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Kirkwood Memorial Building.

The action of the University Alumni at the Des Moines meeting is most encouraging. The Alumni are a great power in the State; and the very name of Kirkwood is a talisman. Iowa's great University that is to be, may well blazon on high the name that has made history for Iowa, that of the great war governor but for whose prompt and wise measures in raising and equipping a large army, the history of Iowa would have been changed. And if the great Lincoln had not had the support of Iowa's staunch governor, who knows whether his courage would have been sufficient unto the terrible strain and responsibility of the time. Certain it is, Kirkwood was one of the great war governors upon whom Lincoln leaned. And the wise financial steering which brought the young state, only fourteen years old at the time of the rebellion, safely through, may be considered a great criterion for safe and wise economics. A grand building for Political Economy and History. With such a building the University will indeed inaugurate an era of greatness.

Fortieth Annual Meeting of the State Teachers' Association.

This annual gathering of the teachers of the State is one of the most important conventions of the year. Some eighteen different departments make up the General Association, and the list is extended each year. About 1200 were in attendance at the recent session, and a most enthusiastic and varied program was carried out. We can but quote in the briefest manner some of the more interesting features.

One of the leading themes was "School Legislation." Senator Harsh surprised his audience somewhat by the stand he took, declaring that legislation must not proceed in advance of public sentiment. While he would advocate some measures of reform he does not believe in the establishment of normal schools. The Senator was followed by Hon. H. O. Weaver, Law '95, who spoke more in line with the advanced ideas of educational reform. His paper was concise and thoughtful, meriting the attention it received.

An enthusiastic meeting of those interested in child study was held, and a society formed for carrying on this work. Professor Patrick was called upon, and C. C. Stover, col. '93, reported on his study and bibliography.

Professor McConnell presented before the High School Section a carefully prepared paper on "How can the Standard of High School work be raised and made more uniform." The paper was a most excellent one and much praised.

"The Woman Who Teaches" was discussed by Frances Rogers, '93, and Florence Zerwikh, ex-'95. Of the latter's paper, the *Register* says: "It was one of the best that has ever been read in the Round Table meeting, or before the State Teachers' Association." Inez Kelso was made Treasurer of the Womans' Round Table, and Miss Rogers Vice-President.

A call for a meeting of Greek teachers in Iowa had been issued, and about fifteen came together. Professor Le-

ona Call was made a member of a committee of three on Permanent Organization, and to arrange a programme.

The College Section talked the most and did the least, perhaps, of any of the divisions.

An excellent series of resolutions was presented by the committee, of which Dr. Schaeffer was Chairman.

Among the county superintendents, J. J. Crossly, Col. '91, held a prominent place.

"The most sensible paper ever presented by a woman from the platform," was read by Mrs. L. T. Weld on "Woman's Place in the Schools." Mrs. Weld is the wife of Professor Weld, S. U. I.

Dr. A. E. Egge discussed the subject. "To what extent shall the College determine the Course of Study for the High School." He held that the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State University should determine the course of study adopted by the High School.

Thursday evening a reception for S. U. I. alumni and friends was held in the parlors of the Savery. The president of the Association briefly explained the object of the meeting, which was primarily to have a good time. Judge Wright presented the following resolutions in a delightful little speech:

Resolved, That the Alumni Association looks to the alumni and friends of the University throughout the State to form local associations for co-operation with the general association in advancing the interests of the institution.

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the contemplated erection of a grand University building at Iowa City as a memorial to the lamented Samuel J. Kirkwood, the same to be known as Kirkwood Hall, and devoted to History and Political Economy.

Resolved, That we favor liberal legislative provision for the acceptance of donations and legacies by the State for the benefit of the University."

Short speeches were made by Dr. Schaeffer, Gov. Jackson, Mr. Berry-Hill, Chancellor McClain and A. E. Swisher, and the resolutions were unanimously and enthusiastically adopted.

Over a hundred were present, and the company was a most congenial one. Classes '92 and '93 were represented most numerous, and vied with each other in class yells. A most enjoyable social time was spent, and loyalty to S. U. I. inspired anew.

The Iowa Academy of Science held its ninth annual session in connection with the Teachers' Association, as is the custom. The President, Dr. L. W. Andrews, was detained at home by illness, and his annual address on "Recent Advancement in the Theories of Solutions," was read by Professor Calvin, who also presented a paper on "The Maquoketa Shales in Delaware County, Iowa," and one "On Some Supposed Devonian Outliers in Delaware County, Iowa." Professor Nutting read a paper on "Report of Committee on State Fauna." Professor T. H. McBride was made a member of the Executive Committee for the coming year.

