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## Professor H. H. Boyesen.

BY B. L. WICK, C. '91.

College students and literary people in general will learn with sorrow of the untimely demise of Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, professor of Germanic languages at Columbia College. He was as versatile as he was ambitious, being at home in all fields, at loss in none, whether as instructor, novelist, essayist, historian, lecturer or critic.

The story of his life reads like a romance. He was born at Fredericksvaern, Norway, in 1847, at which place his father was teacher in the naval academy. At the age of twenty young Boyesen returned to the family homestead a graduate of the University, evincing two strong passions; a hatred of kingship and priesthood, and possessing an innate love for the weird tales of folk-lore of his native land. When the father asked him what he expected to do for a life work, the ambitious son replied that he "expected to live by his pen." The father shook his head at this answer and replied: "My son, if you expect to carry out these plans you must choose another country and a wider language; your native land is too sparsely populated to support you by the use of your pen."

These were the circumstances which brought Boyesen to America in 1869 at the age of twenty-one, a stranger among a strange people, without money and without friends, unable to speak a word of English; not encouraging to be sure; but a person of such will power and filled with such ambition can never be subdued. He drifted into journalism in Chicago as a writer on a Norwegian weekly, but soon gave that up for a position as teacher in an Indiana college. Here, while teaching German and French, he set about to master the English tongue. How well he succeeded can best be seen, when the other day he died, still in the prime of life, his lifeless body was followed to the grave by American poets, critics and authors who had for years looked up to him as their fellow worker and friend. He had acquired a competent fortune by his pen, was recognized on both sides of the continent as an able and discerning critic, and greatest of all, although alien born, he died the greatest master of pure, rugged, idiomatic English style.

No person has been more bitterly assailed than he, and even his own people bore no love for him, for he criticised their faults and many times overlooked their better qualities. Still he was to some extent liable for much of the abuse heaped upon him. His was a queer make up; for he possessed all the fiery passions of the south together with the tireless energy which had been received as an inheritance from his own people. He was extremely democratic in his ideals still proud and haughty in his demeanor and merciless in his criticism. However, it was his nature; he was himself in this as in everything else.

He first reached the ears of the American public by a story entitled "Gunnar," which first appeared in

the "Atlantic," describing himself when homesick and friendless, wandering about from place to place in search of fame. This remains his best novel, although some of his shorter stories have been widely read. Later appeared "Goethe and Schiller," and "The Story of Norway." The works by which he will be longest remembered will be as a critic in such works as "Essays on German and Scandinavian Literatures," and in his "Commentary on the Writings of Henrik Isben."

It is as a critic that he will be best known, especially in his own field of presenting to the English reading people the worth of the Scandinavian literature, a field hitherto unknown. He says of the critic in his "Essays on Scandinavian Literature," referring to George Brandes: "It is a greater achievement in a critic to gain an international fame than in a poet or a writer of fiction. The world is always more ready to be amused than to be instructed, and the literary purveyor of amusement has opportunities for fame ten times greater than those which fall to the lot of the literary instructor. The epic delight in fable and story to which the former appeals, is a fundamental trait in human nature; it appears full grown in the child, and has small need of cultivation. But the faculty of generalization to which the critic appeals is indicative of a stage of intellectual development to which only a small minority even of our so-called cultivated public attains. It is therefore a minority of a minority which he addresses, the intellectual elite which does the world's thinking. To impress these is far more difficult than to impress the multitude; for they are already surfeited with good writing, and are apt to reject with a shoulder shrug whatever does not coincide with their tenor of thought."

His place can be filled as novelist, realist, professor or lecturer, but not as a keen and discerning critic, one whose judgments of authors were both brilliant and correct; it is as such, that he will be longest remembered. For who like Boyesen had such familiarity with all the spoken tongues from the Baltic to the Bay of Biscay, who else was better at home, with all which is best worth knowing in the literatures of the world than this foreigner who, with a keen insight into the institutions of a new country, became the most loyal American, one of its ablest critics, and a master of style for others to follow in the language he made his own.

### Fourth Annual Fall Field Meet.

The Fourth Annual Fall Field Meet was held this afternoon at the new Athletic Park, this being the first time the track has been used for any track athletic contest. The track was newly rolled to-day and was quite rough along the 220 stretch, but was good in other respects. The track is one-third of a mile long, with a 220 yard straightaway course, and makes a valuable addition for athletics in S. U. I. The field events were held inside the track. The day was all that could have been asked for, a slight breeze blowing from the southwest.

About 500 persons were present when the contestants appeared for the shot put. But three men, Donohoe, Chase and Blackmore appeared for this event. The finals were postponed to let Chase run in the 50 yard dash.

