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FRESHMAN BANQUET

CLASS OF 1903 GIVES ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL BANQUETS IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

Freely and lightly walked the peaceful youths; gracefully, airily tripped the lovely maidens into the entry of the St James hotel Tuesday evening to attend the freshman banquet of the class of 1902. Crash of arms and blare of trumpets came not near them, neither carnage nor combat nor the fear that cometh in the night-time, for the sophomores this year were gentlemen, and they lifted not their hands against the freshmen neither in the afternoon nor in evening. Wherefore were the freshmen glad in their hearts and they swore that they would be gentlemen next year, too—as well as this. And now let those who saw the troublous times of two years ago treasure them up in their memories, for two years and as many banquets have come and gone and the edict that then went forth that they should be no more has grown into gracious acceptance and favor with freshmen and sophomores alike and the new university will forget them and marvel when it reads of them what manner of men these ancient sophomores were that they forcibly detained freshmen on the day of their annual feast that they might not make a successful debut into the social life of the university.

The banquet was a most sociable affair, flavored throughout with the zest of companionship and fellow-feeling and made lively by the genial good humor and spirits of all. At about ten o'clock some thirty-five couples sat down to the banquet in the dining room. The banquet tables were arranged in the form of a horse shoe and tastefully decorated with cut flowers. Mine host of the St. James served an excellent menu in faultless style.

After the first courses of the menu had been served Toastmaster Shorett began the speeches of the evening. He thought that the next freshman class would be treated as ladies and gentlemen by the class of 1903.

Miss McLaurey, responding to the toast, The Freshman, gave an excellent history of the interest that had been taken in her subject by the members of her class, and by others, principally others.

Mr. Kemmerer made a delightful speech upon the Trials of the Freshman. He did not deny that sophomores would not have their trials too, but treated more particularly of the trials peculiar to members of his class.

A Light Heart Lives Long was one of the brightest and best toasts of the evening, given by Miss Elliott. She wanted every one to be bright and cheery and make the most of the university course and of life in this way. Her effort was greeted with much applause and her words were appreciatively spoken of by several speakers who followed her.

Mr. Hess speaking the subject on The Freshmen Girls, showed that he appreciated the advantages of a co-educational institution.

Miss Loizeaux, speaking on Our Friend—the Enemy, gave a literary tale after the manner of William Morris of the his-

tory of the freshmen from the time when landed upon Athenian soil until the present evening.

Mr. Tucker, president of the class, made every freshman happy by being able in the flesh to tell them a few things about the progress of the age, talking on the subject, After Thoughts.

Mr. Spangler, in a toast not on the regular program, talked discursively of himself and other men.

President MacLean addressed a few appropriate words to his fellow classmates in the kindly, helpful tone of fellow feeling which has made the class of 1903 proud to have entered the university as a marked class, the first entering class of the new administration. Dean Currier also spoke a few excellent words of pleasure at seeing and meeting the freshmen at their banquet, Tucker, ex-'82, made an excellent impromptu talk which showed the loyal feeling of the old "grads" toward the university.

The editors of the university papers were called upon. R. A. Cook responded for the VIDETTE-REPORTER. D. F. Miller, responding for the Quill, made an excellent speech and was greeted with applause during and after his talk. In the words of the minister to the convicts at Anamosa, he was glad to see so many of his hearers there. In a pleasing vein of humor he recalled his own freshman banquet speech. Messrs. Horack and Shepard greeted the class on behalf of the city press.

After the banquet the time was pleasantly spent in dancing and in conversation until, with the waning of the evening, the company reluctantly withdrew from the scene of one of the most enjoyable functions of the college course—a milestone in the life of every freshman and a pleasant memory for all time.

The guests of the class were: President and Mrs. G. E. MacLean. Dean and Mrs. A. N. Currier. Tucker, ex-'82.

Misses—
Bloom, Howard,
Pinkham, Reno,

Messrs.—
Cook, Horack,
Miller, Shepard.

Among the members of the class present were:

Misses—
Atwater, Cash,
Dakin, Dalton,
Dennis, Hotz,
Elliot, Leila Kemmerer,
Lauer, Letts,
Loizeaux, McLaury,
Murphy, Pontius,
Schultz, Seerley,
Shepard, Swire,
Whitley, Yule,
Gay, Balle,
Erickson, Dow,
Morgan, Beebe,
Mullin, Forncrook,
Crane, Switzer,
Kemmerer.

Messrs.—
Austin, Bulger,
Cassady, Choate,
DeBusk, Foster,
Hegerich, Hess,
Hill, Kemmerer,
Lauer, McClain,
McCoy, Mulock,
Pratt, Shorett,
Suhr, Tucker,
VanVleck, M. J. Fitzpatrick,
Smith, Anderson,
Spangler, Fitzgerald,
Kettlewell, Goodell,
Baughn, Vaughn,
Bradley, Charlton,
Harrison.

