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## The Zetagathians Win.

The first annual joint debate between the Irving and Zetagathian Societies, preliminary to the Chicago-Iowa debate, was held before a crowded house at the Opera House last evening.

As the six debaters appeared on the platform they were greeted with great applause by the members of their respective literary societies.

After the invocation by Dr. Bullock, the audience was favored with an excellent vocal solo by Charles S. Kingsbury, which was heartily enjoyed.

G. W. Lawrence presided and stated the question at issue: "Resolved, that further territorial extension of the United States is undesirable." The Irving members affirmed the question and the Zetagathians denied it. The judges chosen were Professor Freer of Cornell College, Superintendent Merrill of Cedar Rapids, and Chancellor Emlin McClain. As this question will be debated with the University of Chicago, we refrain by request from giving summaries of the various speeches.

Mr. W. C. Dewel appeared first for the affirmative. He spoke in an animated tone of voice and showed the improvement over previous efforts which results only from faithful work and careful study. His arguments were well arranged.

The argument for the Zets was opened by C. H. Van Law. He showed a thorough mastery of his subject and presented his points logically and clearly.

J. B. Shorett continued the argument for the affirmative. He spoke with vim and energy and entered into the spirit of the question.

E. G. Moon was greeted with a round of applause as he rose to continue for the negative. His remarks exhibited profound depth of thought and his attitude on the floor was pleasing. He employed the use of charts with advantage.

The interest of the audience was now completely aroused and another burst of applause greeted W. C. Keeler, the third speaker for the affirmative. Mr. Keeler showed the effect of long training and made a great impression on the audience. His points were strongly emphasized.

H. W. Hanson appeared amid cheers to continue for the negative. He also employed the chart system to punctuate his points and spoke in the clear, forcible tone which won him first place in the oratorical contest last year.

E. G. Moon now closed for the negative. He summarized the points in favor of annexation most forcibly and clearly.

W. C. Dewel closed the debate with a summary of points for the affirmative. He met squarely many of the points of the negative.

The audience next listened to a pleasing violin solo by Professor Berryhill, which was encored, when the decision of the judges was announced in favor of the negative.

The Chicago University foot ball team is to make a long trip south and west.

## Homeopathic Department.

The students who went home to vote have returned to resume their usual studies and duties.

Professor Royal did not fill his appointment last week, being released by a unanimous vote of the class.

Miss Millie Martin, of the Junior class, has been quite sick for a number of days, but at present is able for duty.

Will Kauffman, Soph., went to Cedar Rapids Saturday forenoon, to take part in a game of foot ball between the Cedar Rapids and Toledo teams.

W. L. Bywater went to Marengo on his wheel one day last week, making the distance before noon and—well just ask him about his appetite.

The Hahnemannian Society has lately added a set of male quartette books to their possessions. This is a much needed addition.

At the last Hahnemannian Society meeting the program was quite well carried out. The orchestra rendered some delightful music, which was warmly applauded. Then followed an excellent paper edited by Drs. Homan and Huntoon. Then followed orations and recitations, all closing with a debate on the question of the final or graduating year in the Homeopathic Medical. The affirmative contending that the S. U. I. is all right and good enough. The negative denying and defending the Chicago schools. The decision was in favor of the affirmative. The male quartette then rendered some acceptable music. These entertainments are pleasant features of our school work, and each student should feel an interest in it.

## College Athletics.

Superficial observers are inclined to believe that the popularity of college athletics signifies unpopularity of college studies. Observing the time, money and talent expended in this line, they at once conclude that mental discipline is neglected, or at least considered as secondary. Those who are familiar with actual conditions can truly testify that college athletics does not retard the mental advancement of students, but tends to assist it. Aside from the mere fact that only bona fide students, whose class records are clear, are allowed to participate, the critics should remember that athletics constitute the only physical exercise which many students obtain, and hence is indispensable. Perhaps the athlete may not receive as brilliant grades as a few others, but the probabilities are that he attains more symmetrical development than the fellow who possesses a weak, sickly body, with a brain stuffed full of a mass of text-book knowledge. We think the records will show that athletes are superior in the class room.—*De Pauw Weekly.*

