Russell's Letter.
WINNIPEG, MAN., March 11, '93.

I was very glad indeed to rest a few days after the winter's work and especially the last ten days of it, but I can now thoroughly appreciate and bemoan the loss of heat.

As I grow more and more acquainted with the country and the work to be done I become more confident of success. I have finished reading the account of the Peary Expedition. In some respects I was disappointed in it, because of the importance attached to the relief expeditions and the brief account of the Lieutenant's work. Peary was the only man in the crowd who did not have a "pique," and admire him very much. The book is not a practical one as regards details, which I have found to be of inestimable importance in this work, even the manner of using a single skid line made the difference between progress and delay--often synonymous with death.

I am now ready to consider magpie dangers, and I most decidedly do not intend to bring republic upon the University by running unnecessary risks, yet I know that the parent of mink on in the manner in which I shall be compelled to engage in it, will be attended with constant danger. I shall arrange by sealed letters left at the last Hudson's Bay post, for the transportation of our effects and collection in case of accident to me.

The hiring of Indians is a difficult matter. Mr. McFarlane assures me that there are none to be had at Ft. Resolution except scowderets. I found one but too grand and rapids, and he could not go. All are afraid of the Eskimos, and I am as present a little afraid of them myself, as the North American Eskimos is not so tame as the Greenland species.

"As a specimen of what I shall have to eat, let me call your attention to the fact that I would consume about 1000 wurst of flour in the time allotted, if I indulged in that luxury at the ordinary rate of consumption, which aside from lack of transportation facilities, becomes an impossibility. The hunter of the expedition is becoming more of an Indian every day, and I have great hopes of him in the field of zoology. The ethnologist of the expedition is also enthusiastic and devoted to his science. The geese are said to breed along the coast in great numbers, and I hope to come upon their habitats as well as that of many others. The ethnologist attached to the expedition is indefatigable, and has already listened to more Indian legends and lies than would fill a large sized volume. He was at first a bashful, which of being made game of, but after hearing the same stories repeated by widely separated parties and after consulting such men as H. McKeen, Mr. Reader and others who are perfect Cree scholars, he became convinced that the Indians were honest when they apologized before beginning by saying, "it's not a very good story, but I did not make it, you know." The legends of the North have all been written by Peir Pettit, but the books are in French and out of print. The ethnologist of the expedition will devote as much time as possible to his department.

The geologist is somewhat concerned as to how to get specimens out of the country without paying a vast deal more than they are worth. He will require and find out the exact cost per hundredweight, and then find out how much the geological department is willing to pay for it.

The botanist will devote as much time as possible to his work. Fifteen hours a day would, perhaps, be about the right amount to devote to this. The meteorological instruments are very acceptable, and the observer of the expedition will of course devote a considerable amount of time to this daily.

The palaeontologist will make frequent excursions in summer, and accumulate as much material as possible, especially on the upper Athabascan, if he can delay the census or steamer a sufficient length of time. The secretary of the expedition finds that heavy drafts are made upon his time in writing up the notes. The cook will also find plenty to do, "the man who skins the bison" has the very trousse activities of all.

Those eleven departments of the expedition being all under my control, I feel a corresponding responsibility, I will try to keep them busy and not allow any to "stay. I will name the expedition when I reach my winter quarters, submitting the cognosce to you for approval.

But, all jesting aside, I feel that the opportunity could not be better, the field better chosen, or my courage increased. My supporters have shown themselves reliable, and my friends devoted; my health is better than ever before, and on the whole, I have much to be thankful for.

I still feel as if the good people of the Varsity had the advantage of me, and I wish I could express myself truly and gracefully in acknowledging their kindness. However, I cannot until I can get you to please.

Very sincerely yours,
FRANK RUSELL.

The Base-Ball League.

