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Six Orators

That Number Appear at Meeting

Several More Said to Be Writing - Jas. B. Loud, Dean of Iowa's Prospects Poor

In response to a call issued by President Thomas C. Cabot, the Oratorical Association for a meeting of those who were writing for the home contest, six men showed up at Close Hall Saturday. It is understood that about an equal number who were writing orations did not attend, apparently being satisfied they would get sufficient description from any notes that might be selected. A list of judges on thought and composition was selected and they have accordingly notified their selection but have not yet had time to signify their willingness to serve.

The principal rules governing the home contest are that any undergraduate student may write provided he either belongs to the association or pays an entry fee of four dollars, and that all orations must be handed to the secretary of the association one month before the date of the contest, which is March 14 this year. Orations must therefore be in by February 14. Prospective writers, who write the six receiving the highest markings on thought and composition speak at the home contest the winner of which is entitled to receive fifty dollars and to represent the University at the N. O. L. meeting which occurs in Chicago, May 4. The second and third men on the home contest go to the N. O. L. as alternate and delegate respectively.

Dental Notes

The first semester in the college of dentistry ends on Saturday. The second semester begins Feb. 10.

The attendance in the operative clinic for this school year up to date has covered a period of three months and a half.

The faculty of the college of medicine have issued invitations to General Grant at the Military Hospital, Wednesday evening, February 3, at 8 o'clock.

ExcaVations in crete

Miss Boyd Tells of her Discoveries

Lecture Under Auspices of the Graduate Club Proves of Great Interest to Archæologists

Miss Harriett A. Boyle delivered an interesting lecture Thursday night in the general lecture room of the arts hall on "American Excavations in Crete." The lecture was under the auspices of the Graduate Club. The hall was not crowded, owing largely to the inclement weather. Miss Boyd said in part: "Crete yielded little to the historic period of Greece, but flourished before this, in the years from 900 to 1700 B.C., during which period Crete art rose and was then declined again. This was the period of the Mycenean civilization. After the late civil war, which quiet was restored, and Prince George of Greece appointed Governor General, there was a rush of archæologists to the island. I went to Crete in 1900, finding at the east end of the island, dating from 2900 to 2800 B.C., or the Geometric Period, the dark age of Greek history, continued for Crete again in March, 1901. In riding one day I met a Cretan who showed me a piece of ruins on a hill four miles west of Galaxias near the state of Crete. One hundred men working for six months were unable to uncover the whole of the town. These bricked buildings were used in building the flat roofed houses which have eight rooms or more and are frequently two stories high. The tools used by the Myceneans were made of stone carefully wrought and tempered by a now lost art. All these Mycenean remains date from 1300 to 1000 B.C."

"Prior to this find, the excavations in Crete had been of the ruins of palaces, while these revealed the abodes of the working people of four thousand years ago. It was an industrial village and the European archæologists thought it fitting that Americans should discover the homes of the common people. The town seems to have been attacked and burned and all the people carried off, there being no trace of occupation subsequent to the fire."

Miss Boyd continuing told in part of the manner in which the work of excavation is carried on, and showing that very primitive methods are employed. The dirt is moved away in baskets and hand barrels, some of it having to be sifted for small finds. In closing she described a Fourth of July celebration among the Cretan excavation workers. The lecture was illustrated throughout with a very large number of lantern slides taken from photographs showing every phase of the work, showing the ancient tools and pottery, the state of the earth, and the method of conducting the excavations.

Philosophical Club

Meetings Monthly - Members Selected by Invitations-Objectives and Object of New Organization

Last Saturday night at a meeting of those interested in philosophy, the organization of a new university club was perfected. It is the Philosophical Club and destined, to take rank as one of the three learned clubs on the University alongside of Baconian and the Political Science Club. The field of the Philosophical Club will be the whole range of philosophy and it is in no danger of becoming narrow or confined with such a theme. The object of its foundation was to afford an opportunity for discussion of philosophical problems. Its members will be selected and invited by the club and they will be taken from the instructors and advanced students in the department of philosophy and also other members of the faculty of the University who are interested in the object pursued will be eligible. The first officers of the club are: Professors G. A. Fitch, president; H. C. Dorey, secretary; Mabel Williams, member of executive committee. A call for attendance for the organization meeting was sent out. Meetings will be held on the first Saturday night of each month in the philosophical lecture room in the arts hall. The first meeting was held on that place on Feb. 4th at which Dr. Masters read a paper.

