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## Zetagathian.

A smaller audience than usual greeted the Zetagathians on Friday evening. The program was opened by a declamation intitled "Catiline's Defiance," by J. W. Ham. Mr. Ham is quite enthusiastic in his delivery, and the rendering of this selection only strengthened the reputation he is fast making as a literary worker.

T. F. Ogden followed with a well written oration on "The Teacher." Mr. Ogden showed very forcibly that only in the school room can true reforms be brought about.

The debate of the evening was upon the question "Resolved, that the retail business of the country should be conditioned on a cash basis.

W. Yessler opened for the affirmative in a speech that showed good preparation and consideration.

Mr. Myers, who followed, showed a practice and fluency in speaking that easily held the attention of the audience.

Brock closed for the affirmative in a neat speech. Mr. Brock spoke in his usual pleasant way and showed skill in turning the arguments of his opponents.

Farwell presented the closing arguments for the negative. Mr. Farwell presented a good argument and in a very logical manner.

The decision of the judges was rendered in favor of the affirmative.

"Abraham Lincoln" was the subject of an oration by Rigg. The thought and composition of this production deserve special mention; however, the delivery was rather too weak to do justice to the subject.

"Catiline's Defiance" was again declaimed by Mr. Barton. As regards elocution and expression this was probably the best performance of the evening.

## Hesperian.

A well filled house greeted the Hesperians last Saturday evening, and Mr. Jayne and Mr. Oakes opened the program with a mandolin and guitar duet, which well merited the applause it received.

Lillian Jones declaimed "The Battle Above the Clouds" in clear, distinct tones. The effect was marred a little by an imperfection in committing to memory. Otherwise it was a pleasing number.

Jessie Popham delivered an oration "The Exile of the Acadians." This was written in a style that demonstrated that its author was more than a mere amateur. It was utterly free from anything like tediousness, and contained much good thought. Miss Popham's delivery is forceful.

Marion Davies entertained the audience with a piano solo.

The discussion of the question, "Resolved, that the length of the presidential campaign should not be shortened," was opened by Grace Whitacre. Miss Whitacre made a number of good points, but her delivery lacked vigor and convincing power.

Agnes Saffley, for the negative, made a very neat speech, and quite successfully met a number of her opponent's points.

Margaret Van Metre continued the argument for the affirmative in a logical manner, and presented some strong arguments. This was Miss Van Metre's best appearance on debate in Hesperian.

Harriet Shields closed the debate with a strong speech for the negative. She repeated a number of her colleague's points, but made others as well. Had she followed up the points as well as she suggested them, a different decision might have been rendered.

The judges gave the decision to the affirmative.

The same criticism might be given to all, i. e., too great a dependence upon notes.

Jennie Leonard recited "A Boy's Speech," in a most entertaining manner. A humorous selection is especially adapted to her style.

Glenna Mann closed the literary program with a declamation entitled "The Church in Bron." Miss Mann's selection is especially to be commended. She delivered it in a sympathetic manner, and her appearance is easy upon the stage.

Miss Jessie Bullock closed with a much appreciated vocal solo, "Lullaby."

## Irving.

Because of other attractions the attendance at the north hall was perhaps the smallest of the term; but the program rendered was up to the usual standard and very interesting and entertaining.

Mr. Townsend opened the program with the declamation, "Mary's Bicycle Ride." This was the gentleman's first appearance and he did himself proud in the effort.

Mr. J. M. Otto's oration on "American Statesmen" showed deep thought and was clothed in excellent language.

The debate of the evening was on the question, "Resolved, that the honors of public life compensate for its sacrifices." The question was supported by Messrs. Burt and Dewel, and denied by Messrs. Bay and Nelson. Good argument was produced on both sides; the affirmative presenting their side in a more logical and systematic manner, and for which they received the decision of the judges.

Clements made a very favorable appearance in declaiming "The Famine." Following this Linville gave an interesting speech on "The Social Bond."

The program was closed with a violin duet by Messrs. Lyon and Berryhill, which well merited the hearty encore that it received.

"Only" \$54,000 spent on athletics at Yale last year.—Ex.

President Friedman has presented a bill of \$2,892.94 to the Pennsylvania management for the rent of the polo grounds and the advertising of the C. A. A. game.

The Yale Faculty has decided to allow but two days for the Junior promenade instead of three, on account of the expense of the interruption of studies.

## The Philomathean Society.

Our newly organized literary society, the Philomathean, held its first session last Friday night in the Dental building, third floor.

After its first President, Mr. O. N. Oleson, outlined the work, aims and possibilities of the society in a few well selected words which were heartily cheered by the audience, the program was carried out as published.

Mr. M. H. Thielen opened the program with a well delivered recitation—a selection from our poet, Will Carleton.

Mr. Chas. W. Stauffer then favored the society with a guitar solo, which was heartily received and encored.

The debate then engaged the attention of the audience. The question discussed was "Resolved, that it is feasible and plausible to elect county and municipal officers without party aids."