The Boston, a paper published at the University, has been much concerned about S. U. Y. withdrawal from the State League. Hardly an issue has appeared during the last three weeks in which an attempt is not made to justify Cornell's admission to the league and to sling mud at the University for refusing to play under present conditions. The following from its issue of the 9th inst. serves as an example. "Still Iowa City is howling about the schedule adopted at Grinnell and makes its feeble assertion, if the old schedule stands she will withdraw. After a college has had some experience with Iowa City in the athletic line, much truth is to be found in some familiar expressions," etc., etc. The fact is dear Base we have withdrawn long ago, and as far as the howling is concerned you are at liberty to publish in it to your heart's content. A college that will sell her vote in advance to another institution as the base for her claims for admission when and when admitted will then allow that other college to fix up the schedule to suit herself, regardless of the rights of the other members of the league, needs some sterner aiders. If the present condition of affairs suited the remaining members of the league good and well S. U. Y. has nothing further to say in the matter. For the edification however of the Base and its readers we beg leave to submit the following extract from an article in the New York Herald of the 9th inst. the last number of the I. A. C. Syravas.

"At the afternoon session of the annual meet, Cornell College was admitted. Now since we were not allowed a vote on the matter, our representative having not yet arrived; the admittance of Cornell is entirely contrary to the constitution, which states expressly that no team shall be admitted to the association without the unanimous vote of all the members of the association. Cornell being admitted joined with Grinnell, the two influencing Drake's man, and as a consequence S. U. Y. and I. A. C. were rather unceremoniously treated. Grinnell seemed so very unfair in the matter of arranging the schedule that S. U. Y. tendered her resignation from the association. Since the meeting we have directed the attention of the President to the illegality of Cornell's admission and to have another meeting in order to limit Cornell constitutionally if the association should be thus violated. If this is the case, the President refuses to call a meeting, and S. U. Y. makes her resignation permanent. In fact the association seems to be in a high handed rascal dance from top to bottom. Justice seems foreign to be made up, as it was, no effort made to sever our connection from such a mock organization.
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AT HOME AND ABROAD.

P. A. McMillen returned to his

work Tuesday P. M.

Toll, 36, has resumed work with his

class after an absence of a few weeks.

The candidates for the Princeton foot ball team will begin training next week.

The engineering boys started for the scene of their survey in Marion county yesterday.

W. T. Chantland, 25, conducted the examination in American history Wednesday morning.

The joint Hesperian—Nobodino program is postponed until Friday and Saturday of next week.

Mr. Hattonson has returned to school

after being called away by the sad

death of his father.

At the Agriculture College about

30 men are training for track athletics and are “doing finely” as the I. A. G. student puts it.

The Harvard Hasty Pudding Club

realized over a thousand dollars at its performance of Hamlet in New York on Thursday evening last.

The legislature of Michigan has set

aside an appropriation of $85,000 for the use of the State University during the school year 1884-85.

Carter Harrison, recently elected

Mayor of Chicago, graduated from Yale with the class of ’84, and is a cousin of ex-President Harrison.

CALL ON BLOOM & MAYER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.
Mr. McCleugh has joined the senior law class this week.

The Michigan State University will enter its athletic team in the track games at Chicago this summer.

Mr. Thomson, manager of the Iowa College base ball team, was in the city last Tuesday in consultation with manager Myers.

Hon. Linton McMillin, of Okalona, will lecture before the students of the Law Department Wednesday evening, April 10th on "A General View of Jurisprudence."

Only two students are at present excused from military drill at the Iowa State Normal School, which has about as large a male attendance as our own University.

Reports are to-be made this term by the members of the Diplomacy Class on the various treaties made by our government with the other leading governments of the world.

Hart Myers, '95, and C. H. W. Smith '96, returned Sunday evening from Lawrence, Kansas, where they attended the annual meeting of the district council of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Chancellor McClain promised to give the Solicitor-law class in connection with constitutional law a few talks on the subject of location, practice, and other practical subjects. Such a course of practical suggestions is always appreciated by the students.

The Ridgway Club held its regular weekly meeting in the Herbarium room on Tuesday evening. Rogers, '96, read the paper on "The Birds of Iowa City," and Barrett, '96, gave a voluntary report on "Coloration in Eggs." As most all the members of the Club are going to the Bahamas it was thought best to hold no more meetings this year.

Hon. John F. Dillon, formerly judge of the Supreme Court of Iowa, and barrister to the Law Department, and now one of the most prominent attorneys in the city of New York, has accepted the invitation to deliver the annual address at the Law Commencement. The Law Department of the S. U. is to be congratulated on securing the services of such an eminent lawyer for this occasion.

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