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SIXTEENTH CONVOCATION

PRESIDENT SCHURMAN OF CORNELL SPEAKS

Large Audience Hears Learned Educator Speak on Philippine Question at the Opera House

The Sixteenth University convocation was held at the opera house this morning. The house was packed to standing room only so great was the interest in the words expected of President J. G. Schurman of Cornell university. During the absence of President MacLean, Dean Currier presided.

The exercises were opened by the singing of the hymn "Coronation." Rev. Dwight W. Wylie, pastor of the Presbyterian church, gave the invocation and read a pertinent chapter of the scriptures.

The medical quartet were given hearty applause for their rendering of "The Cooper's Song" of Von Suppe.

PRESENTS THE SPEAKER

Dean Currier, rising to introduce the speaker of the day said: "We have with us today a man known as an eminent scholar and educator. He comes to us from a university dear to us for the many professors it has sent us and for our late president, the revered and mourned Dr. Schaeffer. I take great pleasure in presenting to you the Hon. Jacob Gould Schurman, president of Cornell university.

President Schurman rose amidst rounds of applause and began as follows:

"I am glad of the opportunity to speak at Iowa, for there are many Cornell men on your faculty. The late Dr. Schaeffer was a dear friend and college mate, while President MacLean is a friend.

PHILIPPINE PROBLEM

"I will address you on some phases of the Philippine problem. Since these islands came into our possession some years ago we have learned something about them.

LUZON

"Luzon is the northern-most of the archipelago and contains about 10,000 square miles. The land along the coast is cultivated as is also some of the interior, though much of it is mountainous and cannot be tilled. Much of the land is used for the production of rice. South of Luzon are other islands producing mainly sugar. The Filipinos inhabit Luzon and the islands immediately south of it. These people, about six and a half million of them, are the ones with whom the United States has been at war with.

OTHER ISLANDS

"The other islands farther south are inhabited by the Moros and other tribes. These people are Mohammedans and uncivilized. They number about a million and a half and are at peace with the

United States. They are under the government of the Sultan of Sulu who rules Sulu, Minandao, Upper Borneo and the adjacent islands.

THE MOROS

"The Moros were under Spanish suzerainty but this government never extended further than the sea coast and along the larger rivers. The Spaniards knew nothing of the inland people and never attempted to control them, while even the sea coast people were for years pirates and made depredations on the other islands, massaering all the Christians whom they encountered. The Spanish government only suppressed their reprisals with the greatest of difficulty by equipping a fleet of gunboats and sinking all native vessels not privileged by the nearest Spanish officer.

THEIR GOVERNMENT

"The Spaniards governed these tribes only through their sultans and datoes. We have imitated Spain in this respect and the scheme of government has worked well from the very first.

"I was the first American endowed with authority to confer with the Sultan of Sulu. I assured him of the friendly feeling of the United States and told him of our determination to assert and retain all rights of government, without, however, molesting the religion, custom, and ideals of the tribes. He treated me with great kindness and expressed his willingness to renew the agreement which he has had with Spain. I complied and the agreement was signed. I considered that we had succeeded to the rights of Spain and were under obligations to go no further than to renew the same obligations. I thought best to treat only with the chiefs.

POLYGAMY AND SLAVERY

"It has been said that we sanction polygamy and slavery among the natives by this so-called treaty. But slavery there is not like slavery which formerly existed in the United States. It is more like feudalism or peonism. The people are all of the same race and the slaves are kindly treated.

"Furthermore, at the time this agreement was signed, the Christian Philipinoes were at war with us and we did not know how long this war would last. It would have been the maddest folly for us to have started a Mohammedan war by attempting to overthrow the customs and religion of these new subjects.

"The polygamy and slavery will disappear under the light of Christianity. I am making no apology for the agreement but I think it was the best thing that could have been done under the existing conditions. It has kept the people in absolute peace.

MILITARY RECORD.

"I have little to say of the military record except that I am opposed to the idea of sending armed forces to subjugate those

FAVORS FOUR YEARS

PRESIDENT SCHURMAN ON SHORT COURSE

Agrees With Dean Currier and President Tucker in Upholding the Four Year A. B. Course

President Schurman spoke to the students of the University of Minnesota Tuesday morning, discussing the segregation of the sexes and the shortening of the A. B. course. His views on the latter subject correspond with those expressed in these columns by Dean Currier. The Minnesota Daily quotes him as follows:

"He then took up the matter of shortening the A. B. course, which he strenuously disapproved. He said that the A. B. course is good every where and always had been good for liberal culture. For the development of manhood as such. It was in no sense a preparatory course for the professional schools. An increasing number were taking the A. B. courses who did not expect to become doctors, lawyers and engineers.

