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## A SUCCESSFUL TOUR.

### GLEE AND MANDOLIN CLUBS RETURN FROM THEIR TRIP.

Although the non arrival of the business manager makes it impossible to learn the exact condition of the finances, it is safe to state that the second annual tour of the Glee and Mandolin Clubs just completed has been an unqualified success. Members of the organization are coming in on every train, and they all express highest satisfaction with the manner in which the cities throughout Iowa have received the members of her great University. As a trophy of this trip, they bring back with them and commend to the good graces of the students body a small pug dog named "Neil" which they claim has been responsible in no small degree for their success. "Neil" was found wandering on the streets of Des Moines, January 2, and since then, when red robed, she has been second only to Mr. Weaver's incomparable negro melodies in catching the audience.

The trip was begun very auspiciously in Davenport on Monday, Dec 27. The alumni were present in large numbers, and the pleasing little reception given by them in Library Hall after the concert showed their appreciation of their Alma Mater's efforts in the musical line.

In Muscatine, on Tuesday, a most elegant afternoon reception was given to the Clubs at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. The audience at that place was not large, but was extremely appreciative.

The concert in the Washington Opera House on the 29th was, with possibly one exception, the most successful in the whole trip. The audience was large, the encores were numerous, and the boys were in the best of spirits. A reception was tendered them after the concert by Mr. and Mrs. Schofield.

The next concert was at Ottumwa on the 30th. The audience was fully as large as expected, and expressed great satisfaction, as did indeed every city visited.

In Albia, on the 31st, they were tendered a reception in the afternoon, and gave the concert in the evening to an excellent audience. The Clubs spent two days in Oskaloosa, January 1st and 2d, and were guests of honor in the Y. M. C. A. reception. Members of the Club rendered male quartet selections in the religious meetings during Sunday afternoon. Monday they passed through Des Moines, picked up "Neil," and in the evening gave a concert at Jefferson to a rather small audience.

The concerts at Boone and Vinton, on Tuesday and Wednesday, were well attended and appreciated.

The Clubs ended their trip by a concert at Waterloo on Thursday. The large opera house was filled to overflowing, owing to liberal advertisement by the resident alumni. A whole section of the theatre was reserved for the alumni, who spurred on the boys by frequent repetitions of the old foot ball yell—"He rah, hi rah,

play ball, Iowa" during the intermission.

Although various other clubs have been touring the state, especial commendations of our Clubs have appeared in every large newspaper throughout the State, and we can desire no greater success for future Glee and Mandolin Clubs than that they equal in musical talent and conscientious effort the Clubs of '97.

## Communication.

To the Students of the University of Iowa:

After investigating the status of our athletic affairs the members of the Faculty Committee deem it to the interest of athletics to communicate its findings to the students, which are as follows:

The Athletic Union has been allowed to pass out of existence. We are not aware that its officers are members. No attempt has been or is being made to comply with the requirements of its constitution and by-laws. The members of the teams are not members of the Union, as required by the constitution, and practically nothing has been done toward organization except to solicit promises from students to become members. At this point further efforts in this direction were dropped nearly two months ago.

Notwithstanding the fact that the students in mass meeting promised to pay, by June 1890, the money which the friends of athletics borrowed for the payment of athletic debts, and also that about \$300 has been added to their obligations, there has been absolutely nothing done in this direction. This is believed to be the only year within a considerable time when some efforts have not been made to solicit assistance for athletics.

We are glad to commend the energy and ability of the treasurer in the discharge of his duties. The team officers and the athletes have proven themselves able and loyal. An excellent schedule of base ball games has been arranged. The track team is exceptional in possessing more and better material than for years past, if not than ever before.

We are much distressed in contemplating that because of the atrophied condition of our athletic ORGANIZATION we may likely be compelled to recommend to the Faculty the abolition of all forms of athletics. To avoid this we suggest that a self-appointed committee of students, who have the welfare of athletics and our University at heart, shall assume charge of this matter. With such movement we will be glad to lend support in any way in our power, and feel confident in promising the hearty approval of the entire Faculty.

We desire to add that at this time we do not believe in the efficacy or advisability of mass meetings.

A. V. SIMS,  
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B. F. SHAMBAUGH.

The students of the University of Pennsylvania are about to erect a memorial tablet to the six members of the class of 1757, the first to graduate from that college.

## S. U. I. HONORED.

### PROFESSOR CURRIER MADE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION.

At the meeting of the State Teacher's Association, held in Des Moines during the holidays, Professor Currier was chosen President of the Association for the year '98. The Iowa Academy of Sciences, which met at the same time, re-elected Professor Macbride as its President.

The gathering of teachers in all departments and of all grades and classes at Des Moines was attended by many of the instructing force of S. U. I. and by more of her alumni; the list of such would contain several score names.

At the meeting of the section devoted to child study, Professor McConnell read a paper. Professor Shimek was on the program of the Academy of Sciences. The meeting as a whole was large and enthusiastic, and withal a pronounced success.