THE DEBATE

IRVINGS WIN AN UNANIMOUS DECISION—BOTH SOCIETIES WELL REPRESENTED

The question debated last evening in the Wisconsin preliminary "Resolved that the United States should encourage her merchant marine by a system of discriminating duties, was affirmed by the Zetagathians and denied by the Irvings. H. A. McCaffree, the opening speaker argued the importance of a merchant marine, U. S. natural resources for shipbuilding and showed the increase in the shipping from 1796 to 1828 under discriminating duties and decrease with their abandonment.

M. J. McCarthy the first speaker for the negative in one of the best efforts of the debate declared that under reciprocity the American marine increased at a greater rate than under the duties. That the causes of the first rapid increase in our marine were not the duties but the wars in Europe, cheapness of construction and lack of other inducements for American capital.

G. H. Fletcher continuing the debate for Zetagathian presented the fact that Americans pay \$200,000,000 to carry goods as a demand for a greater marine. He produced charts to show that notwithstanding other things our commerce had increased under a system of discriminating duties under the reciprocity plan.

M. M. Moulton followed for the negative with the best speech of the evening. He contended that discriminating duties will destroy the peace of the nation and result in retaliation by the other countries. This retaliation renders competition impossible. Then our capital must invest in foreign shipping.

J. H. Burrus for the affirmative attempted a rebuttal of the argument presented by the preceding speaker by a comparison of the present with the past time of discriminating duties. The greater part of his debate however was an anticipation of points which failed to materialize in the negative's argument. Mr. Burrus delivered his speech in a highly creditable manner.

F. S. Merriau for the negative showed that the system of the affirmative would be so expensive as to more than counteract the advantages gained by it. That the United States is arriving at a stage when she can compete with the world's commerce. That the extension of territory tends to build up shipping.

M. M. Moulton closed the debate for the Irvings with a summary of the negatives debate and a telling rebuttal.

G. H. Fletcher, easily the star for the affirmative closed the debate with a rebuttal directed chiefly at the debate as presented by the second speaker of the negative.

The decision of the judges, Rev. R. H. Williams, Professor W. C. Wilcox, and Professor Samuel Calvin, was three for the negative.

Dartmouth college has the distinction of having issued the first college paper in the United States and the greatest honor in having Daniel Webster as its editor-in-chief.

Hesperian Special

On Saturday evening, Jan. 20, the Hesperians will present the following special program:

I
Music.
Curtain Raiser, To Meet Mr. Thompson.
Cast of Characters.
Bella Miss Anderson
(Young Lady Hostess)
Lon Miss Cash
Ella Miss Slavata
Mary Miss Way
Emily Miss Pearson
Grace Miss Stover
Julia Miss Clark
Fannie Miss Koop

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Music.
II
"Little Women."
Cast of Characters.

Marmee Miss Waller
Meg Miss Chantry
Jo Miss Moler
Beth Miss Moler
Amy Miss Joy
Aunt March Miss Clearman
Kate Miss Robinson
Sally Miss Anderson
Mr. March Mr. B. J. Lambert
Mr. Brooke Mr. Hawk
Prof. Bhaer Mr. Ogden
Laurie Mr. Speers
Mr. Lawrence Mr. Ede
Ned Mr. Little

Medical Notes

Dr. Bierring read a paper before the Convention for the Discussion of Tuberculosis which was held in Des Moines last week.

The ladies of the law and medical departments entertained the other members of the "Professional League" at the home of Rev. Gordon, on last Saturday afternoon.

Several of the lectures billed for Saturday morning were postponed because the boys had become so interested in the fire that they failed to appear for the lectures.

Binford, '00, not having any vacation during the holidays on account of his being in charge of the dissecting then in progress, took a few days off and visited his home, returning Monday morning.

Lantz, '03 was called out of town Monday evening to conduct a funeral service.

Goodenough, '02, has been on the sick list for a few days.

School children from Cedar Rapids made an inspection of the building Saturday afternoon. They had heard of the dissecting room and were anxious to see it: but that pleasure was denied.

Harkness and Phillips, '02, for a physiological experiment, performed hemisection of the spinal cord of a dog. The result will be carefully watched by the class.

Reppert, '02, has quite a family of dogs to care for, having purchased a litter of six pups for Histological work.

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Athletic Union Election.

Nominations for the annual election of officers of the Athletic Union must be in the hands of the president by tomorrow evening. They must be signed by at least 20 members of the union. Inasmuch as a healthy contest is a good thing for the soul, stirs up interest generally, and leads to a judicial selection between candidates, we hope to see several nominations for every office. Good live contests always cause an influence of members into the union and aid in keeping alive interest in its purposes. Let the lists be circulated and rumors of candidates once more be heard on the campus.

Communication

[NOTE—The editors do not assume responsibility for sentiments expressed in communications.]

EDITOR OF THE VIDETTE-REPORTER:

Surely no one concerned in the debating interests of the University can approve of the action of the two individual societies that have taken upon themselves to represent other schools. The reputation of Old Gold is to sacred too be risked in such a manner, for the outside world would look upon it as a university contest, no matter what societies the debaters were from. If they were defeated it would be a university defeat.

