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The Alumni Banquet.

A more vigorous or enthusiastic lot of S. U. I. lovers never assembled than the local alumni when they met at the St. James Tuesday evening for their annual banquet. From 8 to 9:30 o'clock the time was pleasantly passed in the parlors in living over again the happy school days, in renewing old and in making new acquaintances. Many were the pleasant memories awakened. Then they repaired to the banquet hall where tables daintily decorated with the choicest flowers and laden with the most tempting delicacies awaited them.

When the chimes of St. Mary's gave the warning for eleven o'clock, S. K. Stevenson, president of the Alumni Association, arose in his place as toastmaster. In his opening remarks he said that in assembling thus the alumni were to forget their daily cares—the lawyer to lay aside his code, the physician his prescriptions and the dentist his forceps, and give up their minds to the days when "Jimmie was young and George had gone to war," to reminiscences of class crimmages, and above all, to meet as loyal sons and daughters of one mother and "renew our allegiance to an institution that has done so much for us."

He then introduced Euclid Sanders, '74, who responded to the toast "Judicious Advertising." After an opening full of wit, he said that the wants of the University were many. The state was not aware of these wants owing to lack of judicious advertising. Let us render an account of what has been done with what the University has already given. He spoke of our lack of room, of the fact that our donation for our museum, a collection easily worth \$45,000, was without facilities for its keeping.

Mrs. Laura Clark Rockwood, '92, responded to the toast, "One way of helping it." She believed that when we made an appeal for aid we should give the "reason for the faith that in us lies." Suppose an alumnus is asked by a legislator why we want a \$60,000 hospital. Can he tell exactly why, or must a vote be lost? Can the answer be given that the chemical amphitheater is a barn; that we have many subjects with curable diseases, a burden to the state that could be cured had we a proper hospital?

In the absence of W. R. Boyd, '84, editor of the Cedar Rapids Republican, the toast "The Alumni and the Legislature" was by urgent request responded to by Professor McBride. With a pleasing speech he declared the time to be near at hand when as in Michigan the Iowa legislature and our alumni will cry with one voice, "The State? 'Tis I!"

Professor L. G. Weld, '83, brought out many excellent points in "The Bright Side of the Picture." He told of the conditions of affairs when he first walked on the campus. A new Dental building, a new Homeopathic hospital, or our Close Hall, were not even dreamed of. "I had faith in the University then, I have faith now. The University has improved with years and is crowded. Why mourn?" He spoke of the great work of the servants of S. U. I.; of our wonderful

strides in out growing our apartments. He saw the advantages in the gradual growth both in student and professor of University spirit.

In the absence of Charles E. Pickett '88, of Waterloo, Walter M. Davis, '95, editor of the Iowa City Republican, was called on to respond to Mr. Pickett's toast, "Relation of the State to the University." After a humorous preface the speaker went to the pith of his subject. He spoke of the dependence of the University on the state, being a creation of it. He outlined the needs of our alma mater in an able manner.

The last speaker on the program proper was Rev. Dr. S. N. Watson, '92, whose toast was "Educational Ideals." He rejoiced that breadth of culture was the keynote sounded in the general tone of the remarks of the evening. It is an axiom of biology that the type determines the growth. To the typical form the development of species tends. Mental and spiritual development are due to ideals. Educational ideals are matters of real and speculative interest. Within the era of modern education two ideals have prevailed with exclusive domination—the aesthetic and practical. The former stood for classical, the latter for scientific education. The former, with its Latin and Greek, and only a modicum of science, developed by exercising mental elasticity and suppleness. It gave us grand old mental and moral giants, with chaste minds, keen, logical intellects, vigorous thinkers, masters of forceful English of the purest type. It was stern and unyielding, breaking, if it could not bend. The reign of science is the reign of the pliable; it is a system of electives. The classical was the idealization of the abstract. The scientific is the enthronement of the concrete. The opportunities the latter gives for individual development to individual capabilities, result in the product of keen, investigating minds such as the world has never seen before. Wonderful physical and material advance result. Comforts are created, dangers guarded against. The mind is emancipated from the thralldom of the past. But pure, forceful English is sometimes lost, belles-lettres forgotten. The great desideratum of the present day is the perfect mean between these two extremes. Educate not so much to furnish men and women with tools for earning a livelihood, as to teach them how to find and use those tools. Give them mental breadth and practical knowledge in the hall of science and in the laboratory, but teach them also how to appreciate the power and beauties of philosophical and poetical thought. The better day is coming. I hail with joy the decadence of intense utilitarianism, the return of love of culture for its own pure sake. Give each graduate this broad, lasting culture and let each learn that "Beauty is truth, and truth is beauty."

This closed the set program. President Schaeffer, Hon. H. W. Lathrop and Judge Wade made fitting remarks. We regret that lack of space causes us to be brief.

A committee of three, consisting of Judge Wade, Professor Weld and Mrs. Rockwood was appointed to issue a circular letter as a greeting from the

local association to the people of the state, stating therein the needs of the University.

