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## College Debate.

We heartily endorse the following which appeared in a recent issue of one of our exchanges, the *Normal Eye*:

"The practical value of debate is unquestioned. It is not only the best of drill and discipline, but it is along that particular line which in real life is most valuable. Of all exercises in our literary societies it does the most for the future citizen. It leads him to investigate the questions of the day and to form defensible opinions thereon, to think upon his feet, to speak readily and convincingly. All these are commonly accepted truths and need no proof. Therefore, any movement which tends to increase the interest and attention given to this useful exercise ought to be encouraged. One or two of our societies have regular contest debates among their own members. We have our regular term tri-angular debate of the three gentlemen's societies, and we have had one debate with a neighboring school. However, many of our students have long thought that a series of debates with some of the schools near at hand would be very desirable. Added to all the advantages of debate would be the perhaps equal benefit of contact with the students of other schools, with their thought and life. Every school naturally tends to become both inclusive and exclusive, to become in fact a world of itself. Apparently this tendency should be counteracted. Through our oratorical and athletic contests we seek to accomplish that and at the same time engage in some exercise in itself useful. Now if any of these inter-collegiate associations, leagues, etc., are praiseworthy, surely such an one when organized for the purpose of conducting debates would be especially so."

## Medical Department.

Dr. Middleton held surgical Friday forenoon and gynecological clinics in the afternoon.

The Juniors finish dissecting this week and will have their final examination under Dr. Harriman next Wednesday evening.

The Medical school year will close about March 8, 1896, instead of March 18, as given in the Medical Department catalogue. The year is not shortened; the date in the catalogue should have been March 8.

Dr. Shrader is now able to be around but will probably not be able to meet his classes until after holidays.

The Seniors will take their final examination in therapeutics before the holiday vacation, and after the holidays the Juniors will have regular quizzes in therapeutics.

The following is clipped from Monday's *Daily Republican*:

Dr. J. G. Guthrie of the medical department of the University was the chief speaker on the Y. M. C. A. program at Dubuque the other evening. His lecture won high praise from all the papers. His discourse dealt with sleep and dreams. One very interesting story of somnambulism he related had been told him by the late Dr. Peck of the University. Dr. Guthrie, in relating the story, said:

Dr. Peck was an assistant surgeon at a hospital during the war and in dressing a soldier's wound contracted blood poisoning. The right arm became much swollen, he became unconscious and the surgeons upon consultation decided that amputation of the arm was necessary to save his life. One young assistant surgeon, Dr. Peck's warm friend, dissented from the decision of all the others on the ground that Dr. Peck's ambition was to become a surgeon. This he could not be should he lose his right arm and he knew that Dr. Peck would as soon lose his life as his arm. So he implored the surgeons to delay the amputation for 24 hours. In the meantime Dr. Peck, while in a state of somnambulism, arose from his couch, went to a medicine chest, procured a concoction which he applied to the arm, returned to his couch, and when the surgeons came to amputate the arm they found him so much better that they decided not to amputate and he recovered.

## Erodelphian.

The following excellent program will be rendered in Erodelphian hall Saturday evening. As will be seen by the program, the best talent in the University has been secured, thus insuring an enjoyable evening for all who may attend.

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Scene from "Dombey & Son."  
 Florence ..... Ethel MacFarland  
 Little Paul ..... Park Toertelott

Scene from "Nicholas Nickleby."  
 Man in Small Clothes..Earl Tompkins  
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 Vocal solo ..... "Ivy Green."

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President Adams, in a letter published in the *Chicago Times-Herald* last week, sums up in a nut shell a refutation of Caspar Whitney's pessimistic attack at Western athletics which appeared in Harper's *Weekly* a short time ago. Taking the ground that if a student was short of means

and if it was necessary that he should help himself through college, he ought not to be shut off from a legitimate source of income; he said: "Mr. John Hollister's case is such, apparently. He may have made enough as an instructor to permit him to return to Michigan and complete his studies. But I do not believe the faculty of Michigan University would for an instant permit anything in the nature of unfair playing of men, if they knew of it, nor do I believe it would be easy to hoodwink them, as they are sharp men and not easily misled." This statement of Mr. Adams may also be applied to many other players of the western universities. And because certain individuals have a chance of completing or taking a certain course of study in an institution through financial assistance which may come from their athletic ability, there is no reason in stigmatizing their characters. Of course, if the sole object of these men was to play foot ball for the recompense in doing so, the condition of affairs would be different. But it is decidedly unfair to denounce some of the best western foot ball men, and institutions also, simply because players, who became noted while taking their collegiate course, attend some western university to take up their law or post-graduate course, and during that time give that institution the benefit of their athletic ability.

There is no doubt but that Mr. Whitney's observations on athletic subjects are thorough and far reaching as he has been identified with the amateur sports of the country for a number of years. Yet as has well been said, "his disposition to grow choleric frequently robs his criticisms of whatever good effects might have been intended. In consequence he is not taken as seriously in the east or elsewhere as he would like, and that probably causes him some bitterness." Mr. Whitney is not only doing an injustice to the ascendancy of western athletics by expressing such views; but what is worse, it shows a tendency towards pessimism which is entirely out of place in America.—*The Round Table*.