The following is the entire list of officers elected:

President—Amos N. Currier, Iowa City.  
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Member Executive Committee—W. F. Chevalier, Red Oak.  
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Vice-Presidents—F. E. Willard, Marshalltown, 1st; Carrie Parker, Creston, 2d; Principal Beveridge, Glidden, 3d.

## A New Degree.

Another step in the advancement of S. U. I. among institutions of higher learning was marked by the announcement of President Schaeffer at the State Teacher's Convention, that the University was now prepared to grant the degree of Ph. D. to persons doing the prescribed work at this institution. This step was not taken without due consideration, nor will the degree be granted for any less meritorious efforts than are required by the most prominent universities. The announcement seemed to meet with the entire approval of the representatives of other colleges of the State.

The French Department of the Library has received a complete set of Victor Hugo's works comprising 48 volumes, in addition to 87 volumes of miscellaneous French literature.

The preliminary announcement of the 47th annual meeting of the Iowa State Medical Society has just been made. The place of meeting is Des Moines, and the time is May 18, 19, 20. Dr. J. C. Shrader is chairman of the committee on ethics, and Dr. L. W. Littig of the committee on finance.

The executive committee of the Iowa Wesleyan University, at its session last Saturday, accepted the resignation of Prof. W. H. Mahaffie, and elected Prof. Herbert A. Thompson, of Amherst College, Massachusetts, in his place, to the chair of science.

## Law Department.

The Forum did not give any program last evening.

Prof. M. H. Bussard, '98, was in Chicago a part of his vacation.

Harry W. Hanson, '98, visited his parents in Mt. Pleasant during vacation.

Walter M. Davis, '98, spent a part of his vacation visiting at the home of Fred Larrabee.

Judge E. P. Seeds, of Manchester, began his course of lectures on Equity to the Senior class.

Law Librarian L. C. Rinard spent a greater part of his vacation at his home near Humeston.

Judge Robinson, of Sioux City, will begin a course of lectures before the Law department next week.

Geo. W. Swords, '98, is in Texas transacting business, but expects to be back the first of the week.

Robert H. Shular, '94, a member of the firm of Bremner & Shular, of Des Moines, was married since our last issue.

Fred Hageman, '93, who was elected to the office of county superintendent of Bremer county, but whose election was contested, has won his suit and been declared the next county superintendent.

A good many of the students have not yet returned. The classes received some new members, but the Senior class suffers considerably on account of a number of the students who intend to appear before the State Board the 18th inst.

Vincent Zmunt, '93, and James Hart, '92, comprising the firm of Hart & Zmunt, located in the city, have just won an important law case in Washington county. The question arose over a will lacking the proper number of witnesses.

The January number of the American Monthly Review of Reviews is one of the best issues in the history of that magazine. From cover to cover it is thoroughly "live," alert, and forceful. The opening editorial department of "The Progress of the World" gives a clear and exhaustive New Year's summary of political conditions in both hemispheres at the opening of 1898. The elaborate article on "The Future of Austria-Hungary," by an Austrian, is by all odds the best account yet given in the English language of the warring forces which threaten to undermine the dual monarchy of central Europe. Besides these and other important and spirited special features, the magazine's regular departments of "Current History in Caricature," "Leading Articles of the Month," "Periodicals Reviewed," and "New Books" cover such timely topics as Hawaiian annexation and the great strike in England.

Professor Trowbridge, the great physicist, has recently discovered a new ray similar to the X-ray.

At Michigan there is a movement on foot to elect a graduate foot ball manager, to be paid a salary, and who is to arrange the games and direct the policy of the team in general.

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**Glee and Mandolin Club.**

The record of the trip of the S. U. I. Glee and Mandolin Clubs is such as to bring credit to the members of the Clubs and to the institution that they represent. At every place where they went they were received with the greatest cordiality, and at many places were given receptions and banquets. Such treatment indicates the good reputation that the 'Varsity has throughout the State, and that the people are interested in the institution. Such trips cannot help doing much to advertise our school and bring it before the public. The programs given have called forth praise for the "boys" wherever they have been given, and their success will probably make these trips annual affairs.

**The New Year.**

Vacation is over; a new term has just been ushered in, and the students are once more settling down to books and lectures.

The new year brings with it an unusually large number of students, some just entering and others returning to continue their work. The crowded class rooms and the increasing number of "sections" indicate that the "wave of prosperity" has not passed over the University, and despite the great loss of our Library and the cramped facilities of our laboratories, we can safely prophecy that the year of '98 will be one step in advance of the years which are now reckoned in history.

The winter term is comparatively free from the excitement of athletic events, which give place to the contests of a forensic nature. Three inter-society debates and the oratorical contest take place during the term,

and keep up the interest of those interested in literary work. The debates of the last few years have developed to such a standard that it is needless to say that these events will be watched with the greatest interest.

We understand that a large number are already writing for the oratorical contest, and many others expect to enter, thus insuring us a worthy representation in the Northern League this year.