An interesting article on "The Position of College Athletics," by Professor Hadley of Yale, appears in the present number of the Bachelor of Arts. The article is of general interest and in part is as follows:

"The development of college athletics has been of great service in

counteracting some of the dangerous tendencies of the day. Open to criticism as athletics may be for their unnecessary expense, for the betting which goes on in connection with them, and for the distorted views which they encourage as to the relative importance of different things in life, they yet have a place in education which is of overwhelming importance. The physical training which they involve, good as it may be, is but a small part of the benefit achieved. The moral training is greater. Where scores of men are working hard for athletic honor, and hundreds more are infected by their spirit, the moral force of such an emulation is not to be despised.

Critics may object, and do object, that athletic prowess is unduly exalted, and that it involves distortion of facts to rate the best foot ball player, or best oarsman, higher than the best scholar or debater. But the critic is not wholly right in this. There is a disposition in the college world to recognize in the very highest degree anything which redounds to the credit of the college. Let a student write something which brings honor to his college, whether in science or literature, and there is no limit to the recognition he receives from his fellows. Let a foot ball player strive to win glory for himself instead of for his college, and his fellows have no use for him. What the critic deems to be preference for the body over the mind is in no small measure preference for collective aims over individual ones. It may be a short-sighted view of the matter to think of the high standing man as working for himself, and the athlete as working for his college. Yet it is one which contains a large element of truth; and the honor paid to college athletics is based on a truthful recognition of this half truth which the critic so often overlooks."

## Chicago University's Endowment.

The United States is certainly to become the home of great universities, and the time will soon come when her sons and daughters will not be obliged to seek foreign shores in order to take advantage of the highest educational advantages. While there may be some advantages in connection with a German university for instance, which money cannot secure for an American institution, the latter will likewise have its advantages which are unknown to the universities on the other side of the water.

The recent endowment of \$3,000,000 made by John D. Rockefeller to the University of Chicago will certainly have a tendency to displace the skeptical notions concerning the welfare of that already great institution. The University of Chicago is a great educational institution and there is apparently absolutely nothing to mar the progress in the future. Of the last \$3,000,000 given by Mr. Rockefeller \$1,000,000 is given outright and is to be turned over Jan. 1, 1896. The other \$2,000,000 are to be given on but one condition and that is, that in the next four years or by the year 1900, the university will receive an equal amount from other sources as endow-

ments. There is scarcely a shadow of doubt but that this will be easily accomplished and that the university will receive the additional \$2,000,000 in 1900.

Including this \$3,000,000, Mr. Rockefeller has now donated to this university \$7,500,000, while the total endowment from various sources, not including this last \$3,000,000 of Mr. Rockefeller, amounts to \$7,500,000. With the exception of the Stanford University, Mr. Rockefeller's endowments are the largest that have ever been made to any one institution. While Leland Stanford did not make such large gifts at any one time as the one recently made by Mr. Rockefeller, yet during his life and since his death the university has received endowments on various occasions amounting to fully as much as all that the University of Chicago has received. It is also universally understood that the \$15,000,000 of the Stanford estate, which is involved in the suit with the government will be turned over to the university in case the United States Supreme Court does not reverse the decision of the two lower courts, and it is exceedingly doubtful if it will do this.

With such a university as the Stanford on the Pacific coast, with Chicago University in the middle of the country, with the Eastern coast supplied with such institutions as Harvard, Yale, Princeton and other large universities, and with almost every state in the Union supplied with rapidly growing state universities, the educational advantages of the country will be second to no other country in the world.—Ex.

## The Sophomore-Junior Game.

The long talked of and much postponed foot ball game between the Sophomores and Juniors occurred Thursday afternoon. The Sophomores won the toss and chose the north goal. The Sophs had pushed the ball very close to the goal, so close that the Juniors deemed it necessary to punt; Hetzel fumbled the ball in passing it to Budrow for a punt, so that by the time Budrow got the ball the crowd was so close that he failed to punt. The Sophs got the ball, scored a touch down, but failed to kick goal. This was almost the end of the first half, the halves being but fifteen minutes in length.

