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ZETS WIN.

DECISION TWO TO ONE FOR THE SOUTH HALL.

Last night the annual inter-society debate, preliminary to the Chicago debate, was held in the Opera House, and resulted in a victory for the Zetagathian Society. Despite the bad weather a fair sized crowd attended.

The program was opened with an invocation by Dr. Barrett. This was followed by a vocal solo by Miss Adela Fuchs.

The judges on the debate were Professors Rohbach, Patrick and Nutting. The presiding officer was Mr. M. W. Williams, the President of the Debating League.

At the request of the debaters, no outlines of the speeches will be printed.

The question was stated as follows: "Resolved, that the state dispensary system is the most effective method of controlling the liquor traffic in the United States." (It being understood that the constitutionality thereof is not to be considered.)

The affirmative was opened for the Zetagathian Society by F. S. Holstein, whose delivery was strong and effective. He used charts to uphold his statements.

M. L. Curtis opened for Irving Institute with a clear statement of the position of the negative upon the question, and forcibly attacked the proposed system.

Mr. J. J. Sharp forcibly brought forward the state dispensary system as a remedy to the evils accruing from the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Mr. J. K. Frailey brought forth vital statistics to show the failure of the South Carolina system. The greatest praise possible of Mr. Frailey's speech is that it certainly eclipsed all former efforts.

Mr. M. K. Bussard argued that experience has showed that the principles of state dispensary have been such as to recommend its adoption throughout the country. He brought forward important figures to show that their system had succeeded where tried.

Mr. L. A. Swisher once more produced statistics from South Carolina. Mr. Swisher argued that the advantages of the dispensary were not peculiar to that system, but were more successful in other systems.

In closing Mr. Frailey and Mr. Sharp both ably refuted the statements of their opponents and summed up the argument of their respective sides.

Baconian.

The paper of the evening was by Professor Nutting, on "Do the Lower Animals Reason." The Professor included in his subject all animals lower than man, or rather, up to man. A certain modern school of writers represented by Professor C. Lloyd Morgan and others, follow as their canon "that no action in the lower animals should be attributed to the higher psychical functions which can in any way be explained or accounted for by a lower." Morgan adopts the "wave

theory" of consciousness in man, but, in the lower animals, denies the MARGINAL ideal as one becoming FOCAL, and recognizes their intelligence as based wholly on experience, and any association of ideas they may have, as dependent wholly on suggestion,—they cannot reflect, and their mental horizon is limited wholly to their sense experience.

Professor Nutting held a different view in most of these respects, and regarded the difference between man and his lower relations, largely one of quantity and not of quality.

(1) Comparing the brain of man and the higher animals we find the nerve centers strikingly similar anatomically, and almost identical, historically.

(2) We can produce the same nervous phenomena with drugs, in the lower animals as in man.

(3) We find them subject to the same diseases, and with but few exceptions, inoculable with the same germs of disease.

(4) In man there are psychical states—as in dreams—in which none of the association of ideas can be said to be focal, but all are marginal.

The Professor then gave a number of illustrations from his own observation, which were highly interesting and well illustrated the points for which he contended. It is impossible for any of us to enter into the consciousness of any human being, but can only say, he appears to reason. If we extend the same reasoning to the animal world in general we can easily say the same of many of them, and he would convert Professor Morgan's canon and say: "In view of all the characters and qualities wherein these animals agree with man, we have a right to interpret an action as the result of a higher psychological state until proven to come from a lower."

The Professor is corresponding with Professor Morgan on the subject, and read quotations from his letters. The paper brought out a lively discussion by the members present, and other points developed.

Professor Patrick followed with a voluntary report on the psychology of Vorticelli.

Professor Weld gave a combined report—a simple method of solving quadratic equations, and an explanation of the phenomena of the parabolic circles.

Notice.

Election of captain of the 1898 foot ball team will be held at Close Hall, Friday evening, at 7 o'clock sharp. All men who played in Varsity games or acted as substitutes on trips, are requested to be present.

JAMES WALKER.

Miss Jane E. Harrison, who won the language scholarship at Cambridge, recently received a degree from the University of Durham, its first acknowledgment of feminine erudition.

The following is the number of college students available in athletic sports at each of the following institutions: Northwestern, 317; Purdue, 569; Illinois, 746; Wisconsin, 1,229; Chicago Univ., 1,345; Minnesota, 1,813; Michigan, 2,081.

THE GRAND CONCERT.

TO BE GIVEN AT THE OPERA HOUSE FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 17.

The Glee and Mandolin Clubs begin their trip with a concert in this place on next Friday evening, the 17th. They have been carefully trained during the last two or three months by their respective leaders, and we have every reason to expect a concert which is equal the one of last year.