Professor M. E. Lumbar, Mrs. Ellen M. Rich, and Miss Ella Ham, were appointed as a committee to report at the next meeting in regard to offering two scholarships to Johnson county students.

At an hour after midnight one of the most enjoyable events of the year was closed by the farewell remarks of Toastmaster Stevenson.

The following are the officers of the local alumni association to whose untiring efforts greatest credit is due for the unalloyed success of the banquet:

S. K. Stevenson, '93, President.
Prof. H. I. Coughlan, '88, First Vice President.

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Ada F. Hutchinson, '91, Secretary.
Prof. J. J. McConnell, '76, Treasurer.

Executive Committee — Chancellor Emlin McClain, '71; Mrs. Ellen M. Rich, '64; Miss Ella Ham, '84.

An Inter-Collegiate Cycling League.

The idea of forming an inter-collegiate cycling league and of eliminating the bicycle race from the program at the Mott Haven games, seems to be finding favor among the eastern universities. Many considerations urge the adoption of such a plan. Among them are the length of the present program, which would be shortened considerably by the abolition of the bicycle race and its many preliminary heats; the difference between a running track and one suitable for bicycle racing; and the possibility of a more extended list of events at a separate cycling contest. While these considerations do not apply with equal force to the intercollegiate meets of the western universities, they are nevertheless apparent here.

At the track meet in Chicago last spring there were four preliminary and one final heat in the bicycle race. And the entry list is growing larger every year, thus necessitating more heats and stringing out the program to a great length. The track at the Chicago Athletic Association field, where the Western games are held, is banked at the ends, and is thus suitable for bicycle racing, but is on this account inconvenient for the runners. No track can be made which is good for both, and to give both equal conditions the cycling should be made a separate event.

The only bicycle race on the western program, is the one mile. The choice of a bicyclist is thus limited in competing at Chicago. With a separate event, there could be a number of races suitable for different riders. This would increase the number of contestants and the interest taken in bicycling at the colleges. If such a league is considered desirable, it would be well to have a thorough discussion of it, so that it can be brought up at the annual meeting of the Western Intercollegiate Association.—Ex.

Cochran, who played end on the Tigers' eleven this year, has been elected captain of next year's Princeton Varsity team.

Medical Department.

Several students start for home today.

Dr. Samson, of Creston, Iowa, visited friends in Iowa City last week.

Mr. Dredge, a member of our last year's Junior class, and now a student at Rush Medical, Chicago, was waylaid the other night on his way home from a lecture with the result that his watch and money were taken away from him. He was also so badly injured that he has his been obliged to return to his home in Minnesota until recovery.

All Freshmen in Histology had written examination last Tuesday.

Dr. Guthrie lectured several extra hours Wednesday to make up for Tuesday's absence.

Mr. McAlvin, M. '97, has been confined to his room several days on account of ill health.

Mr. Peters, M. '96, is now able to be around after his severe illness and will resume his studies after the holidays.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson will spend the holiday vacation in Des Moines.

Dr. A. C. Peters passed away at the Mercy Hospital at 1:23 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He had been bed-ridden for about a month, although afflicted with Bright's disease for some years. Dr. Peters was born in 1862. He was educated in German private and public schools, and practiced medicine in Iowa City. At the time of his death he was professor of Laryngology and Rhinology in the University. He has scores of friends in the University and among citizens, and his death has cast a gloom over the entire community.

Communication.

All students who read the article on foot ball in the last issue of the *Quill* found themselves not a little surprised at the statement, supposedly made by a Senior, to the effect that the Sophomore team did not merit the championship. Every person who saw the Soph team play was immediately impressed with the fact, notwithstanding its lack in weight, that it was the speediest, nerviest and most scientific team in the league. We are sorry that the gentleman permitted his jealousy to get the better of his judgment and to shape itself in the aforesaid article, as he has only lessened himself in the estimation of his friends.

AN OBSERVER.

Notice.

To all who are going home the following telegram will be of interest:

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Though rumor has pretty well established the fact that this week closes the fall term, we feel it incumbent on us to verify the report by stating that until January 4th next this is the very last issue of the VIDETTE-REPORTER. Of course other equally convincing proof might be adduced, but we feel that it would be superfluous. We fully recognize the fact that this is an excellent opportunity to advise our constituents as to the best manner of spending vacation, and if we forego the privilege we would not that it should be ascribed to our neglect, but rather accredited to our desire, so often manifested, to chiefly concern ourselves with matters pertaining to our own business. It has been our custom, however, to warn the student public whenever, in our judgment, its interest demands it, and we feel that we should be found faithless to our duty did we not admonish our readers now that study should be laid aside during vacation. It may be observed that this admonition is one which would probably bear fruit whether we utter it or no, but nevertheless to make assurance doubly sure we willingly assume the risk of being thought unduly prudent.

The above announcement having been made, and the accompanying warning sounded, we feel somewhat complacent, having faithfully and successfully discharged our duty as a public servant. Mindful of the fact, however, that ere we again greet our readers the holiday season will have passed, we add to the above the expression of our sincere hope that this will be a merry Christmas and happy New Year to all.