McKinley Memorial

In accordance with the proclamations of the governor of Iowa recommending that exercises be held in commemoration of all the schools of the state on January 19th, collections will be taken in professors and students of all the college. The dean or secretary of each college will determine the method of receiving the collection. It is hoped there will be a generous contribution to forward to the secretary of the McKinley Memorial Association in the name of the State University of Iowa.

College of Liberal Arts

Contributions for the McKinley memorial from professors and students of the colleges of liberal arts will be received by the secretary of the faculty. Prof. W. C. Nutting is chairman for that department of the arts hall at any time during Wednesday, January 27th.

Amos N. Cuhier.

Pres. Maclean left for Des Moines this morning, where he will address the meeting of the medical society.

Prof. Richards spent Sunday in Cedar Rapids, returning yesterday morning.

Prof. Rasmus B. Anderson

Prof. Anderson, who will lecture under the auspices of the Edna on Saturday, February 8, is the editor of "America," a Scandinavian monthly published in the United States, and chairman of the board of the Swedish-American Academy. He has been professor of Scandinavian languages at the University of Wisconsin.

Hawkeye Contract Let

Innovations Made in the Book

New Arrangement—Old Gold Cover—Vice for Finishes to have Size and Shape Unchanged

The manager of the Junior Annual has just closed the contract for printing the book, given to Mr. George T. Redick, of this city.

The specifications of the book will be in the main the same as the 1903 Hawkeye, the new departures coming in the inside. The size of the page and cover are the same as the former year, namely 10x14. The number of pages, 338, is practically what Iowa annuals have contained since the beginning.

For the first time, after many vain attempts, the first issue is going to succeed in getting out a book in the varsity colors. A very good shade of old gold book cloth has been obtained and on it will be stamped a very neat cover design in black. Another innovation is a new and clever arrangement of the junior pictures by means of which, each man's name and history will appear on the page opposite his picture. This is to be done by arranging only five pictures on a page and placing the reading matter to the right of the pictures.

Some very fine and more than creditable illustration work has been done by the board of art editors, and the Hawkeye is not going to be outdone. The book is to be printed in several colors and will be done in the same manner. There is a lot of material in that book which is going to succeed in getting out a book in the varsity colors. A very good shade of old gold book cloth has been obtained and on it will be stamped a very neat cover design in black. Another innovation is a new and clever arrangement of the junior pictures by means of which, each man's name and history will appear on the page opposite his picture. This is to be done by arranging only five pictures on a page and placing the reading matter to the right of the pictures.

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It seems impossible that out of the enrollment of fifteen hundred students only thirteen should write orations for an oratorical contest offering as much as ours does. But it is the sad true fact. The chances of any one of these winning, other things being equal, in the home contest are one in thirteen. The chances of getting on the delegation to the N. C. L. contest are one in four. The chances of speaking at the home contest are even. It would seem that odds like these ought to tempt one, who never dreamed he could speak, to write in the contest. There have been lots of things done by people who did not know they could do them till they tried.

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Other work for the literary department should be in not later than February fifteenth.
Length, 600 words.
Literary Editor.

Amusements
Lovers of the highest form of stage art are agreed that James A. Herne's beautiful comedy-drama of New England coast life, "Shore Acres," is by far the best play of its class ever presented on the English-speaking stage. In it there is absolute truth to nature and the characters are drawn with a skill that has rarely been surpassed. They come and go as people do in real life and there is little or no exaggeration. Mr. Herne's stage pictures are always commendable and in "Shore Acres," which comes to the Opera House, on Thursday, Jan. 31, there are many deeply impressive scenes. The last act in the piece is possibly the most effective and no one who has ever witnessed the closing picture will ever forget it. An excellent dramatic company headed by Miss Marion Cullen and Mr. James T. Galway will appear here and nothing will be left undone to make the engagement memorable.

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