Harvard had made the A. B. a requirement for entrance to her professional courses merely because they were over crowded and they wished to reduce the numbers. This was all right and a good thing in the case of Harvard and perhaps one or two other schools, but he would dislike to see it made a universal requirement. It did not make better doctors or better lawyers but it did make better and broader men. His advice to every young man who could afford the time and money was to take an A. B. degree. He could see no legitimate argument for shortening the time by a year."

Noted Visitor Feted

The members of the faculty who have been connected with Cornell University either as students or as members of the instructional staff arranged a luncheon at the Berkley Imperial today. Twenty covers were laid and the repast was served at one o'clock. Those who sat down to the table were President Schurman, Mrs. MacLean, Prof. and Mrs. C. B. Wilson, Cornell '84, Mr and Mrs. J. V. Westfall, Cornell '95, Prof. J. F. Brown, Prof. and Mrs. L. W. Andrews, Prof. and Mrs. A. G. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Rockwood, Prof. and Mrs. Arthur Fairbanks, and Mr. Paul Skies Pierce, Dean and Mrs. Currier, Madam MacLean, Mrs. Jacob G. Schurman.

Mrs MacLean will receive the members of the university senate and their families at her home on College Hill from four to six in honor of President Schurman.

Sophomores and freshmen at Minnesota will debate the question, "Resolved that bachelors should be taxed to support old maids."

MAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

President Schurman Has Done Many Things Besides Teaching

Jacob Gould Schurman, B. A., M. A., D. Sc., LL. D., president of Cornell university, was president of the first U. S. Philippine commission in 1899 and has been editor of the Philosophical Review since its beginning in 1892.

President Schurman is a native of Canada being born on Prince Edward's Island forty-eight years ago. He first went to college at Prince of Wales college, Charlottetown, Prince Edward's Island and then attended Acadia college, Nova Scotia where he won the Canadian Gilchrist scholarship. Going to University college, London he was awarded a university scholarship in philosophy. Obtaining here by his high attainments the Hibbert traveling fellowship, he was enabled to study at the universities of Edinburgh, Heidelberg, Berlin and Göttingen.

He was professor of English literature, political economy and psychology at his first alma mater, Prince of Wales college, from 1880-82, going thence to Dalhousie college where he took the chair of metaphysics and English literature. From 1886-92, Dr. Schurman was Sage professor of philosophy at Cornell and during the latter part of this period he was dean of the school of philosophy. On President Adams' departure for the University of Wisconsin in 1892 Dr. Schurman was elected president of Cornell university at the age of thirty-eight. In 1899 at the request of President McKinley he obtained a leave of absence from the university and served on the first Philippine commission as its head during that summer and fall.

President Schurman has published a number of standard works on subjects connected with philosophy in addition to his work on the Philosophical Review and his exacting labors as executive head of Cornell.

Athletic Ball

It is important that every member be present at the next meeting of the athletic ball committee.

No Benedicts Need Apply

We publish again this month the prize offer made in the November issue. We urge every single man in the college to make a try for this prize.—The Brunonian.

Alumni of Delta Kappa Epsilon have purchased as a chapter house the former residence of Dr. Jaques Loeb at Chicago university at the University of Chicago.

Minnesota will debate Wisconsin, the date being on or about March 24, 1903. The victorious team gets a \$150 cash prize, divided equally among the members of the team.

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Calendar for the Week.

January 14, assembly 9:45 a. m.

Doubtful Praise

"In behalf of the students we wish to extend our thanks to the Evening Gazette whose editorial columns have contained so many good words for Coe within the last few weeks. The Gazette in comparing Coe with other colleges of the state finds no other institution whose students are so gentlemanly and well behaved as our own. It points out the fact that such rowdiness as prevails at present in many institutions is not to be found at Coe and compliments Cedar Rapids on having such a college to support. We hope we may continue to maintain such a reputation"—Coe College Cosmos.

Any institution that can find praise in the scurrilous whining above referred to, must be hungry for laudation. Making profit from such attacks as those which have been made upon the university is like the practice of thugs; one of whom assaults the victim while the other stands ready to steal his watch and valuables.

It is inconceivable that the fair-minded editor of the Cosmos should in any way approve the wilful, malicious calumnies which have been heaped upon Iowa under the pretext given by the recent, unfortunate sophomore scrap. The affair itself has been magnified, misrepresented and distorted till it is un-

recognizable; and comments have been written upon it which would villify the character of the Patterson anarchists. Throughout it all, references have been made to the paragon existing in Cedar Rapids. But, that praise coming from such a quarter and so tainted with evil at this, should be sweet to the ears of anyone, has before seemed impossible.