Following are the officials:  
Announcer and officer of the day—John A. Hull.

Referee—Wm. Larrabee, Jr.  
Starter and judge of walking—H. F. Kallenbery.

Judges of finish—C. S. Aldrich, L. J. Rowell, John C. Prall.

Field judges—John B. Ryen, E. K. Maine, Harry Keefe.

Time keepers—E. B. Wilson, Wm. Hicks, D. A. Maloney.

Clerk of course—G. W. Lawrence.

Scorer—Hugh H. Shepard.

Chief marshal—Fred A. Soleman.

In the 50 yard dash trial heat Chase won first, Smith second, Jaynes third. Time, 5 4-5. Chase and Smith qualified for final heat.

In the second trial heat Cartwright won first, Peck second, and Saylor and Seems tied for third place. Time, 6 1-5 sec. Cartwright set 3 feet for false start.

In the 50 yard final heat Chase, Smith, Cartwright and Peck entered. Peck won, Smith 2d, Chase 3d. Time 5 4-5 sec.

In the half-mile run Schaeffer, Clark, Sayers, Place, Kellogg entered. Clark won, Kellogg 2d, Schaeffer 3d. Time 2:18 3-5. Sayers gave out 20 yards from the finish.

The half-mile bicycle race was won by Roach, Morrison 2d. Time, 1:18 2-5. Gibbs ran off the track and did not finish.

In the 120 yard hurdle Bevan, Howell and Miller started. Bevan finished first, Howell 2d and Miller 3d. Time 19 sec.

In the 100 yard dash trial heat Cartwright won first place, Smith second, Peck third. Time 11 2-5 sec. In the second trial heat Chase won, Seems second. Time, 11 sec.

The mile walk was won by Moore in 9:37 2-5; Dyke 2d, Sparks, 3d. This was an easy victory for Moore.

The pole vault was by Ende at 9 ft. 6 in.; Neal 2d at 9 ft. 2 in.; Howell 3d at 8 ft. 6 in.

The shot put was won by Chase at 33 ft. 11 in.; Blackmore 2d, Donohoe, 3d.

In the final of the 100 yard dash Chase, Cartwright, Seems and Smith started. Cartwright won, Seems 2d Chase 3d. Time 11 seconds.

In the hammer throw Miller, Aldrich and Chase qualify, and the hammer is broken.

The mile run had but four starters. Sayers won first by a remarkable sprint at the finish; Clark 2d, Bailey 3d. Time, 5:39 3-5.

The two mile bicycle race was won by Roach; Morrison 2d, Gibbs 3d. Time 5:57 3-5. Gibbs and Starbock had a spill on the second lap or Gibbs would have won. As it was he pushed Morrison close to the finish.

Cartwright won the preliminary 220 yard dash easily in 24 3-5 sec; Chase 2d and Jayne 3d. Seems won the second preliminary in 25 2-5; Saylor 2d, Dean 3d.

In the high jump, Miller won first

at 5 ft. 5 in; Neal second at 5 ft. 4 in. Bevan third at 5 ft. 2 in.

Clark won the 440 yard dash in 58 seconds; Taylor 2d and Saylor 3d.

In the 220 yard dash, final race, Cartwright won first easily; Chase 2d, Seems 3d. Time, 25 seconds.

While the broad jump was in progress Messrs. Ballard, Noth, Mueller and Petersberger favored the spectators with an exhibition 50 and 100 yd. race. In the 100 yard Ballard won; Noth and Mueller following, with Petersberger closely in the rear. The 50 was won by Mueller, with Noth and Petersberger closely following at a terrific pace.

Bevan won the 220 yard hurdle in 30 2-5 sec.; Howell 2d, and Miller third.

Miller won the broad jump at 18 feet, 6 inches; Moulton second, and Gibbs third.

Hop step and jump was won by Neal, 39 feet, 11 inches; Miller second, and McCarren third.

The following is the total number of points won by each class: Freshmen, 52; Sophomore, 29; Juniors, 9; Seniors, 12; Laws '96, 14; Med. '97, 8; Dent. '97, 3. Total, 127. The Freshmen therefore win the cup for the first time in the history of S. U. I.

### Baconian.

Dr. Bierring read his paper on "Louis Pasteur, the Scientist, and the Fruits of his Labors," an abstract of which we have already published. Professor McBride will talk next Friday on "Forests of Iowa and their Distribution."

