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## ORATORICAL MEETING

**President MacLean Appeals to Students**  
—Professor Gordon tells of his  
Great Success Here

A meeting of the Oratorical Association was held last night in the Zetagathian hall to arouse interest in oratorical matters. The meeting was called to order by President Buffum who called upon President MacLean for a speech. The President spoke briefly of the need of greater interest in the coming oratorical contests. He then told of his own desire to aid the societies in their contests and recounted the efforts in the past to obtain a good director of oratorical speaking. These efforts had culminated in obtaining the best man in the United States, he believed.

"It will be uphill work for us at first to make as good a showing as we ought to in oratory. It may require, as it did in football, one, yes, two and three years to come to our own. But I know that we will do it if you only do your best. As we do our best in all lines will Iowa come to her own. I want to appeal to you men and to all the men in the societies to make some sacrifices in this line. There must be some sacrifices made if we are to do what will make for the university's best interests."

"You may command my best services at any time. The faculty will do all that they can to help you. I want to make an earnest appeal to you to consecrate yourselves to this cause. Oratory is a grand thing for student effort. Oratory is not dying out by any means—it will never die. When a university ceases to send out men who can write and speak with ease, then it ceases to be a live university though it may survive in a desiccated state for research work."

Professor Gordon was then asked to say a few words. In the course of his talk he said:

"I do not share the gloomy feelings of the president in regard to this matter. It is, perhaps, well enough to get out the dry bones and shake them before you. I feel, however, that oratorical matters at the university are not so bad as the president has painted them."

"Within three years if I do my duty Iowa will stand where she ought to stand in oratory as she now stands in other departments of student activity. I have touched the hearts of the students of this university and they have responded."

"What we now need is a decision to go to work for the present contest. I will appoint a time of an hour or more a week for those who want to go into this contest. We will work together and do all we can to develop strong orators. I have found in my experience that the best orators are the best debaters. If I were to pick out at random the ten best orators of this university, I would pick the ten best debaters. So oratory is not by any means a divine gift. I have been thinking for some plan that will secure the best results and I have concluded that the way to secure the best men for the contests here would be to have each society hold an oratorical contest and have the three winners contest to see who shall represent the university in the Northern Oratorical contest."

### Dr Knipe's Denial

Dr. A. A. Knipe positively denies having given out the interviews on the Thanksgiving game that were credited to him by the pap-

ers. All the newspaper interviews with him were utterly without foundation. Dr Knipe was much surprised and disgusted to find that he had been quoted as saying that he was disappointed at the showing that the team made at Rock Island. Although this doubtless seemed to the Chicago correspondents who made it up as a natural thing for the Iowa coach to say, it has no further foundation further than the reporters' lively imaginations. As is well known to the Iowa delegation present at the game, Dr Knipe said as the team went to the grounds that Iowa would be lucky if she came out without a defeat.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### Battalion Orders

Headquarters University Battalion,  
Iowa City, Ia., Dec. 6, 1900.

Special Orders  
No. XI

I. Special Orders, No. X., prescribing ceremonies for Friday, December 7, are hereby countermanded. The usual drill will be held on that date.

By order of MAJOR HARKNESS,  
ROY A. COOK,  
First Lieutenant and Adjutant.

### Scandinavian Course

The following new courses in Scandinavian are offered for the winter and spring term:

1. Old Norse. Elementary course in the language with readings from the Sagas. Lectures on Old Norse and Old Icelandic literature. Twice a week, hours to be arranged.

2. Modern Swedish. Elements of the grammar together with which some easy text will be read in the winter term. The spring term will be devoted to a study of Frithiof's Saga by Tegner. Twice a week, hours to be arranged.

It is likely that only one of above courses can be given. Those who contemplate taking either course should signify their intention to that effect soon, so that the necessary texts may be ordered.

GEORGE T. FLOM.

### Homoeopathic Notes

Sophomores are being examined in dissection.

Crew, '02 spent Thanksgiving at his home in Marion.

Stokes, '01 entertained his son a few days this week.

Dr Gilchrist was called out of the city Tuesday on professional work.

Clapp, '02, spent Thanksgiving at his home in Davenport and attended the Northwestern-Iowa game.

W. R. Winters of Rock Island spent Thanksgiving day in the city, the guest of his brother, L. E. Winters, '01.

Dean Royal was one of the speakers at the dedication exercises of the new Homoeopathic Hospital of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

The football team of 1900 was entertained Tuesday night by the Elks. During the evening, Asher W. Ely, the center rush, was presented with a fine gold watch by his brother Elks. Thursday evening the Phi Delt will entertain the team at a smoker at their Chapter house on College street. Saturday noon the team will be entertained at Linder's, where the three weeks of their early training was spent. Saturday evening they will be entertained by Miss Brown at the armory.

## SCORES OF SEASON

Results of the Games Played by the Western Conference Colleges and by the State Colleges

At some trouble and expense, the VIDETTE-REPORTER has obtained from correspondents at the conference colleges and the colleges of the state of Iowa, a summary of all the games played the past season.