Mr. J. Meisner opened the affirmative with a strong speech in favor of taking county and municipal elections out of politics.

Mr. E. C. Bowersox then argued in favor of the present regime.

Mr. E. E. Crane followed as the affirmative's assistant, and Mr. J. G. Marner closed the debate with some sound advice to his opponents, arguing the impracticability of the plan proposed.

The question was decided in favor of the negative, Miss Page, Messrs. Fritz and Ditzen acting as judges.

Mr. E. P. Bettenga then delivered an oration on "The Hero of the Revolution," showing his ability as an orator.

"The Eternal Question," portraying in a vivid manner the situation of the Armenian Christian in Asia Minor, was Mr. O. N. Oleson's subject. Mr. Oleson stands high as an orator, and he did not fall below the expectations of his friends on this occasion.

Mr. H. Briggs concluded the program with some spicy and well selected current events, not forgetting to remind the audience that the distant yells were nothing but the natural comitant of a Freshman banquet.

The program as a whole was well rendered and enthusiastically received by the audience. We again desire to thank our visitors for their presence, and will be heartily welcomed at every literary meeting.

The next program will be given the second Friday of the winter term.

## Homeopathic Department.

W. M. Garton's father visited his son last week on his way to Chicago.

Mr. Wentch, Sr., and wife, broke bread with friends in Cedar Rapids recently.

Mr. Fry, Jr., went to Marshalltown during the Thanksgiving holiday, returning last Tuesday.

Dr. Humphrey, of Marengo, entertained a merry mob of his friends from this department recently. We sympathize.

A. E. Myrick, of the Chicago Homeopathic Medical Hospital, was here recently "shaking hands" with old time friends. He left for Chicago from here.

Dr. Howe, a former student of this department, visited the old time haunts last week, and expressed himself as astonished at the growth of the department.

The Junior Annual agitation is on again. This is something that all Juniors should feel a decided interest in. It is one of the events of the year and should enlist the abilities of all classes without regard to race, color or previous condition of servitude.

## College Notes.

There are from 1,500 to 2,000 American students in France.

Yale is to build a hospital for contagious diseases to cost \$10,000.

There was an increase of 100 Y. M. C. A. buildings during the last five years. The total valuation has been doubled.

Bowdoin's new catalogue shows the largest enrollment of students in the history of the institution, giving a total of 363.

Athletics cost Yale last year \$54,106.85; of this amount \$10,000 was subscribed by the undergraduates, and the remainder chiefly by proceeds from the base ball and foot ball games.

The increase of colleges in America during the last hundred years has been marvelous. Before the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, nine were in existence, and now the total number is 451.

Two members of the editorial board of "Josh," the funny paper at the University of California, have been suspended for a month. Humor is not appreciated at Berkley.

F. P. Murphy was unanimously elected captain of the Yale foot ball team last week. He has played at right tackle for three years and during his college course has played both base ball and foot ball, only recently giving up base ball. Before coming to Yale Murphy was at Andover, where he played both games. Murphy's home is at Junction City, Kan. He is six feet tall and weighs 168 pounds and is 23 years old.

Dr. Benj. F. Shambaugh arrived in the city yesterday afternoon, and will spend a few days here conferring with Professor Loos in regard to the course of study for next term.

Misses Myra and Anna Dey tendered a delightful reception to a large number of their friends, at their beautiful home on North Clinton, Saturday afternoon, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

At a meeting of the Hawkeye Board, by a unanimous vote it was decided to dedicate the '97 Hawkeye to Professor Loos, whose untiring energy and personal interest in all has won for him a place in the heart of every student.

All those whose pictures are to appear in the Junior Annual in any form are urgently requested to attend to the matter of securing photos at once. No delay can occur now, as the contract for the publication has been let and every thing, either pictures or written matter, must be handed in as soon as possible.

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More or less has been said through these columns regarding the appropriation from the next Legislature, and we want to make one more plea in behalf of the movement to secure an appropriation befitting to Iowa's University upon the student body. President Schaeffer and Dean Currier can not be commended too highly for the efforts they have put forth, and the systematic and methodical manner in which they have managed the movement can not but bring good results. Our needs are manifold, and the one thing to be done is to have the Legislature see things in their true light and, recognizing the facts, deal with their University as our neighboring states do with their institutions.

President Schaeffer and others have made arrangements for an alumni banquet to be given in this city in the near future, and it is gratifying to those at the head of the movement to know that it is an assured success. In this way the alumni will be reached, and it is hoped and believed, will be urged to more strenuous efforts in behalf of their alma mater. But in order to attain the best results the hearty co-operation of the student body is necessary. The Medical Department, as is known, is making an effort to have the Legislature recognize its need of a new hospital, and the endeavor should serve as an example to the other departments. Every student has some influence in this matter, and can help a worthy cause by an interview with his local senator or representative, or with men prominent in either political party, or by taking advantage of the friendship existing between himself and some editor. There are many ways in which each student can aid, and which he can recognize better than they can be pointed out to him. "Every drop in the bucket counts" is a homely, but, nevertheless, a very apt adage.