The first session of the Iowa Library Section was opened by an address by the President, Hon. T. S. Parvin,

of Cedar Rapids. At the various meetings many valuable papers and interesting discussions thereon were given. Mrs. Ada North, Vice-President and ex-Librarian S. U. I., presented a paper on "The Need of Trained Librarians in our State and other Public Libraries of the State." J. W. Rich, Librarian S. U. I., was elected President for the coming year.

Dr. Gilchrist's Lecture.

Friday night the first lecture of the Y. M. C. A. course was given at Close Hall, by Dr. Gilchrist. The subject of the Doctor's talk was "The Tower of London." To any one interested in the history of the English speaking race this structure is full of interest. Some of the forty buildings comprising what is called the Tower, are the oldest inhabited standing to-day, their time-marked walls telling the history of over one thousand years. Owing to the extreme jealousy of the British government it is very difficult to obtain admission to more than a very limited portion of the tower, so that the views shown during the lecture illustrated more than one would probably see were he to visit the Tower in person.

First, the audience was given a birds-eye view of the Tower as it stood in the time of Elizabeth, with a general introduction to the more important buildings. Then views of the different towers and points of interest separately were thrown upon the screen. To go into these in detail is impossible. Tower succeeded tower in rapid succession, each one having an interesting history of its own.

The oldest church in the world now used for religious purposes was shown, while close by it, as if in mockery of the sacred edifice was the spot where so many heads belonging to the royal family of England rolled in the dust.

The lecture as a whole was very interesting, and well worthy of a larger audience. The small size of the audience which commonly greet our Y. M. C. A. lecturers brings to mind the scriptural saying, "Verily a prophet is not without honor, save in his own country." Can it be that we doubt the ability of our own professors to give an interesting lecture?

The object for which the Y. M. C. A. lecture course is given is another reason for its patronage. We are all anxious to see this organization flourish, and yet we seem unwilling to do our own part toward keeping it up. Let us show our appreciation of this institution by patronizing its lecture course more liberally in the future than has been heretofore the custom.

College Notes.

The University of Chicago gave its first Ph. D. degree to a Japanese student.

The University of Chicago has formed a glee club consisting of sixteen women.

Stanford and the University of Chicago have each won a game. The third will be played shortly, and the chances are that Chicago will be victor.

Des Moines people are deriving

much benefit from the telescope in Drake University, as it is understood they are permitted to gaze through it every Saturday evening.—Ex.

Priest has returned to Cornell and will probably pitch for that University next year.

Yale registers twenty students from Hawaii.

The United States spends annually for the maintenance of her public school \$115,000,000. This is more than is expended by Italy, Spain, Germany and France all together.

At the International Congress of Amateurs, held in Paris, last June, it was decided to re-establish the Olympic games, and the committee resolved to hold the first series at Athens in 1896. In 1900 the games will be held in Paris, and the meeting of 1904 will probably be held in the United States.

At the first meeting of the Yale faculty after the Springfield game two resolutions were introduced but not discussed. The first one was that there should be no game with Harvard in '95, and the other that Yale should play no game outside of New England hereafter. The faculty will have a special foot ball meeting soon, and the result of that meeting will be looked forward to with much interest by all lovers of foot ball.

The following extract from an interview with President Harper, appeared in one of the morning papers. "The University of Chicago believes in foot ball. We shall encourage it here. We are heartily in favor of all manly athletic contests. We shall do all we can to promote clean, fair, manly contests." It is extremely gratifying in these days when one hears so many puny attacks on the great American game by those unacquainted with its nature, to see such sentiments coming from so enlightened a source. We may justly congratulate ourselves on the fact that Chicago's record for clean play has been so far unassailed as to make possible and consistent such encouragement. Chicago has played many games this season and has never yet been accused by any team, whether victorious or beaten, of resorting to unfair tactics in foot ball. Whatever may have been the unjust accusations in other regards, we have never been accused of slugging or brutality. The games played on Marshall Field last fall were remarkably free from unnecessary roughness, and it is to be hoped that our reputation will remain stainless. Let Chicago continue to lead among the promoters of fairness. Let there be found among the ranks of her players many who may be classed in the category of gentlemen in athletics.—*University of Chicago Weekly.*

The State Convention of the Y. M. C. A. meets at Oskaloosa this year February 14-17. The program will be very entertaining and instructive. All who can should go and derive the benefit from contact with earnest christian young men. The athletic feature will be much the same as last year. Each Association has the privilege of sending a team to enter the contest.