The scores of the conference colleges follow:

**IOWA**  
Iowa . . . . . 57  
Upper Iowa . . . . . 0  
Iowa . . . . . 68  
Iowa . . . . . 47  
Iowa . . . . . 26  
Iowa . . . . . 17  
Iowa . . . . . 28  
Iowa . . . . . 63  
Iowa . . . . . 5

Opponents 12

**MINNESOTA**  
Minnesota . . . . . 65  
Minnesota . . . . . 26  
Minnesota . . . . . 44  
Minnesota . . . . . 27  
Minnesota . . . . . 6  
Minnesota . . . . . 26  
Minnesota . . . . . 34  
Minnesota . . . . . 6  
Minnesota . . . . . 23  
Minnesota . . . . . 21  
Minnesota . . . . . 20

Opponents 17

**WISCONSIN**  
Wisconsin . . . . . 6  
Wisconsin . . . . . 50  
Wisconsin . . . . . 5  
Wisconsin . . . . . 11  
Wisconsin . . . . . 64  
Wisconsin . . . . . 45  
Wisconsin . . . . . 5  
Wisconsin . . . . . 52  
Wisconsin . . . . . 39  
Wisconsin . . . . . 27

Opponents 11

**NORTHWESTERN**  
Northwestern . . . . . 36  
Northwestern . . . . . 18  
Northwestern . . . . . 0  
Northwestern . . . . . 6  
Northwestern . . . . . 6  
Northwestern . . . . . 12  
Northwestern . . . . . 0  
Northwestern . . . . . 6  
Northwestern . . . . . 5  
Northwestern . . . . . 0  
Northwestern . . . . . 21  
Northwestern . . . . . 5

Opponents 38

**CHICAGO**  
Chicago . . . . . 24  
Chicago . . . . . 29  
Chicago . . . . . 16  
Chicago . . . . . 23  
Chicago . . . . . 17  
Chicago . . . . . 35  
Chicago . . . . . 6  
Chicago . . . . . 6  
Chicago . . . . . 0  
Chicago . . . . . 0  
Chicago . . . . . 0  
Chicago . . . . . 5  
Chicago . . . . . 16

Opponents 135

**MICHIGAN**  
Michigan . . . . . 29  
Michigan . . . . . 11  
Michigan . . . . . 24  
Michigan . . . . . 11  
Michigan . . . . . 12  
Michigan . . . . . 12  
Michigan . . . . . 5  
Michigan . . . . . 7  
Michigan . . . . . 0  
Michigan . . . . . 6

Opponents 55

**ILLINOIS**  
Illinois . . . . . 26  
Illinois . . . . . 63  
Illinois . . . . . 21  
Illinois . . . . . 6

Knox . . . . . 0  
Lombard . . . . . 0  
Northwestern . . . . . 0  
Michigan . . . . . 12  
Purdue . . . . . 5  
Indiana . . . . . 0  
Wisconsin . . . . . 27  
Minnesota . . . . . 23

Opponents 67

**INDIANA**  
Indiana . . . . . 0  
Indiana . . . . . 18  
Indiana . . . . . 0  
Indiana . . . . . 62  
Indiana . . . . . 6  
Indiana . . . . . 0  
Indiana . . . . . 0  
Indiana . . . . . 24

Opponents 30

**PURDUE**  
Purdue . . . . . 39  
Purdue . . . . . 5  
Purdue . . . . . 28  
Purdue . . . . . 6  
Purdue . . . . . 46  
Purdue . . . . . 5  
Purdue . . . . . 38  
Purdue . . . . . 6

Opponents 76

In the state, outside of the Iowa team, Drake is entitled to first place. It has defeated every state team, except Penn., and in that game Penn's coach played and other rules were relaxed. Simpson's showing against Iowa, Penn., and Drake clearly entitle her to second place, thus placing her within the magic Big Four circle for the first time. Grinnell is clearly entitled to the next place. Although rather lighter than in previous years, her team played fine contests in excellent shape and with all the old time grit. As the only college in Iowa having a system of graduate coaching, Grinnell is to be congratulated upon the success of its system. Coach Harris's excellent work with the team has been supplemented by other alumni, such as Palmer of Princeton. Ames cancelled its best games on account of typhoid fever at the college. It was defeated by Drake, Grinnell and Iowa State Normal School and tied by Simpson. It won against all other state colleges played and played some excellent games outside the state. The rise of the State Normal school in football has been marked this year by the engagement of Fred A. Williams as coach. Although its team was entirely new to the game this year, it has played a fine schedule and closed the season with credit. From now on, the State Normal is bound to be a prominent factor in state athletics. Cornell has not played a particularly brilliant schedule. On account of its exuberance at being beaten by the great Beloit, it is given the next place in order. Coe college has played very well after the advent of Fleming, the old Notre Dame player. It defeated Penn. decisively, giving that college of loose regulations a dose of its own medicine. Penn made a surprising brace at Oskaloosa two weeks ago Monday, outplaying and defeating Drake University by a score of 6 to 5. The story of this game is but another reminder of the fact that one cannot always sometimes tell about the outcome of the practice games.