The second half was a series of very slow but sure gains for the Sophs, though the Juniors deserve credit for holding them as well as they did. A second touchdown for the Sophs seemed inevitable, when time was called.

Willis, Budrow and Middleton probably did the best work for the Juniors, and Howell and the Capell boys did the best work for the Sophomores.

The Sophomores probably played the best ball and were strong in team work, and the Juniors, while they made some good individual plays, lacked team work entirely.

Cornell is considering the feasibility of establishing a company of the National Guard at the University, to be under the direct control of the governor of New York.

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Now that a series of class games has been scheduled, by which each class will play three games to decide the championship of the University, a precedent ought to be established in allowing first team men to play in their own class games. It is certainly not representation of a class to bar its best man. In all other contests the best men available in a class are sought, why should they be barred in foot ball? If a man by his individual efforts has made himself valuable to the first eleven, we ask why should he be denied the pleasure of helping to win laurels for his class? It never has been and is not very probable that the majority of the first team are all members of the same class. If the members of the first team were allowed to play with their class teams they would not only act as coaches, but could inspire the remainder of the class team to more enthusiastic and energetic work; thus the result would be very beneficial, and if a series of class games are scheduled in future years, as we hope they will be, in a few years the State University of Iowa may be able to put a foot ball team in the field second to none in the west.

In three weeks the foot ball season will be over and the various players will throw away their shin-pads, canvas jackets and padded trousers for another year, and all will be quiet in the athletic line until spring, when the base ball men will bestir themselves. That is the way things usually go during the winter term, but this year we hope athletic interest will not be allowed to subside. Our fall field meet brought forth a quantity of good material, which, however, will not accomplish any great results next state field day unless it is thoroughly developed.

For the athlete who wishes to improve his condition by training, and

for the student who has headaches caused by insufficient exercise, we believe nothing is so good as the popular cross country runs or Hare and Hounds runs. Last year a medal was given by Mr. Chantland, an honored alumnus of this institution, to the one winning the greatest number of these runs, and we believe a similar arrangement can be made this year to increase interest. A number have already promised to take part in these runs, which will be given in a week or two. Due notice will be given and all are invited to take part.

A Minneapolis paper says on the authority of a prominent churchman, that one of the principal matters that came before the Episcopal Convention was the establishment of a great national university at Washington, similar in its general plan to the Catholic University. This has long been a cherished plan in the inner circles of the church and the time now seems ripe for carrying it out. It appears that an endowment of \$800,000 has already been collected from a number of sources, although no effort whatever has been made among the moneyed men of the denomination to secure a fund. Moreover a fine site in Washington was secured some years ago. This is claimed to be, if anything, a better site for university purposes than that of the Catholic University. The convention has always maintained a body known as the church university board of regents, whose duties have been hitherto confined to the supervision of the small educational institutions of the church. It is now proposed to give into this board's hands the work of establishing the university. It is understood that the most active layman behind the plan is George Vanderbilt, who besides being very wealthy, is an earnest churchman.—Cardinal.

The University has received from Mexico fourteen large packages of pressed plants, flowers, ferns, mosses, etc., which valuable collection was sent from Oaxaca, Mexico, by Mr. G. L. Smith. This collection has been detained in the custom house at Vera Cruz since April, and Professor McBride has been compelled to do much corresponding with the American consul in Mexico before he could secure the collection.

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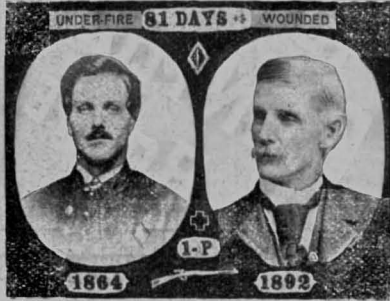
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**Locals.**

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At a meeting of the Dartmouth foot ball association, held recently, it was resolved that unless Bowdoin gives them a game this fall they will play no more foot ball games with her for two years.