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To those interested in the Y. M. C. A. Lecture Course, and every one should be interested in it, it is a source of no great joy to note the lack of patronage which it receives. There seems to be no good reason why the auditorium should not be filled at every one of the entertainments, but judging from the first one, given Friday evening, there must be a decided lack of support. No question can exist as to the merit of the lectures and the strength of the men who are to speak. Surely the fact that the speakers are from our University should be rather a reason for each student attending than otherwise. It may be, and we sincerely wish it were, a fact that the severe cold of Friday evening was the chief factor in producing the small audience, but it seems more probable that it owes its origin to another cause. Those who did go, however, are enthusiastic in their praise of the lecture given by Dr. Gilchrist. We earnestly urge the students of the University to see to it that few miss this most excellent course of lectures.

The meeting of the alumni and friends of the University which took place at Des Moines during the holiday vacation was a very pleasant affair for those who were fortunate enough to be present. We would like to suggest that it would be well if a similar meeting could be arranged for each year during the holiday vacation. The meeting might be held one year at Sioux City or Council Bluffs, the next year at Des Moines, the next at Iowa City, and then at Davenport or Burlington. The alumni of the University are becoming quite numerous throughout the State, and we believe that if such meetings could be arranged they would come together and not only enjoy themselves by renewing old acquaintances, but they would

create a deeper interest in the welfare of the University. It is true that commencement time is a very good time to have such meetings, but for those who are engaged in some profession this is not unfrequently a very busy time, and as a result comparatively few of the old students get together. We believe that when local alumni organizations are established in every town of importance in the State some arrangements can be made for a general reunion during the vacation between the fall and winter terms.

The reports, which in a somewhat exaggerated form reached certain papers of the State, concerning the threatened suspension of the University papers, have given many persons, and more notably the students, an idea that the relations between the papers and the Faculty of the University are not so cordial as they should be. Indeed, it might be concluded from the reports in question that an open war had been declared upon college journalism in general, and the Quill and VIDETTE in particular, by the Faculty. Now that the smoke of battle has cleared away somewhat, it becomes evident that the manifesto was nothing more nor less than a request to yield up our office to a use for which its location rendered it peculiarly fitted. It is true that the consideration of the fact "Necessitas non habet legem" may have had something to do with the alacrity with which we hastened to our new quarters. Certainly the reasons we urged against the change were of no light importance, but we realize that in complying with our demand so far as it did, the Committee did all it could do, and we are constrained to accept, fostering the hope, meanwhile, that the period of our exile may be as short as the period during which the University is to be cramped for room. Whatever may be the result of the change ultimately, we are now comfortably located in an office not unfit for our purposes, so far as its equipments are concerned. We cannot say its location is convenient, but nevertheless it will do. Our convenience undoubtedly suffers, but the work of the VIDETTE will be done quite as efficiently in its new home as ever it was in its old one.

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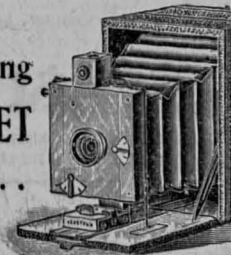
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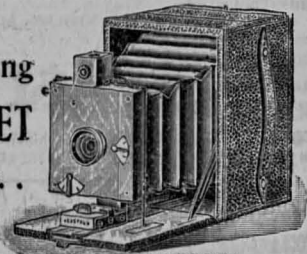
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Fact and Rumor.

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 O. H. L. Mason, is spending a few days with friends in this city.
 F. H. Lovell, Coll. '94, is spending to-day among University friends.
 A number of new girls have entered the girls gymnasium class this term.
 Fred Furbish, '93, is taking some post-graduate work in the University.
 Dr. Kulp is detained in St. Louis by a sprained ankle, and did not lecture Monday.
 Professor and Mrs. Weld delightfully entertained the Delta Gammas Saturday evening.
 Mary Carroll, after an illness of a few weeks, has resumed her work in the University.
 Miss Waitz, of Burlington, was the guest of the Misses Kriebbaum and Connor over Sunday.
 Miss R. S. Bandy, a former clerk in the Dental department was in Iowa City spending the holidays.
 The second lecture in the Y. M. C. A. course will be given to-night by Chancellor McClain, on "Minor Morals."
 The Virgil class, under Miss Loughridge, will recite this term the last four days of the week instead of the first four.
 Miss Ethel Charlton, of the VIDETTE Board, spent Friday in Cedar Rapids, attending the "Messiah," while there.