Upper Iowa had an excellent schedule and seems to have been successful in the game with Lenox.

The glory of the Iowa Scrubs comes from their games with the Varsity. Their schedule was unfortunately in being broken into by the needs of the first team; and Lenox's cancellation of her game.

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## GREAT IN DEFEAT

**An Excellent Editorial from the Inlander, University of Michigan, which Every Iowan Should Read**

Recent events have given Michigan an opportunity to demonstrate that she can be great even in defeat. In the chief western football game of the year the team was conquered—conquered beyond doubt or peradventure by a team representing a university which two years ago had taken no place in western athletic. There was no comfort in the score; it was a slaughter of the old west by the new, and of a new team by an old one. Untried heroes lost to experienced heroes and there is little else to be said of the game. Yet to the writer's mind Michigan has never appeared in a better light, even when her victories shone brightest, than did she on Bennett Field Nov. 10th, and at Ann Arbor during the days that followed. The game was absolutely clean; the treatment accorded Iowa was beyond criticism as their managers cordially acknowledge; and Michigan's support of her vanquished warriors was of a type which victors might well envy. Cheer after cheer greeted the battered and defeated team upon reaching the Russel House and the reception there and in the dining room later amounted to an ovation. The graduate manager of Iowa said after the game that he had never heard such continuous "rooting" for a losing team as he heard Michigan maintain at Benet Park.

As indicated above, not only did the Michigan spirit not despair that day but in the days that followed when the true proportions of the defeat came to be appreciated, the same hopeful feeling has been maintained. The old attitude of indifference and criticism, the attitude of malicious fault-finding which the Inlander has deprecated other years, seems to have been largely overcome and the losers are loved and not laughed at because they did no better on the day of contest.

"Let the good work go on," it is a trite expression but a fitting one. Michigan's men have been long years arriving at the conclusion that we cannot always win and that whether we win or no, the team deserves the support of every loyal student first and last and always. The "knocker" is not needed in college athletics and he is finding less room for his work as the seasons go by. When there is discord at home we can hope for little abroad.

The whole Iowa incident should serve as an example for other years and other games, defeats or victories as they may be. If we can always have a loyal student body on the side lines who will cheer when things are looking dark for the old yellow and blue; if we can have a gentlemanly team like that of the present year upon the field; if we can treat our opponents as we treated Iowa in the spirit of gentlemen and sportsmen; if we can always deserve such praise as we received from Coach Knipe and Manager McCutchen; then always may Michigan hope for success and in the long run attain it.

### Thanksgiving Vidette-Reporters

A limited number remain of the special Thanksgiving issue of the VIDETTE-REPORTER, containing half tones of the Iowa and Northwestern teams. These papers are on sale at the Arcade Bookstore and at Cerny & Louis' Bookstore, both located on Clinton street, below Iowa Avenue.

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The scores follow:

Table with columns for Drake and Opponents. Scores: Drake 129, Opponents 45.

GRINNELL

Table with columns for Grinnell and Opponents. Scores: Grinnell 35, Opponents 195.

AMES

Table with columns for Ames and Opponents. Scores: Ames 33, Opponents 100.

I. S. N. S.

Table with columns for I. S. N. S. and Opponents. Scores: I. S. N. S. 72, Opponents 178.

CORNELL

Table with columns for Cornell and Opponents. Scores: Cornell 28, Opponents 35.

COE

Table with columns for Coe and Opponents. Scores: Coe 60, Opponents 47.

PENN

Table with columns for Penn and Opponents. Scores: Penn 17, Opponents 119.

UPPER IOWA

Table with columns for Upper Iowa and Opponents. Scores: Upper Iowa 16, Opponents 144.

IOWA SECOND

Table with columns for Iowa Second and Opponents. Scores: Iowa Second 27, Opponents 17.

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Ivy Lane initiated last night Mr Hellberg, '04, Miss Morris, '04 and Miss Hayes '04.  
Ernest A Jackson, L, '01, enjoyed a visit from his father and mother yesterday.  
The local alumni association will give a reception next Thursday evening at the K. P. Halls.  
Miss Mamie Hurst, '00 teacher of English at the State Normal, visited over Sunday in the city.

**College of Pharmacy**  
Dr Cooper, of Omaha, is here the guest of his sister Miss Cooper.  
Mr Bohn, '02, of Reinbeck, received a visit from his aunt last week.  
R. H. Gates entertained Miss Shafer and Mrs Lockwood, of Greene, Thanksgiving.  
S. A. Holt, '01, left for his home at Creighton, Wednesday evening, in response to a telegram.  
Among those who attended the football game at Rock Island, Thursday were G. Horton and L. L. Broodeen, '01, Norton, Swain, Blowers, and Cory, '02.

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**COMING—"ZAZA"**  
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