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Ladies' Gymnasium Exhibition.

Quite a large company of spectators assembled at Close Hall, Thursday afternoon, to witness the exhibition given by the ladies of the gymnasium class. Instructor Kallenberg made a few apt remarks emphasizing the importance and necessity of physical culture and its relation to mental development. The object of the exhibition was to give a general idea of the work that was being done in the gymnasium, and how it developed the muscles. The first exercise was a dumb-bell drill in which the entire class took part. This was followed by the running high jump, in which some of the girls really did some fine jumping. Afterwards came some wrestling and tumbling matches, chicken fights, etc., which were hugely enjoyed by the lookerson. The idea that a girl can't throw was disproved by the swift and forceful manner in which a ball went flying through the room. Then followed some difficult work on the parallel bars which received hearty applause. A variety of mat work was next displayed. An exhibition of vaulting over the horse closed the first part of the program. Two games of basket ball were played—the first, between the "Scrubs" and "O. K's," in which neither team made a goal; the other between the "A. T. O.'s" and "B. B. C.'s," the latter team winning the game.

The spirit with which the girls enter into this work show the interest which they take in it, and will insure its success. Surely no girl in the University can afford to miss the advantages offered to her through the gymnasium.

A Tribute.

The "tribute of a friend," to William Rufus Perkins, late professor in History at the University, occupies little more than a page in the *Midland Monthly*, but gives a succinct history of his life and achievement, and is accompanied by a characteristic portrait. Perhaps the most interesting bit of this biography to his Iowa friends, because it touches a phase unknown to them, will be the following:

"The six years of his connection with Cornell University were probably among the happiest of his life. His health, although always delicate and the cause of much discomfort, had not yet become so seriously impaired as to cause him to lose interest in life and achievement. A most sensitive, nervous temperament was accompanied by a sweetness of nature that brought him many friends, with whom his relations were most intimate, and who, through all the banter and chaff and lively exchange of sharp-witted criticism that characterized a circle of light-hearted people, felt for him a certain peculiarly warm affection. His own feeling of friendship was singularly strong and loyal. He wrote most of his poetry during this time, though even his most intimate friend knew only of the shorter poems. The longer one, which was nearest his heart, he kept secret."

His Iowa friends must feel a touch of regret that the complete course of his lectures in History, which were

prepared for his own use and which, coupled with his rare gift of lecture room oratory, probably constituted the highest achievement of this highly gifted man, are not touched upon in a biographical sketch intended for so wide a circle of readers.—*Republican*.

Erodelphian.

The Erodelphian program Saturday evening was opened by a fine piano solo by Miss Holmes. After this Clem Ashley gave a declamation in Welch dialect, which was very entertaining.

Mae Heary read a paper on "Palestine and the Jews." This was very good and well delivered, but it was more the nature of an oration than a paper, and it was unfortunate that it was not delivered as such.

The next on the program was the debate, "Resolved, that it is an advantage to see one's self in the mirror." The debaters, Grace Finch, Grace Burge, Beulah MacFarland and Adelaide Lashek, showed considerable ingenuity in talking seven minutes on such a subject. It is advised that hereafter some subject be chosen that is worthy of debate. A debate on such a question is below the dignity of the society.

A declamation, "The Dream of Sister Agnes," was given by Bertha Remley. The selection was very pretty, and Miss Remley spoke it well.

The third chapter of the serial story "A Black-eyed Susan," was then listened to. It was written and read by Gertrude Blakely, and proved fully as interesting as the previous chapters.

The program was closed by an instrumental duet by Misses Harrison and Benedict.

S. U. I. Glee Club Concert.

The S. U. I. Glee Club have settled on Thursday evening, March 7, as the time for giving their concert. The organization consists of twenty of the best singers in the University, assisted by four local talents. Their concert will undoubtedly be a rare treat in the way of a musical entertainment. Their manager, Mr. William Cochrane, has labored very earnestly to make it one of the best glee clubs which the University has ever had. Those who have heard them practice say that their choruses are exceptionally fine. A false impression was created that the organization which passed itself off as the S. U. I. Minstrels last week was in some way connected with the S. U. I. Glee Club; it is but fair to say that the latter organization was in no way connected with nor did its members have anything to do with the minstrel troupe. The Glee Club has met the approval of the Faculty and students, and their entertainment is deserving of good support from the students.