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The class in Chemistry will have lectures on Monday and Wednesday, and laboratory work the remaining days during this term.

The lecture which was to be given by Frank Russell, next Saturday evening, has been postponed until Wednesday of next week.

We are in receipt of a card announcing the marriage of D. R. Lee, M. D., '90, to Miss Jennie Allen, of Wescott, Neb. They will make their home at Arcadia, Neb.

Miss Clara Slotterbec, '93, has been teaching in Marionette, Wis., has been obliged to give up her school on account of ill health, and has gone to Independence, Iowa.

Elmer Roberts, formerly of our Dental Department, was in the city Sunday, on his way to Chicago. Mr. Roberts graduates from a dental school in Chicago this year.

The Senior class has been re-enforced by the addition of these tardy members: Miss Mast, W. W. Tantlinger and C. S. Aldrich. It is now probable that the University will this year send forth the largest class it has ever graduated.

The January Review of Reviews, in its "Progress of the World," (editorial) department, discusses present problem in public health administration, municipal reform in the United States, the movement for deep waterways from the great lakes to the Atlantic Ocean, the Nicaragua Canal question, the proposed arbitration of the boundary dispute between Venezuela and Great Britain, the payment by our government of damages to Canadian seal poachers, the prospects of civil service reform, the demand for a bank-note currency, the change in the Canadian Premiership, the disposition of English visitors to instruct Americans, and the recent action of the American Federation of Labor; among foreign topics receiving treatment in this department are the Armenian question, the war in China, the approaching Parliamentary contest in Great Britain, the London School Board Election; South African affairs, the French in Madagascar, and the death of the Princess Bismarck. The frontispiece is a portrait of Robert Louis Stevenson; the same number contains another picture of the late novelist—a sketch drawn from life by that clever illustrator, Victor Gribayedoff. There are also portraits of Professor Rouz, Makenzie Bowell, Sir John Thompson, Dean Hole, the Sultan of Turkey, the Princess Bismarck, and other prominent personages.

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Foot Ball Defended

The article from which excerpt given below appears in a number of the Boston Medical and Journal. It is interesting in view of the very common expression in favor of foot ball:

"The present discussion to foot ball has clearly shown the ignorance of many who by their criticism of the game have designed the whole sport as brutal. They are so eager to censure and condemn a sport on account of the accidents a few should, at least, be willing to that sport its just desert ready to recognize the benefits accrue to many from a indulgence in it.

"Foot ball, as it should teach a man self-reliance, over self, and perseverance. It develops perception, ability quickly, and the power of attention. A man to play foot ball must have his wits about him. He is pressing him closely to hear and interpret the signals which are given and then act quickly. At the moment the play starts he must use his physical and mental power to activity. He must do his share of work; he must look for unobvious places and govern himself accordingly. Obstacles are thrown in which must be overcome; and in addition, he grows weary of physical fatigue, he must learn to do what but a few before required no especial effort. Foot ball teaches a man, how to contend against himself. It teaches, to teach him, self-denial and self-control.

"What other sport is there in the world which so closely comes to many demands upon the physical and mental qualities of our youth? The chances of the game may result in a few broken bones, but the fits derived help in no small measure towards producing a general healthy, courageous and manly individuals.

"Because a game is rough and not as yet been regulated in its measure, are we, as Americans, to throw over the entire sport? We are going to confess that we are able to take advantage of our healthy points, and simply too rough a game for boys. * * * Let us rather make of seeing that they learn to govern their instincts, that only those able to do this are permitted to indulge in rough play.

"If a player is known to be he should never be allowed to play. If a man is or becomes physically, he should be kept out. But once and for all, give the youths of the day the impression that the only sport indulged in are those which are for courage. To the timid, well-fought ball game is a spectacle, and they shudder at the possibilities. * * * of courage knows too well the of the game, but he also much greater are its benefits.

"Foot ball men must see hereafter they do not p...