Most of the students of all the departments are no doubt interested in the progress being made on the Hawk-eye. Though the publication is being pushed to the utmost extent, the

Board has found difficulty in securing prompt action on the part of the various organizations and the classes concerned. The work, however, is now progressing as well as could be desired, and every thing points to the issuing of an excellent book. What has been stated before, however, is still true, that there are many persons whose co-operation is necessary and whose prompt action is required to make the Annual a success. It is urged by the Board that all persons who have any contributions, either pictures or printed matter, to make, should attend to it before the Christmas vacation. The members of the Board are compelled to sacrifice their vacation and much time during the term to secure the work on time, and even then their efforts will not be successful unless those on whom they depend are prompt. It should be remembered that though the members elected by the Junior class are directly responsible for the book, yet it is a work in which all classes and departments are interested, and they should see to it that nothing be lost through their neglect. The request which the Board makes is entirely reasonable, and we hope that no one who understands what is required of him will leave for his vacation without providing for his share of the work if he has any.

The following is taken from the Sioux City Journal: "The University Extension lecture of Professor Calvin are receiving high praise in the newspapers. Iowa does not need to send to other states for good lecturers as long as our colleges and universities are filled with men of education and ability."

The following item from the Oskaloosa Herald, under the management of Regent Swalm, will be of interest to Mr. Stover's many friends: "Mr. Stover has, by his successful management as principal of the high school, and by his gentlemanly bearing, won the esteem and respect of the teachers and pupils. He leaves us with the best wishes of a large circle of friends. The school board appreciate his services and have many good words to say for him and his work."

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Fact and Rumor.
The Quill Board had its picture yesterday.
Bond and Neal left for their homes last evening.
Instructor Smith leaves for Mt. Pleasant to-day.
Rev. Dr. F. E. Brush is visiting in the city for a few days.
Many of the Pharmacists and Dents went home yesterday.
Zue Kostomlatsky, C. '95, will spend her vacation in Iowa City.
The Iowa-Chicago debate will be held Friday evening, Jan. 17, at the Opera House.
All students desiring certificates with which to procure their tickets should do so at their earliest convenience.
Mary Kelly spends her vacation at Osage with Edith Cobb, M. '97.
Roy Emry, C. '96, went to Brighton Tuesday.
Professor Currier took charge of the Junior German examination this morning in the absence of Professor Wilson.
A. E. Jackson, C. '82, cashier of the First National Bank at Tama, will represent his county in the next Legislature.
Perry L. Sargent, C. '82, one of our most loyal alumni, is teaching his third term as principal of the Tama High School.
Baptiste Kerby expects to spend the holidays with her brother, at Greene, Iowa. Her mother is expected from Sioux City also.

CALL ON BLOOM & MAYER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.

Mary Holt, C. '95, is expected home for the holidays Friday evening.

The second cross run of the series took place Saturday afternoon. The course lay from Close Hall to the old mill and back. The starters were Clark, Moore, '99, Stevens, '99, and Weinrick, '98; Clark finishing first.

It will not be without interest to the many friends of Hon. John Duncan, ex-member of the Board of Regents, to learn that his wife and two daughters, who are now traveling in Europe, were among the invited guests to the reception given recently at Lipzig in honor of King Albert of Saxony.

The subject of this month's character sketch in the *Review of Reviews* is Mr. Herbert Spencer. The sketch was written by an intimate friend whose identity is not disclosed. It is the most complete record of the great philosopher's life and achievement that has yet appeared. The writer tells us that "Social Statics" could not find a publisher in 1850, so that Mr. Spencer was obliged to print it at his own cost and sell it on commission. It took fourteen years to dispose of the edition of 750 copies. "Principles of Psychology" had a like experience, while Mr. Spencer was kept out of pocket for the capital sunk in these two ventures. It was the same with his other philosophical works at first, and in the course of 15 years Mr. Spencer lost more than £1,200. It was not till 24 years after he began to publish that he was fully abreast of his losses, or, in other words, just where he started financially. It is some consolation to know that Mr. Spencer's income has been fairly satisfactory. The extraordinary interest in Senator Sherman's book is ample justification of the sixteen-page review of that work which also appears in this number of the magazine. President E. Benjamin Andrews, the reviewer, has culled many passages from the "Recollections" which have not received attention in the newspaper notices, the latter having concerned themselves chiefly with the episodes of 1888 and other presidential campaign years.

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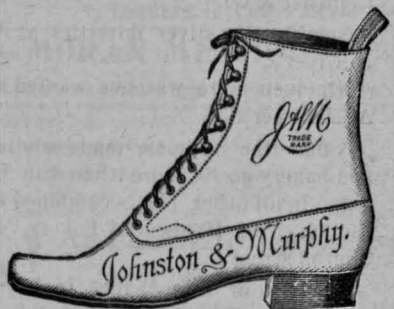
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