Professionalism at Northwestern.

The faculty of the Northwestern University adopted the rules recommended by the western college presidents with the exception of the one in regard to professional athletics. This was laid over for one year. According to this Northwestern has a chance of being represented by a good

although professional team, as Griffith, their pitcher, played with the Cleveland league last summer. It is also stated that another member of the team is as much a professional as Griffith.

This action of the Faculty cannot be defended by anyone, and it is not likely that even the members of the Faculty, who voted for the one year suspension of the rule, would attempt to say anything in justification of their votes. But it is a little strange that they fail to realize that the discredit of the action will more than counterbalance any victories which Griffith may win for the team. For the action of the Faculty is a reality, and Griffith's victories are not and perhaps will never be. And then no college will feel particularly bad over a defeat on the diamond by Northwestern's professional team. Amateur and professional teams are in two entirely different classes, and the fact that they both are college teams does not alter the matter in the least. Other colleges will have no objection to playing Northwestern, any more than they would to playing a team in the National league. But for Northwestern to claim any ranking with the other college teams would be absurd. If she has a successful season this year the title "Champion professional team of the colleges" would be appropriate, but no other.—*Cardinal*.

The O. Y. E. S. Entertain.

At the invitation of the Senior girls the O. H. N. O. Club and the Senior boys assembled at the society halls Thursday evening. The Senior girls again proved themselves to be first-class entertainers. The fertile minds of the ladies devised means of enjoyment by dividing the company into groups of about six persons, each group being designated by a letter of the alphabet. These groups were given one-half hour to devise some means of entertainment for the audience, and were then given fifteen minutes to present it. Numerous things were presented for amusement, from freaks of mesmerism to a political meeting of colored people. Light refreshments were served during the evening. The event was in every way a pleasant affair, and was greatly enjoyed by those present.

The Hawkeye.

At the meeting of the Sophomore class held at Close Hall, Saturday morning, the class chose apple green for the class color. The following were elected to constitute the Hawkeye Board for next year:

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College Notes.

A Harvard alumni weekly has been started at that institution.

Cornell has 97 less Freshmen this year than last and 30 less graduates.

Ninety-nine Yale graduates are studying law at Columbia and the New York school.

The average annual expenses of the students at Harvard for 1893-94 was from \$430 to \$805.

The public school property of the United States is estimated to be worth \$400,000,000. All the property used for educational purposes is now valued at \$600,000,000.

Four million dollars have been donated to the new American University at Washington, besides a site given by the city equal to \$500,000.

Governor McKinley will make the annual address before the Alumni Association of Northwestern University on commencement day.

Raimond J. Baird, author of "American College Fraternities," places the present membership of Greek letter societies at 110,000.

The University of Paris has over 7,000 students, and in this as well as other universities of France, there are no classes, no athletics, no commencement day, no college periodicals, no glee clubs, no fraternities.

The students of the Northwestern Law School are rebelling against wearing caps and gowns on commencement day. Some time ago resolutions were passed by the authorities making it obligatory to wear caps and gowns on this occasion. The students are determined not to have this custom forced upon them, and some even will go so far as to leave the University if it is enforced.

President Harper's remarks on college athletics at the last convocation and to the reporters of the city papers have been quoted by the college press all over the country, and have awakened most favorable comment. They have furnished the theme for many editorials. Although the position of the president has seemed to college editors, almost without exception, eminently sensible and commendable, it has been criticised by some of the other papers. *The Outlook*, for example, cannot see why the University should "encourage the playing of football any more than the playing of tennis, lacrosse, cards or the flute."—*U. of C. Weekly*.