The last two numbers of the Lecture Course - F. Hopkinson Smith and Bishop Vincent—together with the special programs of the Societies, offer entertainment for all. And if the Legislature will but "unbutton its heart" to the needs of the University, the work of the State University of Iowa will be such as to call forth the respect and admiration of even our rival schools.

Dancing school to-night at 7:30 sharp. Assembly from 9:00 to 12:00. The second term of dancing school begins Saturday, Jan. 15th. Students wishing to learn the art of dancing are requested to begin early in the term, as their progress will be more satisfactory to themselves, as well as to the teacher. Assemblies every Saturday night from 9:00 to 12:00.—Miss Herron, St. James Hotel.

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J. Price & Co. have bought the stock of jewelry, etc., of Planck Bros. and will sell the same at auction beginning Thursday, January 15th, at 2 p. m.

**Walker Whiteside as Hamlet.**  
One of the strong attractions of the amusement season will be the appearance of Mr. Walker Whiteside at the Opera House Monday night in "Hamlet." He comes to us with the prestige of a New York triumph, where the best critics praised him, and hailed him as the successor of Edwin Booth.

He has added to his company that sterling actor, Mr. Chas. D. Herman, who will be Mr. Whiteside's leading support. Miss Lelia Wolstan, who has been with him for some time, will be leading lady, and a more charming one could not be found.

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**FACT AND RUMOR.**

No Society programs were held last night.

Kathry Way, ex-'99, is back in school.

Miss Porter, ex-'00, is again in school.

Warner, ex-'00, has returned to continue his work.

Libbie Howard, ex-'99, has returned to the University.

There will be no literary program this evening.

W. D. Jamison, ex-'99, was in town during vacation.

Anna Treimer, '01, will not be in school this term.

Miss Lyon has been visiting with Bartie Dennis, '01.

Gail Sweeney, of Osage, is here to attend the University.

Alta Robinson, '00, is out of school on account of sickness.

A number of new students have entered the University.

May Hartley will not be in school during the winter term.

Elvène Robins will not be in school during the winter term.

Mary Hearst, of Cedar Falls, has entered the Junior class.

Norra Allin, '97, who has been dangerously ill, is improving.

The Minnesota preliminary will be held Friday evening, Jan. 21st.

The Erodolphians will present a program next Saturday evening.

CALL ON BLOOM & MAYER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.

W. H. Brunn, L. '96, of Refabeck, Ia., is visiting friends in the city.

Miss Anna Larrabee, of Clermont, Iowa, is the guest of her sister, Helen.

A large number of S. U. I. students have been enjoying the skating above the dam.

Professor Reeve will fill the chair of English which has been vacated by Professor Wanchope.

Amy Zimmerman, '96, has accepted a position as assistant in the High School at West Branch.

Professor Patrick has taken the Psychology classes which were under Mr. Seashore in the fall term.

The Debating League is trying to get a debate with Wisconsin to take the place of the Chicago contest.

Miss Gertrude Schaeffer left Wednesday evening for Davenport, where she will attend St. Katherine's Seminary.

Professors Loos and Shambaugh attended the meeting of the National Economic and History Association at Cleveland during vacation.

F. C. McCutchen, '03, will not be in school during the winter term. He is a leading candidate for a journal clerkship in the Senate at Des Moines.

J. C. Hall, of the Senior Law class, will read in a law office in Davenport during the winter term, and return to graduate with his class in the spring.

Mrs. Reichs, of Boston, will read selections from Browning's poems, Wednesday evening at the Unitarian Church, under the auspices of the Browning Club.

Professor Nutting will deliver his lecture on the "Ruins of Pompeii" at the Presbyterian Church, Monday evening. The lecture will be illustrated by stereopticon views.

Leonard Robinson, C. '94, L. '95, will sail for Honduras from New Orleans, Jan 13. He will be with Earl Myers, '93, for a time, and if he is pleased with the country, will locate there permanently.

Friends of Raymond Albers, of Washington, Ia., who attended the University several years ago, will be pleased to hear of his marriage to Miss Louise Kellogg. The ceremony was performed in Ottumwa. Mr. Albers is now at Ann Arbor.

Harry F. Forcas and Miss Dulcia Harrison were married Dec 30th, at the bride's home near Oasis. Mr. Dorcas was a former student in the University, and is now taking preparatory work for the ministry in Urbana, where they will make their home.

The new hospital will be opened to the public next Monday, from 2 to 5, and from 5 to 8 o'clock. Members of the hospital staff will be present, and all visitors will be courteously shown through the building. Monday evening the hospital will receive patients, and it is stated that sixteen patients will be entered for treatment.

Professor C. B. Wilson attended the third annual convention of the Modern Language Association at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., during the holiday vacation. This association covers all the territory between Minnesota and Louisiana, and Michigan and California. Professor Wilson, who is one of the three founders, was re-elected a member of the executive council. Dr. W. P. Reeves and Miss Delta Hutchinson.



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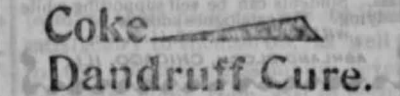
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