The increasing popularity of the summer session among the undergraduate students is but a feature of the hurry and concentration which is characteristic of the times, and which chafes under enforced idleness for one-fourth of the year.

These are the days when the prudent man laboreth much and attendeth classes with a persistence even like unto that of the student.

And away off on the horizon is a little blue speck betokening the approaching simoon of examinations.

Justice George Shiras of the United States Supreme Court has given the greater part of his law library to the Yale Law School. His gift amounts to about 1,000 volumes of valuable legal works. He is a Yale graduate of the class of '53 and was given a degree of doctor of laws by Yale in 1883.

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D. L. Young, student at Morning Side college, is visiting his brother, J. M. Young, M. '03.

Sam Tingley '03 has left school, to accept a position as teacher of English in the preparatory department of the University of Oklahoma.

Professor T. H. Macbride has commenced a series of six lectures in Cedar Rapids on the subject: "The Plant Responsive."

The office of the superintendent of grounds and buildings over which Mr. Ellsworth presides has been changed from the executive office to the office of Secretary McChesney across the hall.

Professor S. Calvin opens the university extension lecture course in Davenport on Saturday evening with an address on "From Minneapolis to Tillouet, British Columbia—What a Geologist Sees on the Way."

On the eve of Jan. 5, at Urbana, Iowa, Mr. E. S. Taylor of the junior dental class, forsook the lonely path of bachelorhood and was married to Miss Cora Moss of Urbana. The IOWAN wishes Mr. and Mrs. Taylor much happiness.

More Captains

The Ames team elected Daniels '03, captain of next season's football team. Daniels has played two years at quarterback on the Ames team.

O'Neil '05, has been elected captain of the 1903 team at Syracuse university.

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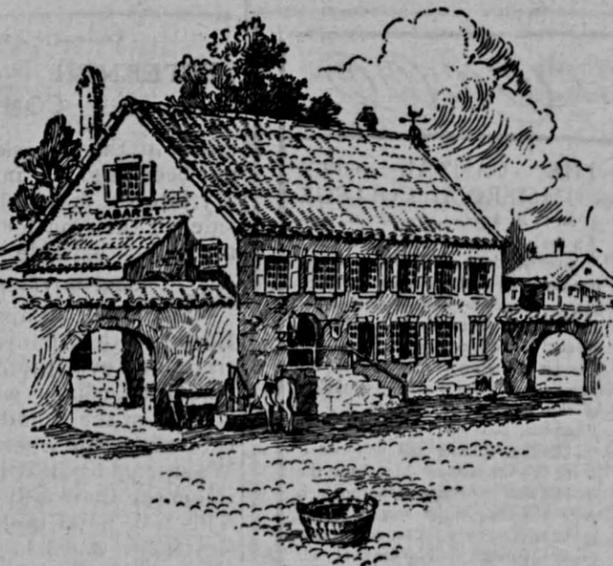
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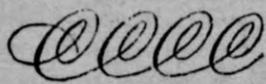
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SIXTEENTH CONVOCATION

tribes in the interior who have not been engaged in war upon us. My interest is mainly on the civil side of the matter and I look mainly at that side.

SELF GOVERNMENT

"Spain had an absolute rule in Luzon with Spanish governors, friars and even municipal officers. The first business when we gained control of the islands was to institute home rule wherever possible. We started by allowing the natives to choose their municipal officers. This was later extended to the provinces, and I hope it may finally extend to the whole archipelago.

"Now the justices of the peace, one in each town, and several of the intermediate judges are natives, while on the supreme bench the chief justice and some of his associates are Filipinos. The commission has suggested and congress, by the law of 1902, has enacted that there shall be a legislature of two houses, the upper body to consist of the members of the Philippine commission, with a lower house composed of natives chosen by general suffrage, limited by slight property and educational qualification.

LIBERTY AND RIGHTS

"Besides this we have given to the people more advantages than any other Asiatic nation ever received at the hands of another governing power. The Filipino enjoys the same rights which you and I do with two exceptions. He cannot carry arms and he does not have the privilege of trial by jury. This latter is entirely contrary to his ideas of government and he does not desire it.

ECONOMICS AND FINANCES

"I cannot say as much for the economic and financial condition of the Filipinos as for their political welfare. In fact they are in terrible condition. The war has devastated the country, pestilence, famine, cholera, and binderpest have followed and added more disasters.

"The United States is not responsible for these conditions but we might relieve them if we would. We, and we alone, are responsible for the fluctuations in the currency which have impoverished the government and high ruined the native merchants. Without the cost of a single cent to ourselves we could have given them free trade with the United States instead of the paltry reduction of 25 per cent of the Dingley tariff.

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