The management has been fortunate in securing Mr. C. F. Toenniges, of Davenport; as a musical director. Besides being a leader without a peer in the State, Mr. Toenniges is a fine cornetist, and his solo will be one of the most pleasing features on the program.

Mr. Weaver, who is well known by all lovers of music throughout the University, will render, besides one of his popular whistling solos, some of the very latest of "coon" songs, in a make up that will bring down the house.

Beside these, as soloists, they have Mr. Wheelock with a baritone solo, Mr. Jayne with a mandolin solo, and Mr. Mc. Kee, who are too well known to need further mention.

The program is as follows:

PART I.

1. "Stars and Stripes,"Sousa Mandolin Club.
2. "Fair Iowa"Cook-Toenniges Glee Club.
3. "Asthere,"Trotter Mr. Wheelock.
4. Castanet Waltz,"Guker Whistling Solo—Mr. Weaver.
5. "Boston Ideal March,"Siegel Mandolin Solo—Mr. Jayne.
6. "Waltz Song,"Vogel Glee and Mandolin Clubs.

PART II.

1. Sextette from "Robin Hood,"DeKoven Messrs. Morriss, Brockway, McKee, Wheelock, Bailey, Clark.
2. "Mississippi Rag,"Krell "Zenda Waltz,"Whitmark
3. "On the Banks of the Wabash, Far Away,"Paul Dresser Mr. McKee and Clubs.
4. Grand Cornet Valse,— "Ocean View,"Hartman Cornet Solo—Prof. Toenniges.
5. "The Coon that got the Shake,"Devere Mr. Weaver and Clubs."
6. "Estudinia,"Lacombe Glee and Mandolin Clubs.

The members of the Clubs, and their parts, are as follows:

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Kuck McKee.
- 2d Bass—
Smith Bailey
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Gothard.

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Jayne.
Countryman Keeler.
- 2d Mandolin—
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The Forum.

The following interesting and instructive program was given by the Forum, Friday evening:

- Original Poem.....D. T. Yonker
Paper.....E. Livick
"Henry George."

Debate: "Should the land tax theory of Henry George be adopted by the United States."

Affirmative—T. F. Warner, C. W. Hackler; negative, Mrs. Anderson, J. C. Hall.

Extemporaneous speech, A. H. Sargent "Opening of Congress."

Declamation.....J. T. Edson
Piano Solo.....Mrs. Smith

It would seem that the program last night did not fail to please the audience, for each number commanded their undivided attention.

The literary numbers were well prepared and delivered. The debate, after being thoroughly argued, was decided two for the negative.

After five minutes' recess the regular business meeting was called to order and the following officers were elected for the winter term: Pres., E. F. Sharp; Vice-Pres., W. H. Draper; Rec. Sec., E. J. Turner; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Fannie Anderson; Treas., Miss Elsie M. Rigby; Censor; D. T. Yonker; Critic, W. A. Smith; Sgt-at-Arms, W. G. Watt.

The Society then adjourned to Burke's Restaurant, and enjoyed refreshments at the expense of the officers-elect.

Mr. C. W. Hackler, acted as toastmaster, and with an unusual amount of humor, made merriment for the society.

A number of well directed toasts were given by the members, after which each directed his or her way homeward, glad to be a member of the Forum.

Coach Robinson, of Nebraska, has named an "all-Western" eleven, in which he puts Wright as center, and Meyers as left half.

The Scarlet and Black, Grinnell, should publish more news of general interest.—The Searchlight, Glenwood High School.

Yale annually buys \$7,000 worth of books for her library. Harvard spends \$16,000 for the same purpose, and Columbia \$43,000.

Middlebury College, Vermont, has received \$37,500 for the endowment of a professorship in political economy and international law.

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The VIDETTE-REPORTER is in receipt of several letters from Cambridge, Mass., criticising the note from the U. of M. Daily which was published in the VIDETTE-REPORTER of Dec. 4. The article in question states that "the 'H's' have been removed from the team's sweaters in token of the disapproval of the college." Our correspondents state that this action was "largely voluntary" upon the part of the members of Harvard's team, and not compulsory.

A Busy Week.

It is seldom that a week offers so many attractions to the student as this one. The debate attracts the members of the societies and all those interested in forensic work. The lecture by Andrews, Wednesday evening, will undoubtedly draw from the students, Faculty and citizens. The concert, Friday, deserves and will probably have, the support of all lovers of music, and those who want to help the Glee and Mandolin Clubs. Saturday evening.

It is unfortunate that so many attractions should come within one week and just at the close of the term, when everyone is preparing for examinations. However, the entertainments are all worthy of, and should have, the support of both professors and students.

Oratorical Association.