**Fact and Rumor.**

Arthur Cox is in the city.

Carr, C. '99, is pledged to the Sigma Nus.

Examinations were all the go this week.

The Seniors and Sophomores met on the gridiron to-day.

Polygon initiated Harriet Shields, C. '98, Thursday evening

Miss Lulu Swisher, of Cherokee, has returned to the University.

The Pi Phis had a spread at the home of Nora Allin last night.

George Schaeffer, who has been ill with scarlet fever, is some better.

Miss Lillias Raines, of Toledo, Ia., is the guest of Marion Davie this week.

Mrs. McBride gave a reception to wives of the Faculty on Friday afternoon.

E. H. Specht, D. '98, spent the fore part of the week at his home in McGregor.

Judge Wade lectured at Emmetsburg, last evening, on "The Struggle for Liberty."

James M. Dower, B. S., a graduate of the Law department, class of '93, is here from Marengo.

The two Law literary societies have their program out in front of the Central Building this week.

Trewin, an alumnus of the Law Department, was elected senator for the Allamakee-Fayette District.

The Phi Deltis enjoyed a trip up the river last Saturday evening, and tonight will have a party at their hall.

CALL ON BLOOM & MAYER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.

The game between the Sophs and Seniors this morning resulted in a tie.

The Hesperians and Zetagathians have resolved on a joint program to be given some time in the near future.

Chancellor McClain returned Monday from Des Moines, where he had been attending a meeting of the Code Commission.

Miss Linnie Tapper, sister of W. Tapper, P. '96, and G. Tapper, M. '96, came to the city Wednesday, and has entered the Conservatory of Music.

At a call session after the celebration of the victory last night, the Zets elected Hanson and Moon as their representatives in the Chicago debate.

Miss Pope, teacher in the primary school at Downey, and Mr. Baker, principal of the schools at that place, together with Mrs. Saterthwaite, of Wilton, visited the University Thursday.

The Kappa Kappa Gammas delightfully entertained about a hundred of their friends between the hours of eight and eleven last night at the home of the Misses Hutchinson. It is the intention of the young ladies to give a series of such events this winter, which is to be highly commended, for nothing promotes social life in the University more than such gatherings.

The following is what the Des Moines Leader has to say concerning the University:

"Iowa has no reason to feel proud of the support it has given to its State University. In comparison with what has been done in other and neighboring states, 'niggardly' is the only word which fitly describes the way inadequate appropriations have been doled out. The income of the University of Iowa is \$130,000 per year. Compare this sum with the incomes of other State Universities. Wisconsin has \$400,000, California \$300,000, Michigan \$300,000, Nebraska \$200,000, Minnesota \$350,000. In the matter of buildings provided the comparison is still even more unfavorable. Iowa has given to the University for buildings \$240,000, while Kansas has given \$404,000, Missouri \$650,000, Minnesota \$609,000, Wisconsin \$790,000, Michigan \$966,000, Illinois \$700,000. It is time for the state of Iowa to take the University under its care. The most approved way to do this, the one which secures the best results and is the most economical, is to provide for the University levy in the manner followed by Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Nebraska, Kansas and California."

**Inter-Class Games.**

The foot ball managers of the various Collegiate classes met Thursday evening and adopted the following schedule of games, which will decide the championship:

- Nov. 9—Sophs vs. Seniors.
- Nov. 12—Freshmen vs. Juniors.
- Nov. 16—Sophs vs. Freshmen.
- Nov. 19—Seniors vs. Juniors.
- Nov. 23—Freshmen vs. Seniors.
- Nov. 26—Sophs vs. Juniors.

These games will be held at the athletic park, and to cover expenses the nominal sum of ten cents will be charged for admission. Ladies free and especially invited.

The previous class games which have been held will not figure in deciding the championship.



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