## College Notes.

Oberlin and Western Reserve are fighting over the foot ball championship of Ohio.

Harvard makes the study of English the only required work in the whole curriculum.

Purdue is to have a new gymnasium, and has placed an order for apparatus with a Chicago firm.

McCornack, formerly half-back on Englewood High School, has been re-elected to the captaincy of the Dartmouth foot ball team.

Since the final settlement of the Stanford estate, Stanford University, will have an income three times as large as that of Harvard. It is the richest university in America.

Professor E. E. Barnard, the eminent astronomer and former head of the great Lick observatory, at Mt. Hamilton, Cal., has taken charge of the astronomical department of the University of Chicago.

Northwestern University won the annual debate with Michigan. The subject was, "Should the United States Construct and Control the Nicaragua Canal?" Michigan had the affirmative, but the judges were against them.

The faculty of the University of Minnesota has recently discovered a nervy Freshman, who left the high school, two years before completing his course, and entered the literary department of the university on his brother's diploma. It is needless to add that he was fired.—Ex

Plans have been accepted for a woman's gymnasium at the University of Michigan, to cost \$50,000. Two members of the board of regents have given \$30,000 to the fund, and during the last week committees have been appointed to do the work of raising the remaining \$15,000.

President Andrews, of Brown, in an annual report, says of the dangers of foot ball: "For those in perfect health and trained to it, foot ball is safer than either rowing, yachting, gunning, or running hounds. Rowing appears to be many times as fatal; so is base ball; even tennis is worse."—Ex.

The United States Golf Association is endeavoring to arrange a series of intercollegiate games. Princeton and Yale have already organized clubs, and Harvard has many players.

Princeton Glee Club management has offered a prize of \$25 for the best comic song written by an undergraduate. Fifteen dollars will be given for the best words, and \$10 for the second best.

The business of the Harvard cooperative society during the past year, as shown by annual reports just issued, amounted to \$136,000; the profits \$14,438.88, and the dividends \$5,000. The membership now numbers 1,909.

A. A. Stagg gives the following as an approximate of the Thanksgiving day games receipts and expenditures: Total receipts, about \$6,973; expenditures \$1,262, leaving the net receipts \$5,711, to be divided equally with Michigan.

Joseph W. Beacham, Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y., has just been elected captain of the Cornell University foot ball eleven for the season of 1896. He is a member of the class of '97, and has been connected with the team during his three years here. During his Freshman year he was played at quarter back, last year Marshall Newell changed him to end, and this year he has played half back most of the time.

## Hammond Law Senate.

The regular Friday evening meeting of the Hammond Law Senate will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon on account of the Carleton lecture. Regular term election of officers takes place at this meeting, and other matters of urgent importance will be presented for consideration. All be present. D. J. O'CONNELL, Pres.

## Notice.

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We have heard some comment concerning the alumni banquet to be held next Tuesday evening which would seem to indicate that some people have the impression that it is a special event, in the sense of having a special object. It is true, we believe, that great effort has been exerted to make the affair a success, and we have no doubt it will be such. It is, however, the custom of the association to hold such a banquet at this season, and it is in conformity with that custom rather than for the sake of providing anything novel, that the banquet will occur. It has always since the first one been deemed an important occasion, and the one announced for next Tuesday evening will be no exception.

It has now become a certain fact that the ladies literary societies will withdraw from the Northern Oratorical League. They do this with the expectation of connecting themselves with an Oratorical Association composed only of girls. They have come to this conclusion after careful thought, because of the lack of interest taken by the University girls in oratorical contests. There have not been in the whole history of the home oratorical contests more than six girl contestants for oratorical honors; and it has never been the case that more than one girl entered the contest at one time, often there being no contestant from their number. This is not because of the inability of the girls to orate when on the contest, but because very few of the girls have hitherto seemed disposed to write to get a chance for contesting. That such is the case is sadly to be deplored, and it is believed by the societies in question that in a contest with girls alone, much more interest will be felt, and many more oratorical efforts will be made by the girls. The difference in the voice of boys

and girls necessarily places the girls on a different footing, even though as is often the case, the literary merit of their orations may be as high. At any rate, in view of the fact that little interest has been taken heretofore in oratory by the girls in the University, the ladies literary societies feel that some change is desirable, which will create a greater interest among the girls for excellence in this important branch of scholastic training.

Much less is being said nowadays in favor of having work done by students in college papers substituted for the requirements of English courses. Almost the only approach to such a system is in cases where work meeting the requirements of a college course is also contributed to a student periodical,—which is of course an entirely different thing, though it meets what is in many cases the desired end. Any further advance in the direction of having work done on college papers by the editors counted in the regular work for a degree, is in most colleges not only impracticable, for lack of adequate means of supervision, but, if the right view were taken of the matter, would not be desired by the students themselves. Work on college papers is usually undertaken as an agreeable diversion subordinate to the regular work of the University. It is not intended to supply deficiencies in the curriculum and, if subject to strict oversight and compulsorily kept up, would lose half its charm.—*Harvard Crimson*.