Friday evening the Oratorical Association held a meeting and made several amendments to the Constitution, the most important of which changed the number of representatives to the Northern Oratorical League Contest to two. It was with a strong opposition that the amendment was made. The supporters argued that the expense was more than the

societies could afford, while the opposition held that the interest in oratorical lines should be not only maintained, but even increased, and that the third place offered an incentive to those who hardly hoped for first or second.

We do not wish to criticise the action, but we hope nothing has been done that will discourage any one from writing for the contest. Our representatives have never won higher than third place in the Northern Oratorical contests, but judging from our debating record it is not because there has been lack of material in the University. The inter-society debates are the contests that develop the men for inter-collegiate debate, and it is largely to our system of choosing and training the men that Chicago and Minnesota have both bowed down before the Hawkeyes. And we believe that if a similar series of inter-society oratorical contests were held, similar victories would follow. While the experience and practice derived from the Friday evening programs is eminently beneficial, it does not develop a person nearly as much as some contest where there is extensive rivalry and the utmost efforts put forth to win. A contest between two Sophomores and two Juniors from each society would prove of great value to the participants and later to the University itself.

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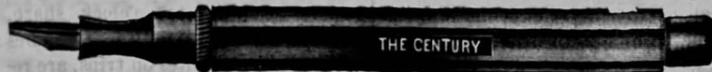
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FACT AND RUMOR.

Andrews to-morrow night.

Remember the concert Friday evening.

Andrews will lecture on "Wm. T. Sherman."

The Political Science Club met last night with Professor Wilcox.

Miss Helen Ciapp missed recitations yesterday on account of illness.

There will be no programs presented by any of the societies this week.

Last call for contributions to the literary and humorous departments of the Hawkeye!

A ladies' edition of the Iowa City Herald is to be published the latter part of the week, under the auspices of the Silent Ministry of this city.

According to Nebraska Journals, Coach Woodruff, of Kansas, cheerfully admits that his men wore sheet-iron armor under their padding in games with Western League teams.

Owing to the cloudy weather some of the Juniors have been unable to have their pictures taken. For this reason one more day will be given. Wednesday is positively the last chance.

R. H. Toll, ex-'96, and now assistant resident superintendent of construction in the general offices of the Carnegie Steel Co., at Pittsburg, is in southeastern Tennessee for a short time overseeing the erection of a bridge in the Great Smoky Mountains, about fifty miles east of Chattanooga.

CALL ON BLOOM & MAYER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.

□ W. R. Boyd, editor of the Cedar Rapids Republican, and a graduate of S. U. I., was in the city last Saturday.

Owing to the many other attractions this week, and the fact that examinations begin Monday, Mr. Cook will not bring his play here this Saturday, as advertised. It is hoped that arrangements may be made to have it here at the opening of the winter term.

The Iowa State Association of Elocutionists will hold its second annual convention in Des Moines, Dec. 30 and 31. Chancellor Craig, of Drake University, will give the address of welcome. 'Elocution our Mission' will be discussed by Mrs. Pauline K. Partridge, of Iowa City.

The Daily Republican says of the new caps: "About 300 students blossomed out in quaint and curious class and fraternity caps Friday—Sigma Nus, Sophomores, Senior Laws, etc.. Some of the coverings were pretty and some were—different." Of the Senior Laws caps this paper says: "The Senior laws have made their appearance with new caps. If Stephen Crane, of 'Red Badge of Courage' fame, could see them, he would doubtless produce 'The Purple Badge of Courage' speedily, for surely the men who don such specimens of headgear and wear them publicly are entitled to some testimonial to their temerity. The caps are fearfully and wonderfully made, and there is nothing like them beneath the sea, in the heavens, or elsewhere on the earth. Purple is a beautiful color—on Easter eggs, or for the royal ermine—but it combines rather painfully with some colors. But then the caps are pretty—because the Senior Laws say so."

Erodelphian.

The last program of the year, presented to a large and well pleased audience in North Hall, Saturday evening, was opened by Misses Deselium and Hastings in a well rendered piano duet.

Miss Gabriel then recited "The Angels and the Shepherds" in a very touching and realistic manner, after which an oration on "Fama" was presented by Miss Dorothy Shultz, who proved very efficient in her treatment of that "many tongued goddess—Gossip."

Miss Lenie Greely and Miss Ethel Berry then discussed the question as to whether the Indians had received justice at the hands of the United States Government, and strong arguments were presented on both sides.

A very interesting number was the speech on "Womans' Clubs," by Miss Winifred MacFarland, which was followed by a declamation by Miss Erza Owen, delivered in her usual pleasing manner.

A vocal solo by Miss Becker won a well deserved encore.

A very attractive feature was an original poem by Miss Ethel Perkins, which traced the sorrows and joys of student life from the Freshman verdant to the Senior wise.

A piano duet by Misses Perkins and Owen closed the program.

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