It is nothing against the Philomathean society that it is still young and inexperienced and we all appreciate its desire to accomplish greater results. But it is the method adopted the most satisfactory? The team they have elected to meet Grinnell is composed of men inexperienced in contest work. The older and much stronger societies would never think of sending an untried man, no matter what qualifications he might have, into a contest with another school and usually a student must serve some years' apprenticeship in the class debate before he is qualified to meet the other universities. It is this very system of training

that has made our winning debaters in the past, and its abolition can have only disastrous results. With all respect to the "Philos"—they must first show themselves worthy to defend Iowa in the forensic arena. Two years ago the society was admitted into the Oratorical League but has never succeeded in getting a man on the preliminary much less the final contest. It is no discredit to their society that it is unable in a few years to battle with the organizations of forty years' growth.

It has been suggested that the sophomore or junior debate be made a preliminary debate to a contest with the Philos. This would make a desirable incentive to the class debaters and would give the Philomatheans an opportunity to show their worthiness. When it has been demonstrated that they will add strength to the Iowa debating league they will be admitted—not before.

In regard to the Hesperian-Cornell contest the same arguments will hold true. Such a debate should never be recognized by the faculty, especially, as it is agreed that the university's reputation will be upheld by a second team. If the Iowa ladies are to meet another school they should send the strongest possible team—be it Hesperian, Erodolphian, or nondescript.

It is certainly to be hoped that the faculty will say, as it did two years ago when the Forum society desired to debate with Nebraska, "The Debating League has upheld the interests of the university so well, that we do not feel justified in recognizing any teams, that is not approved by the league." That is the sentiment of all Alumni and friends of the University of Iowa.

ALUMNUS.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

BACONIAN NOTICE

Professor Houser will read a paper tomorrow evening on The Physical Basis of Heredity.

COMPANY C ATTENTION

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FACT AND RUMOR
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Charles Cogswell attended a party in Cedar Rapids Tuesday evening.
All nominations for officers of Athletic Union must be made by Friday night.
The University of California will soon possess a chair in Norse language and literature.
If you are unable to dance, and enjoy good music, watch the sophomore cotillion from the gallery. Gallery tickets 25 cents.
Irving Institute will give an Alumni program tomorrow evening. Horack and Mosnat will declaim, Otto will orate, and Fralley will give one of his characteristic speeches. Burt, Noland, Taylor, and Williams will debate the advisability of concentration of municipal power in the hands of the mayor.
Mr. Elbert Hubbard will lecture at the Unitarian church Monday evening, Jan. 22. Tickets for sale at the Western Union Telegraph office. The lecture will not be at Close Hall as heretofore advertised.
Subscription lists are being circulated on the campus to help in retaining Dr. Knipe as director of university athletics. Some co-operation by the students will help in obtaining co operation by the regents. Some decided action must be taken by the meeting of the board on the 24th in order to retain Dr. Knipe at the university.
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Communication

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In the hope of clearing away certain erroneous notions in respect to the approaching debate between the Hesperian society and the Philomathean society of Cornell college, the following facts are set forth:—

1. The Philomatheans challenged to debate Hesperians, and only Hesperians. This may be seen by the following extract from the Philomathean challenge:—

"We, the Philomathean Society of Cornell College, challenge the Hesperian society of the University of Iowa to debate, etc."

2. The Hesperian society did not assume to represent the University of Iowa, nor any organization of the university, save one; that one is Hesperian. The following words quoted from the Hesperian society's answer to the challenge, will sustain this statement,—

"We, the Hesperians, do hereby accept the challenge of the Philomatheans, etc."

3. The weight of custom is neither for nor against the appearance of representatives of the ladies' societies of the University of Iowa in debates with other colleges. Neither society, so far as can be ascertained, has ever, before the present instance, received a challenge from a society of another college. Custom has not been afforded the opportunity of saying whether Hesperians and Erodelpians shall or shall not appear in such debates.

4. No organization of the University can be more earnestly desirous of seeing University honors upheld than is Hesperia. Without consulting other societies—for debating league and literary societies, as voluntary organizations, stand on an equal footing, nor has one the right to assume that it may direct the affairs of another—the Hesperian society has arranged to debate with the Philomathean society of Cornell college. Committee.

If you don't dance see the sophomore cotillion from the gallery tomorrow night, 25c.

Homoeopathic Department

Rorebaugh, '00, who had rooms in the third story of the Coast building, sustained slight loss by the fire Saturday morning.

Dr. Hamilton of Paullina brought three patients to the hospital for surgical treatment last week.

White, '02, entertained his father, L. E. White of Marion, a couple of days this week.

Dr. Blackstone will instruct the sophomores in surgical dressing and bandaging for the rest of the term.

Dr. Hazard has begun an interesting series of "proovings" on students who passed the physical tests.

Pond, '01, is enjoying a visit from his brother.

Huff, '03, is entertaining his brother.

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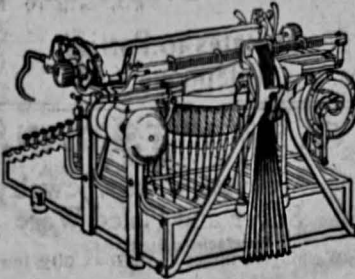
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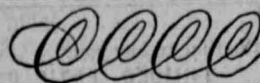
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