A meeting of the advisory board of the general athletic association of the University of Minnesota was held recently. The report of the foot ball manager for the season showed a net balance of \$4,050 to the credit of the association, of which \$500 is yet to be collected. It was voted to take up field and track work the coming spring with more earnestness than ever before at the institution. For this purpose \$300 was appropriated. This will necessitate the hiring of a trainer, and it is expected that "Dad" Moulton will be secured. Several weeks before the ground is fit for training on the campus the association will get the use of one of the gymnasiums of the city for training purposes. A track team will be sent to the intercollegiate meet at Chicago in June. An appropriation of \$100 was made for base ball, providing that the team be picked entirely from university students. The board also voted to play only games within the state, unless a game could be arranged with Madison.—*Pioneer Press*.

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There is little doubt but that Will Carleton will be favored with a large audience when he appears here tomorrow night. He has become famous as the author of those pleasing ballads and legends. The people of Iowa City have not forgotten the pleasant entertainment furnished them by James Whitcomb Riley when he recited to them his plain American farm ballads and they will take advantage of the opportunity to hear Mr. Carleton in his famous lecture on "Better Times."

Jules Walters, a clever comedian, who has gained recognition as a delineator of the intelligent tramp, will be seen in his new play "A Money Order," at the opera house Monday night. A feature of this play is said to be the scenery and the excellent cast which Mr. Walters has secured to present it. "A Money Order" is bright, humorous and up with the times, and the types of characters portrayed in the piece are said to be true to life.

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**Fact and Rumor.**

Will Carleton to-morrow night. Kirkland, L. '97, spent several days at home recently.

Professor Andrews did not meet his classes Tuesday.

Mary Lytle is being detained at home with a sore throat.

Judge Seeds visited the Psychology class Wednesday morning.

Helen Ankeny, State Secretary of Y. W. C. A., is in the city to-day.

The proposed joint Hep-Zet program has been postponed until next term.

Sophomore Latin class has had a series of examinations for several days past.

Dr. A. O. Hunt is attending the meeting of the Tri-City Dental Association at Davenport.

Paul Bartsch is about the University this week; he will resume his regular work next term.

Connor, ex-'98, is spending a few days in the city and is contemplating re-entering the University soon.

J. H. Leter has been elected to represent the Dental Department of this paper, W. E. Sauls resigning.

Geo. Schaeffer, who has been confined to his room for several weeks, was out Tuesday for the first time.

The athletic ball to be given at the armory this evening promises to be one of the most successful events of the season. Admission to the gallery will be 25 cents, and everybody should come out and enjoy themselves and help a worthy cause.

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Miss Carrie Lettell, of Independence, is the guest of Marion Davies.

Will Powell, in company with his mother, left to-day for the Pacific coast, where they will spend the winter.

The oratorical league will hold a business session Friday afternoon for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.

Geneva Horne returned from Omaha, Monday, where she sang in a sacred concert in the Congregational church of that city.

Professor Wilson goes east Saturday. Mr. Sturm will take charge of the Sophomore and Junior German examinations in his absence.

William Otis LaVake, L. '95, was greeting University friends this week on his way to Dubuque, where he is about to engage in the practice of law.

Professor Nutting has just received a valuable collection of marine invertebrates from Naples, a part of the result of his trip last summer. There are between 60 to 70 new species, rare and in fine condition, and they will be placed in our now already valuable museum.

Papers read at Germania this afternoon were one by Mr. Dewell on "Christopher Marlowe," an account of the origin, composition and history of his Tragical History of Dr. Faustus, and one by Miss Boesche, on "Review and Criticism of Marlowe's Dr. Faustus."

At a meeting of the foot ball team yesterday afternoon, Iverson, C. '97, was elected captain of the team for the coming year. The choice meets with universal approval, for, as well as deserving the position, he has the sterling qualities necessary to make a good captain. Iverson's home is in Emmons, Minnesota. He is 22 years of age, 6 feet in height and weighs 185 pounds. He distinguished himself on the gridiron in his Freshman year on '97's class team. For the past two years he has played on the Varsity eleven and is a sure, steady player who can make a phenomenal play when it is necessary.

**A New Fraternity.**

An honorary society of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity has lately been established. The charter was granted by the national council Sept. 11, 1895, to Dean Currier and Professors Wilcox, Rockwood, Rohbach and Wilson, former members of the society. The local chapter will be known as Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in the state of Iowa. The membership is based very strictly on scholarship and only students in the Latin, or Latin and Greek courses, are eligible. The officers elected are as follows: President, Dr. A. N. Currier; Vice-President, Professor J. A. Rohbach; Secretary and Treasurer, Professor C. B. Wilson.

The Northwestern Athletic Association has turned its base ball and foot ball field into an ice skating rink. The gridiron is now a scene of winter jollity.

It is interesting to note that since Michigan's strong showing against Harvard, the eastern college papers put Michigan's scores among the eastern foot ball games.—Ex.

Cornell won the annual cross-country run from Pennsylvania. Orton, of Pennsylvania, finished first, but Cornell came in second, fourth, fifth and sixth, and so won on total points.



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