### Gymnasium Exhibition.

On Wednesday evening, October 23, there will be held at Close Hall a gymnasium exhibition, to which all are cordially invited. The time will be from 7:30 to 8:30 and you can all find time to drop in for a while. Any who are interested, and especially those who wish to see the work that is being done, should avail themselves of this opportunity. Almost all of the class will be made up of beginners this year, and the work will be some of the general work that is being done in the regular instructive. It will be interesting and instructive, and admission will be free of charge.

### College Notes.

Harvard has a chess and whist club which holds tournaments at regular intervals.

The University of Michigan team is greatly encouraged by the return to school of "Jimmie" Baird, their captain and quarterback of last year.

Harvard has seventy-five candidates for the Freshman eleven.

The University of Wisconsin is looking forward with some degree of interest to the game Grinnell plays at Madison next Saturday. Wisconsin and Grinnell both having cancelled other games for that date.

Michigan's glee club plans to take two trips this year, one at Christmas time and the other during the spring vacation. They will go as far west as Denver, and possibly will go to Salt Lake City.



**Locals.**

The class in dancing will meet every Friday evening at the armory in Crescent Block from 7:30 to 9. Assembly from 9 to 12 Miss Herron, teacher.

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**Fact and Rumor.**

Miss Gordon visited classes Monday.

Mrs. Larrabee, of Clermont, is visiting in the city.

Mr. Houser did not meet his Morphology classes on Tuesday.

Invitations for the Sophomore social were out Monday morning.

Miss Fanny Davis, '95, of West Liberty, visited friends Saturday.

Mr. Frank Wolston, an S. U. I. graduate, is to be married soon.

Nell Copeland, C. '91, is taking special work in English and History in the University.

John S. Tuttle, L. '91, now junior partner of the firm of Reed & Tuttle, visited old University friends Monday.

At a meeting of the athletic association, last evening, Chas. G. Burling was elected treasurer for the coming year.

The enrollment in the Medical Department reached 200 yesterday. This is the largest enrollment they have ever had.

The home of President Wilson, of the Freshman Medical class, was brightened by the appearance of a new boy yesterday.

After the regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A., Sunday afternoon, an initiation service was given. About sixteen girls were initiated.

The S. U. I. Republican Club met last evening and chose the following men to represent them in the coming debate with the Democratic Club: O. C. Anderson, L. '96; J. M. Wilson, L. '96, and J. W. Jacobs, L. '97.

CALL ON BLOOM & MAYER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.

Miss Bertha Blum's father is visiting her on his way from Germany to their home in Sioux City.

Miss Zulema Kostomlatsky, '95, who is now teaching in the Waterloo schools, is expected here this evening for a short visit with S. U. I. friends.

The class of '93 are showing a commendable class spirit, and are publishing pamphlets containing their graduation orations, history, and other things of class interest.

**Medical Department.**

L. E. Allen, '96, returned Saturday to resume his medical studies.

Messrs. Harrington and Wilson, M. '97, rode out about twenty-five miles into the country last Saturday to visit with relatives and friends over Sunday.

Mr. Decker, '97, returned from Davenport Monday, where he visited over Sunday.

Mr. D. J. Smith, once a member of '96, has returned to continue his medical studies with '97.

The clinics this year so far have been exceptionally good.

The chemical laboratory is altogether too small to accommodate the large number of students who take chemistry in the Medical Department. Professor Rockwood has now in his laboratory 375 students who take chemistry one or more afternoons per week. Only 60 students can be conveniently accommodated at each laboratory session. Our next Legislature should be impressed with the fact that the Medical Department needs a large appropriation for several urgent improvements.

The other day one of the new students came into the chemical laboratory looking around, and not finding what he wanted, exclaimed: "Professor, where can I get one of those torches you use at the benches?" meaning of course he wanted a Bunsen burner. A little later another student entered, looking around for a Bunsen burner, and not finding one exclaimed: "I can't find a 'fire pot,' Professor, "and I have looked all over."

Dr. Kiser, '95, of Windham, Ia., is visiting friends in town.

Professor E. W. Bemis, of Chicago University, has been asked to resign his position on account of certain utterances he has made in the class room against monopolies and trusts. The claim is made that this was a policy move, Chicago University's wealth coming from monopolists.

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No. 4. Passenger for Burlington and St. Louis leaves - 4:00 p.m.  
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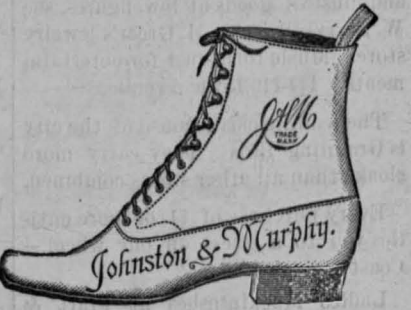
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