96, has returned to the University and is now enrolled among the members of '98.

The repairs in the gymnasium have been completed and regular class work will now begin.

Miss Ruth Paxson writes that if her mother improves she will return the latter part of this week.

Daniel Sullivan, of the Junior Law class, is dangerously ill. He came here to study against the advice of his physicians.

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We are sorry to hear that ill health prevents Miss Lida Richardson from returning this term.

Miss Elizabeth Bostedo is wearing a Delta Gamma pledge pin, much to the delight of the other "Delta Gams."

The Junior class has added two members this term, Miss Voss of Davenport and Miss Northey of Dubuque.

W. F. Pfeiffer, ex-'95, of Cedar Falls has again taken up work in the scientific department. He ranks as Junior.

C. C. Michener addressed a good sized audience in his usual excellent manner yesterday afternoon at Close Hall.

J. H. McConlogue, of Mason City, Iowa, is visiting Judge Wade. He is an old friend and schoolmate of the Judge.

Professor Loos and Professor Gilbert filled the Congregational Church pulpit Sunday. They spoke before large and appreciative audience.

State Secretary Magee and Secretary Rose spoke at the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening. Their talks showed deep interest in Y. M. C. A. work.

The marriage of Carl Stempel and Miss Jessie O. Mahana occurred at Boone, Ia., last Saturday. We send congratulations to the happy couple.

Marquardsen Handbuch des Oeffentlichen Rechts, a series of monographs, and a valuable work in political science, is among the new books of the library.

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