Barnard College, New York, a woman's college, is trying to raise money to buy a lot adjacent to the proposed site of Columbia College, Morningside Heights. The price asked is \$160,000, and the college has an option, which expires March 1. So far \$16,000 has been secured. The college has recently received two gifts of \$100,000 each. One gift is given for a college building on condition that the lot on Morningside Heights is secured. The other gift will probably be applied to the erection of a building. Farnard has also received an anonymous gift annually for three years, to be disbursed in salaries to instructors. Barnard has enrolled graduates of Radcliffe, Smith, Wellesley, Bryn Mawr and Vassar.

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We learn that it will take four years to obtain a degree from our Medical, Homeopathic and Dental departments in the future. This signifies the development which is going on in these departments. We believe that the time is not far hence when the school year in these departments will be extended to nine months. Not many years ago the Medical and Dental departments were two year courses, and the Homeopathic department was scarcely heard of; now each of these three departments is occupying an entire building by itself. The Dental and Homeopathic departments have been sufficiently provided for in the way of room and equipments for some time to come. The Medical department, however, when we consider that it is next to the largest department in the University, has not been so fortunate in obtaining necessaries. As has been mentioned in these columns before, their most serious need at the present time is a hospital. We believe, however, that a wise Legislature will make this provision before many years. Liberal appropriations for these rapidly growing departments can not fail to make them the leading institutions of their kind in the west. We often hear it said now that throughout the east our Medical school is obtaining an enviable reputation, and judging from the number of students which come here from the east each year, despite the fact that many good schools exist there, seems to corroborate this statement. We should not imagine that it is only one or two of our departments that are spreading themselves, the same thing is taking place in every department, and it is this development in every department that is going to make this University a great institution.

State Oratorical Contest.

The State Oratorical Contest took place at Mt. Pleasant Thursday night. First place was won by Miss Ethel Brown, of Oskaloosa College, with an oration entitled "A Plea for Shylock." Second honor was given to Mr. A. M. Cloud, of Lenox College, whose oration was written on "The Industrial Revolution." Geo. C. Clammer, of Simpson College, took third honors with an oration entitled "Skepticism an Apology." Fourth place was given to Mr. W. L. Ryan, of the Iowa Agricultural College, whose oration was written on "The Trust of American Citizenship." Mr. Ryan is at present a member of our Junior Law class.

The Review of Reviews for March contains a description of the electric street railways of Budapest as an object lesson for American cities, especially Brooklyn. These Budapest railways are worked by an underground instead of an overhead trolley, and the results are described as entirely satisfactory to the public. The companies, however, have to be content with an eight per cent dividend on a capitalization of only \$2,000,000. American street railway financiers would never stand that. The article is accompanied by excellent illustrations showing the construction of rails and cars. Under one of the rails is a conduct carrying an insulated wire which conveys the electrical power, and a second wire for the return current; the connection with the motor or secondary dynamo of the street car is made through a slot in the groove of one of the rails. Thus the surface rails can never be dangerously charged, while the telegraph and telephone lines suffer nothing from induction.

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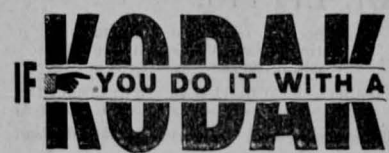
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Grimes, M. '97, was initiated into the Sigma Nu fraternity Saturday evening.
Marion Davies enjoyed a short visit from Isabelle Currier, ex-'96, the first of the week.
Messrs. Brunn, Granger and Lamb were made members of the Phi Delta Phi fraternity.
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Dr. Frank Carroll, '94, now of Cedar Rapids, made a short visit with his parents last week.
The Seniors of the Homeopathic department held their reception at Dr. Gilchrist's last night.
At a meeting of the Junior Collegiate class the system of colors as presented by the committee was accepted.

Professor Nutting gave the last of his series of lectures on "World Making," at Stewart, last week.

