HS. Hart, Secretary of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, will be in attendance, and speak of the methods in vogue for the care and treatment of insane and criminal classes, reformatories, and juvenile saving. The program will be issued in the near future.

Nearly every number was encored, and a report, illustrated by pictures, is to be issued in the near future.

With less littleness, and apparently less of a panoply problem than other states, Iowa has been slow to awaken to the fact that her growing and heterogeneous population has brought her the misery of defective poverty, and that the methods in vogue are insufficient to deal with it. The states around us, especially east and north, have moved rapidly forward, and have organized conferences whose aim is investigation and eradication of the evil. The efforts usually result in the establishment by the legislatures of State Boards of Charity, with investigative and advisory features. In view of the probable passage of the Board of Control bill, and other laws of vital importance in an economic and social sense, it is indeed a timely movement for the workers and students to meet and deliberate upon the great problem of the poor. Des Moines, Feb. 20.

Athletic Endeavors. Owing to the fact that some of the nominations for the coming election were not placed in their legal positions, as demanded by the Constitution, the election will be postponed one week, and will therefore take place at Clois Hall, Saturday evening, March 6th, at 7 o'clock. All having nominations to make are desired to see that the above constitutional provisions are observed.

J. H. FRASER, President, Athletic Union.

Oratorical Contests. Following are the successful candidates and the subjects of their productions, in the Oratorical Contest. This refers only to thoughtful composition:

G. W. Baker—"Anchors Aweigh"
J. J. Lambert—"Robert Lincoln"
W. W. Loomis—"A Champion of the Lost Cause"

The Seniors had their final laboratory examination in Pathology, Monday.

Dr. Humphrey, of Montour, Iowa, was a visitor at the eye and ear clinic Tuesday.

There will be a meeting of the Historical Society next Friday. An unusually interesting program is promised.

The paper at Johnson County Historical Society meeting Wednesday evening, was by Dr. Gilbert. The subject of the paper was the "Strength and Weakness of Our Mater Material."
As we have before remarked, this attitude of the Gazette is nothing startlingly new, and for that reason demands no special notice. However, the vast degree of ignorance it has exhibited, and the mass of delusive mis-information it has permitted to creep into its columns is at once interesting and amusing. For a journal claiming to represent "hundreds thousand readers, it is alarming, not to say pathetic.

The editor, as usual, "snuffles a rat." He has discovered the Egyptian in the woodpile, and thus proceeds:

"The one point to be considered is that the State University desires the money for some purpose that the managers do not care to make public and it was thought that the legislators would cough up when they were told that unless the money was forthcoming there would be no effort made to study their souls."

Evidently, the editor's conception of the word "soul" is limited by very narrow personal confines. And what led the Gazette to unearth this deep laid plot of the "managers"? Did they attempt to rob the state treasury, or did they try to vivisect the soul of the Gazette man? Not at all, our department of abnormal psychology is about complete. The Gazette's entire disquisition on the soul resulted from a modest demand on the part of the University for about two thousand dollars to build up a psychological laboratory that has existed here for ten years, and that, harped as it is, has now a national reputation, impossible as this may seem when the Gazette has never heard of it.

Will the Gazette pardon us for our insincerity for offering it a suggestion. Would it not be well to know what psychology means before this arranging it? Would it not be beneficial to know that every great university in America and Europe has an important department in psychology today? Is it not of interest to ascertain what has existed here for years, and has now a national fame? In short, is it not at times advisable to know just what you are talking about before canvassing an ultimate plan?

The latter part of the Gazette's remarks, attacking the "managers" of using the idea of a psychological department to surreptitiously obtain money for other purposes, is a valid commentary on a policy of state "economy" adopted by it. It has indeed come to a "pretty state of affairs" when even her enemies thus recognize the crying need of Iowa's University. When even they thus inconsistently admit the urgency of her unfilled and necessary demands. It is almost time for something to drop.

The Gazette man probably has a soul. Most people are said to possess one. Granting the proposition to be true, it is at once apparent that his is in immediate need of ventilation. It ought to be unreired, unstacked and opened up to the sunshine of knowledge and the light of truth. If the soul editor would only honor S., I., L. with a visit, we would do our best to demonstrate to him that a psychological laboratory actually exists here, to explain to him what it really is, and endeavor to exonerate him that his own immortal soul would be spared and is not as yet demanded for our experimental purposes at Iowa University.

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