CHANCELLOR MCCLAIN’S LECTURE AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SUNDAY EVENING

The address by Chancellor McClain was a drawing feature with many students last Sunday evening. The speaker considered in three heads, the real features of our government, the advantages of our government, the evils of our government, and the duties of citizens in correcting them.

There is manifest in this, the Chancellor said, in preparing his remarks, a considerable tendency to find fault with various features of our government. We criticize the quixoting of free speech in the house, the short-cumings of the Senate, and the state of municipal affairs in many of our fairest cities. If we are really as bad as some of those grumblers would have us, we should either fairly confess our own unfitness or blame our forefathers who framed those which their deprecating descendants could not use.

Soap makers have reached such a point in perfecting their scheme of fraud that they will sell many soaps that are found-fish water. Transparent soaps are not generally good, because they contain much too much alkaline.

The speaker thought that although soap was in general used in morning soaps comes from impure sources; in most cases it was purified by the process of crystallization, and those who see in expansion the recognition of divine providence in the government of the universe.

In political affairs the right is not wholly grouped on one side nor the wrong on the other. Parties on the slavery question, tariff, and monetary standard questions, have behaved very badly toward each other. So, too, in the matter of mid-credit. The framers of our constitution were very practical men. We do not believe that they ever supposed that their principles ought to be strictly and absolutely followed. Nor did they intend their new government to differ radically from that of England. The colonists fundamental objection to English rule was that they had not been treated as Englishmen ought to be treated. Partnership, bribery, betrayal, or public harm, existed in Washington's times, have always existed, in fact. In our system has been improved until we now have a better government than our forefathers had. Experience and attemped improvements upon it, such as the cabinet system, the initiative and referendum, further extension of the franchise, are to be dreaded.

The speaker imputed some of the evils to which such innovations might give rise.

The party system in the choice of public offices has been much deplored. But no method of choosing officers has yet been devised which does not recognize the party system. Independent movements have oftentimes been made. When the party becomes bad, it has the duty of the voter to protest by vigorous action until the party is reformed. The course of the voter should be to keep in accordance with the party which most nearly represents his views, endeavoring constantly to bring the party into more consistent policies.

At the end of the lecture a resolution was introduced to the effect that our chancellor be congratulated for his address to the public.

BASKET BALL

Saturday evening the High School and Freshmen basketball teams met in Close Hall gymnasium. The game was rife spirited and lasted one hour. The Freshmen came out victorious, the score being 18 to 9 in their favor.

The game was played at the star game of the evening, netting 10 points to the Freshmen's credit. Martin also played an excellent game, with 8 points to his credit. The guard of Hanley and Bailey was excellent. Hule got the ball almost every time it came near his goal, and his passing was quick and sure.

THE LINE-UP

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The Sunday afternoon meeting was held by Mr. Socieata, city secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Clinton. As the subject of his remarks, he read the 28th chapter of Luke, drawing from it many instructive lessons. He spoke of the stumbling blocks, which in the way of young men on their introduction into college life, and of the great importance of getting correct bearings at that time. Some people want perfection in the church before they ally themselves with it. Would a banker, on finding a counterfeit bill among his money, destroy the whole amount? Certainly not. Then why should the church be condemned for having a few counterfeiters among its members? Why do you compare yourself with the worst man in a church membership? Why don't you size yourself up with the best and see where you stand? Judge not that ye be not judged. Consider first your own imperfections, as it is yourself you must account for first. Aim to reach a high mark, make that your standard.

In estimating the character of Jesus, let us consider the testimony of his enemies, as well as his friends. Judas says: "I have betrayed innocent blood." Pilate says: "I find no fault in him." The contemporaries testify: "Certainly this was a righteous man," and even the demons besought him to go his way, saying of him: "This is Christ, the son of God." Their friends, what do they say? John--"Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world." Peter--"Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God." Thomas--"My Lord and my God." Such testimonies should have great weight with us in choosing the standard to which we aspire.

The imprisonment of Briggs and Burns, who occupied a position in the battle during the Freshmen meeting last evening, was the cause for the Freshmen and Sophomores to rush again. After some little scrapping the door was broken in, and amid the shouts of the three prisoners were rescued.

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Iowa Geological Report.
Professor Calvin, as State Geologist, has made his annual report to the State Geological Board. During the past year seven surveys were surveyed and mapped. In addition to the regular work done by the geological survey, several new features will be exhibited in their labor of the present year.

The study of soils, including a chemical analysis of soils from all parts of the state, with a view of ascertaining their peculiar adaptability to various crops, will be undertaken. While this will be a task of great magnitude, its value will abundantly repay the effort required, for by it not only the students of Iowa’s farmer college, but her University graduates as well, will know where to settle toply successfully their various trades.

Philematian.
The program was opened by Mr. Fosbroke in a well-rendered declamation entitled “Contest.” The debate was on the question “Resolved, that the initiative and referendum should be established in the State of Iowa.”

Messrs. Angell and Baker affirmed, while Mr. Kirby and Thorburn denied. Mr. Kirby and Mr. Baker made the best speeches of the evening.

The society then listened to an excellent oration by T. E. Martin, entitled “Our Nation.” The pleasing simplicity of the production, coupled with the admirable rendition, brought forth the hearty applause of the audience.

An extemporaneous speech on the “Silent Drinking” was given by Otto Brackett, followed by a second on “Debates,” by J. L. Lewis. Both speeches were sharp and to the point.

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The Forum rendered the following program last Friday evening:


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