**Resolutions.**

The following resolutions were passed by the Law class of '96.

WHEREAS, the great and supreme Ruler of the universe has, in his infinite wisdom removed from her worldly home the mother of our worthy and esteemed classmate, H. T. McCormick, and

WHEREAS, our association with him has been such that it is eminently befitting that we extend to him our sympathy in his recent bereavement, therefore be it,

Resolved, that we, the State University Law class of '96, extend to the bereaved home our heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement.

Resolved, that these resolutions be entered in the records of the class and a copy sent to the bereaved home; also that they be published in the University and Knoxville papers.

WHEREAS, the great and supreme Ruler of the universe has in His infinite wisdom removed from his worldly home the father of our worthy and esteemed classmate, Henry A. Arp, and

WHEREAS, our association with him has been such that it is eminently befitting that we extend to him our sympathy in his recent bereavement, therefore, be it

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Resolved, that these resolutions be entered in the records of the class and a copy sent to the bereaved home; also that they be published in the University and Davenport papers.

WHEREAS, the great and supreme Ruler of the universe has, in His infinite wisdom, removed from her worldly home the mother of our worthy and esteemed classmate, W. G. Ad-drews, and

Whereas, our association with him has been such that it is eminently befitting that we extend to him our sympathy in his recent bereavement, therefore, be it

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A. L. LUSCH,  
W. L. RYAN,  
R. P. KEPLER,  
Committee.

**Notice.**

There will be a meeting of the foot ball team to-morrow at Close Hall, at 1 p m., to elect a captain for next year.  
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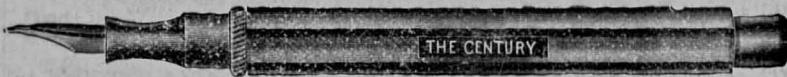
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**Fact and Rumor.**

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Phi Deltas had a card party Saturday  
night.

F. W. Myers spent Sunday in the  
city visiting friends.

Examination schedules are now in  
the hands of the printer.

Co's "C" and "D" will have guard  
mounting next Tuesday.

The boys of the Junior class sat for  
a picture at Coover's Monday.

The Erodolphians had their picture  
taken at Luscomb's Saturday morn-  
ing.

Lester Lee, C. '99, was unable to at-  
tend classes last week on account of  
ill health.

The Phi Delta Phis will have an  
anniversary banquet at the St. James  
to-morrow night.

Wells, L. '97, and Shuerman, C. '99,  
were initiated into Beta fraternity  
last Saturday evening.

The fraternities and other organiza-  
tions are rapidly having their pictures  
taken for the Hawkeye.

Gertrude Howell broke through the  
ice on the river Saturday while skat-  
ing. She escaped with a cold bath.

Professor Calvin delivered one of his  
lectures in the Extension Course at  
Mason City, yesterday, upon "The  
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The Sophs will hold a cross country run this afternoon. This move on the part of the Sophomores is to be highly commended. If each class could have a team of cross country runners, a series of runs between the different classes might be scheduled, which would add much to the athletic sports of the winter.

Through the courtesy of the director of the Field Columbian Museum, of Chicago, all students of this University will be admitted free to the Museum on presenting a card of identification signed by the President of the University. Such cards have been prepared and can be obtained at any time on application at the office of the President.

It will be remembered, perhaps, that although the Freshmen were disappointed in the race for foot ball honors, still they retain unquestioned supremacy in track athletics. This fact the team has determined shall be recognized and preserved, so they accordingly betook themselves to Coover's last Saturday and got a fine reproduction of their brawn and muscle.

Holmes' grocery store on the Avenue was the scene of an imprisonment about 5 o'clock last Friday evening. However, the upper-classmen on guard were finally dispersed by the police, and the fair prisoner released. During this time a squad of Freshmen were wasting their energy in breaking down the rear door, but desisting, they conducted their classmate to the St. James.

It may be of interest to many of the patrons of S. U. I. who have come to Iowa City from the north to know that Elmira is developing. A new restaurant is the latest acquisition, and Iowa City surveyors have recently staked out forty lots. Much lumber is already on the ground, and it is thought that before many moons the idle hours formerly spent at this once lonely place while waiting for your train can now be made pleasant by some of the operas of an American metropolis.

The first of the series of cross country runs occurred Saturday afternoon. Three contestants, Clark, Moore and Swisher, entered. The course lay from Close Hall to Woodlawn, south to College, west to Gilbert, north to Jefferson, east to Dubuque and north to Close Hall. The whole distance amounted to thirty-three blocks, or about two miles and a half. The race for first place was very close. Clark's superior sprinting abilities won him the race. The distance was covered in 15 minutes, 39 seconds, which, considering the condition of the course, was very good. Next Saturday a longer run will be taken, and it is hoped more interest will be manifested.

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