SOUTHEASTERN TEACHERS.

WILL MEET IN IOWA CITY APRIL 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH.

The 65th annual convention of the Southeastern Iowa Teacher's Association will hold its session in Iowa City, April 6th, 7th, and 8th. A splendid program and a hearty reception has been planned for all who will attend.

Following are excerpts of the program that will prove of interest to University residents.

Thursday evening, First Presbyterian Church.-Address, The President of Educational Progress, H. H. Seelye, C. E.

Friday morning, April 7th, Opera House.-Address, The Teacher as Seen by a Layman, Rev. Leslie L. Shaw, of the M. E. Church.

Friday at 3:30 p.m., in S. U. Laboratory drill room.

Saturday morning, April 8th, Opera House.-Address, The Teacher as Seen by an Author, L. B. Mooney, containing a monthly lecture to the members of the College of Liberal Arts, Professor. Wm. C. Withum.

In the afternoon.-College Section.-Central building, Professor J. J. McCon- nell, presiding, Paper, Place, The Place in Mathematics in a Liberal Education, Professor L. G. Welden.

High school section.-Dental building.-Discussion on Athletics, Its Use and Abuse, Principal Roy Hanson, Wines.

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RESERPERS RECEIVE.

LITERARY SOCIETIES AND MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY ARE ENTERTAINED.

Saturday evening, from 7 to 10, the Heispersians were "at home" to the literary societies and to the members of the Faculty. Both North and South Halls were tastefully decorated with the colors of the Society, while several copies of looking alovores, arranged in the corners, gave urgent invitation to some to enjoy theater luxury. Music was furnished upon the piano, and by a magnificent Regula music box.

As the guests arrived they were given a very pleasant reception and greeting by the charming hostesses, and then ushered into the midst of the gay and festive throng; there lending their wit and humor to the occasion, and deepening the acquaintance with their fellow students and instructors.

Dainty refreshments were served in North Hall, and here also the carefully planned arrangements were so neat pleasing than the other features of the entertainment. Later in the evening games were introduced, some of them devised with special reference to call attention in the fact that it was the first day of April, in other words, April Fool's Day.

The departing guests carried away with them the remembrance of one of the most pleasant social gatherings of the year, and the Heispersians are to be congratulated on the success which attended their "at home." An event of this kind is a source of profit, as well as pleasure, to all who attend, as it gives opportunity for a meeting of students and instructors on other than classroom grounds.

The Normal Era on Plagiarism.

The interest which has been aroused her by charges of plagiarism existences were preferred against one of the most prominent committees of the year, the charges being ascribed to a certain city by President Corriner, but not being deemed of sufficient merit by the judges to place it in the contest this Wednesday evening, justifies the in- terception of extracts from an article in the Normal Era on plagiarism:

"That plagiarism is a paltric name for literary theft, is generally recognized but the boundaries of the field in which this stealine done, are not well defined. When Webster says that to plagiarize is "to appropriate without due acknowledgment the ideas or expressions of others," he suggests that there are two main divisions of the subject, the stealing of things and the stealing of thought.

"The one who uses the exact words of another without indicating that they are his own, is the worse offender; and this crime is usually fixed. The student who inserts in his oration page after page from well known books or who hands in his for school work cuttings from current magazines, or from the great essays, whether detected or not, is surely self-condemned. Some have been known to say that they do not understand this is not all right, but the institution rules state that they are not. When it is difficult to believe that anyone, not self-detected, can honestly say that he sees no harm in claiming credits for work he has done.

"Disobedient as he is, the one who uses the words of another, because of the very openness of his action, is to be more severely handled, that the one who takes ideas, but changes words.

"The third way in which one may plagiarize is to really intermediate between the other two, less easily detected than the first, yet more potent than the second; that is, that in which thoughts are taken bodily, and most of the words retained, a few having synonyms for them, the while thus becoming a paraphrase of the original. The intention being not to plagiarize, this form certainly deserves no less censure than the others.

"How then may one who desires to do honest work, avoid the danger of plagiarizing? First of all, he must make up his mind to keep within the limits of his own power, though he may not sufficiently in the public eye, but that might otherwise done. He must choose an available subject, narrow it down to its compass, and then seek to gather material upon it. He may ascertain the contexts of his mind on his; he need not talk with others about it, read and study all he pleases, but when he writes he must not think of all essays and express the view that has been formed, the composite result of all his reading and that he thought himself with him. Let him that steals, steal no more, but rather let him labor" to refer to the Y. M. C. A. and the Normal Era.

"Philanthropist.

In spite of the manifest lack of interest and earnestness in the appeal, the Philanthropist received a good program last Friday evening.

The reading of a manuscript with a declaration, "The Engineer's Ride."

Otto Brackett gave an interesting spell on recent inventions for navigation on the sea bottom.

Mr. Albert and E. Loui. ably de- tomed the system, while Mr. Baker not only fulfilled his part, but also that of his absent colleague.

The program was closed with a recita- tion by Mr. H. A. M. chler, entitled "The Telephone."

Engineering Society.

The Engineering Society held its regular meeting on Saturday evening, April 3rd, in the Engineering lecture room.

There being no paper for the evening, the time was spent in hearing reports by N. R. Barber on "The Burning of the Windsor Hotel," and on "Tyranny Fever" in Newark, N. J., and Philadelphia, W. F. Stevens on "French attractions," and C. H. Beach on "Liquid Air."

Dr. W. R. White's visit with quite a severe accident, Sunday afternoon.

While tending his furnace, he opened the hot water or steam pipe and was taken out blowing fire and cinders into Mr. Withine face. His entire face was singed and he complained of the painful pain in his eye. The wounds were immediately treated by a local dressing, and no permanent injury is expected from the accident.

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Women's Library Building.

The University of Wisconsin is to have a fine, large, new library building, which will be the depository, not only of the University Library, but also of the Library of the State Historical Society, which latter consists of some 200,000 volumes and more. While congratulating the University of Wisconsin, we of Iowa University can with difficulty keep envy out of our hearts. When the Legislature of the State of Iowa comes to the realization that to the students of Iowa is due some provision for an adequate library with a decent building in which to situate the same, then we may not find it so difficult to take pride in our own institution. The library needs are as great in Iowa as in Wisconsin.

Bell girls.

We are confronted with a problem whose wise or unwise solution will lead to one of three results—the total abolition of the service; a change in the drill-hour, or the death of track athletics in the Varsity. The Faculty last week considered a petition for releasing the track athletics from drill duty during the season. The request was not granted for the reason that the number in the battalion is already near the minimum limit, by reason of excuses for physical and other disability. One more attempt will be made to arrange the matter, so that Iowa may have a track team. A petition will be circulated requesting a change in the drill period to a more convenient hour. If this shall fail to be carried through, or shall not be granted, it is safe to say that there will be no track team, as far as the greater number of the athletes are subject to drill duty. There should be little objection to the change desired, as a more convenient hour than the present one could scarcely be found.

"In His Own County." An article in the Midland Schools, which we copy in another column, makes mention of two salient points about the University which, through long solution, are often hot slightly contemplation by those of us who do not happen to be philosophically disposed.

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Another point which the Midland notices is the hospitable spirit ever shown by the people of Iowa City. No college town of our acquaintance does such a cordial feeling exist between the people of the students and the citizens. As the writer of the article referred to says: "Students do not continue strangers long unless they wish to act like them."

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