Daisy Kimball, S., received the sad news Saturday that her brother was killed in a railroad wreck in S. Dak.

The sad death of Mr. Lyman Parsons, father of Irene Parsons, '97, occurred last week at his home in this city.

Mr Will Ryan was awarded third place in the State Oratorical Contest, instead of fourth, as announced that evening.

R. H. Toll went to his home in Clinton Saturday. He will not return to the University this term on account of trouble with his eyes.

The Sophomore Botany class received slides and cover-glasses on last Thursday, and this week begin individual work in permanent mounts of sections.

The Latin Seminary met Monday afternoon. Anna Robinson read a paper on the "Provincial Government of Rome," and Ethel Charlton a paper on the "Catacombs."

Professor Calvin visited the Des Moines Academy of Science at their meeting at Drake University Science Hall, Friday night, and gave a much appreciated address. Mr. Bain, the Assistant State Geologist, read a paper on "Economic Mining in Iowa."

In a recent issue it was stated that Iowa contained the lowest percentage of illiteracy of any state. This is a mistake which is not unfrequently made. The census of 1890 shows that Nebraska, with 3.1 per cent, is lowest in the list of states; Wyoming comes next with 3.4 per cent, and Iowa third with 3.6 per cent. In 1880 Iowa was lowest, with 2.7 per cent.

In the January-February number of the *Physical Review* is an article by an alumna of the State University of Iowa, which deserves more than passing notice. Its title is "The Influence of Heat and the Electric Current upon Young's Modulus for a Piano Wire." The author, Miss Mary C. Noyes, B. Ph., 1881, describes an extended research made by herself in the Physical Laboratory of Cornell University, on the subject indicated by the title. It is not too much to say that the work done is of permanent value and develops important results.

The preliminary oratorical contest, at Northwestern University has been postponed from March 1 to March 8. The contest promises to be unusually good this year, as the contestants are all good speakers. The contestants and their subjects are: "Lincoln and the South," John C. Singleton; "The Influence of Hildebrand," Fred S. Haven; "Wendell Phillips, a Product of His Times," Eli P. Bennett; "The Value of Personality," Frank H. Lane; "The Jew," Harry F. Ward; Patriotism as an Efficient Factor in Civilization," Walter S. Asher. The judges of the contest are Dr. Loba, W. S. Harbert, Major Reddington, Frank Lork, and Mr. Hollett.

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College-High School
We publish the following address which was delivered by Albert E. Egge before the Teachers' Association at last week, on "College-High School to What Extent Shall the Course of Study terminate the Course of Study of the High School?"

Before attempting to question it may be well briefly what is the purpose of the school, and what its course ought to be.

Those who attend the ward school receive the essentials of a practical education which are necessary to every American citizen, and which the common trade daily life cannot be interred on. For those, however, parents can keep them at home, there are high schools. A grammar school has been considered, as it is not distinct from the ward school, the best country district schools the pupils as far as do the schools.)

The purpose of the high school seems to me, is to give the child an opportunity to continue the studies of the branches, and also to give the child an opportunity for entrance to college or professional schools. But a small number of those who complete the high school course, and the question naturally shall the course of study for the special benefit of the child or shall regard be taken of the more numerous body who are completing the high school course down to practical life or study of a profession?

As a matter of fact, the high schools with which I am acquainted, have two or more studies, one of which is prepared for college, and the other concerned only with this general remarks as to what should be found in every course, whether college or not, may not be out of every high school the course should be planned in such a way that the most good result in the most good number of the pupils contain (as far as these are not already have been covered in the lower grades) English and composition, English literature, arithmetic, physical geography, United States history, general history, mental, botany, zoology, physical culture. Perhaps ought to be added also chemistry, if not both. I think good thing for every man theory of bookkeeping, and school ought to give a course in that science, the thing to give the pupil the opportunity that he could keep accounts intelligently. A number of the teachers in the school should be able to give instruction in note reading and singing. Pupils ought to meet together for the purpose of learning songs.