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## HOPKINSON SMITH'S LECTURE.

THE RENOWNED LECTURER PLEASES A LARGE AUDIENCE.

The largest audience of the series greeted F. Hopkinson Smith last evening, and the repeated applause showed a heartfelt appreciation of his lecture. In place of the usual stereotyped lecture the speaker favored the audience with readings from his best known writings, interspersed with one or two of his shorter stories. The plan was a very popular one, and Mr. Smith demonstrated that he is a thinker and author.

His first selection was from his well known work "Colonel Carter, of Cartersville." In beginning this he stated that although the character of the Colonel in its different phases was taken from many of his acquaintances, he had known "Chat," the old negro servant, personally for many years. The incident read was "Chat's" story of the one legged goose, and the old darkies peculiarities were brought out in a very artistic and pleasing manner. Mr. Smith stated that although at the time he wrote the incident he supposed that it was completely his own, he had learned afterwards that it had existed in the folklore of the various European races for centuries.

His next reading was several selections from the author's favorite work, "Tom Grogan." "Tom," as he stated, was a real character, and he had been acquainted with her for nineteen years. The peculiar strength and pathos of the old Irish woman were brought out admirably, and there was no one in the audience who did not feel joyful over her final victory.

His next reading was a superb touch of life in New England, entitled "Johnathan." The unexpected grandeur of the New Englander's character, his wife, and his stub-tailed mongrel dog, were placed before the audience in a word-picture, which no one present will be likely to forget.

The next reading, "Captain Joe," was a true sketch taken from the author's own experience. Mr. Smith stated that he had been an employer thirty years, and was not in favor of all the various labor movements, but still he believed that the spirit of true chivalry was being preserved for us by the knight of the dinner pail.

Mr. Smith finished his very entertaining list of readings with another New England piece entitled "Five Meals for a Dollar." The various experiences which the author had in procuring a meal in West Arlington, Vermont, were a great source of amusement to all present.

### Lady Fraternities in Kansas.

The following extract from an exchange shows the position of the young ladies at Kansas University:

Lawrence, Kan.—Thirty-five young women, members of the Kappa Kappa Gamma, the Kappa Alpha Theta, and Pi Beta Phi fraternities of the State University, with a few of the wives of members of the Faculty of the school, met to act against the

practice of young men of the University drinking intoxicating liquors while at fraternal parties given by the members of the secret societies. The practice of drinking liquors was bitterly denounced, and a resolution was passed asking the members of young men's fraternities to prohibit the use of intoxicating liquors at parties, and to co-operate with the young women in their effort to put an end to the evil. A committee was also appointed to write a letter to young men's fraternities, asking information on the action taken. The young women present bound themselves individually, and their fraternities to leave the next party in a body the moment a whiff of liquor should be detected from any one in the room, a signal to be given at the minute of discovery, and that signal to be a peremptory sign to the young women to go home.

### Law Department.

Munger, '99, has arrived after a prolonged holiday visit at his home in Illinois.

Geo. W. Swords, '98, is back in school after an extensive business trip in the south.

Drs. A. M. Bullock and C. H. Taintor, of Chicago, visited the Senior class in Equity, yesterday morning.

All students who want their office work credited in the Senior class must have certificates before next Friday.

The Junior and Senior classes are both without a president. Is it not about time to take some action?

The following members of class '98, who were in school last term, will appear before the Examination Committee of the Supreme Court, which is in session in Des Moines: Messrs. T. Morgan, W. M. Davis, F. L. Marquis, B. Anundson.

### Erodelphian.

The first program of the new year, greeted by a large and pleased audience in North Hall, Saturday evening, was one the Erodelphians might well be proud of.

After a beautiful piano solo by Miss Berry, and a hearty encore, the incoming president, Miss Minerva Lowman, was introduced.

Then followed a speech by Miss Helen Carder, on "Resolutions," delivered in a very novel and original manner.

The debate was on the subject: "Resolved, that the honor system of conducting college examinations should be generally adopted." Affirmed by Misses Lytle and McCurdy, and denied by Misses Foster and Hatch. All the debaters acquitted themselves well, and the debate was thoroughly interesting throughout. The decision favored the affirmative. After the debate Miss Leda Pinkham appeared in a declamation.

The program was fittingly closed by a speech by Miss Ruth Paxton, on the "The History of Erodelphians." This proved very interesting and instructive, not only to the Erodelphians themselves, but to all four of the forensic societies in both North and South Hall.

After a pleasing piano solo by Miss Hinman, the Society was adjourned.

## BACONIAN.

"THE DEGENERATION OF THE TUNICATE."

Professor Houser gave an excellent paper, last Friday evening, on "The Degeneration of the Tunicate." The tunicate is of especial interest to the biologist of to-day, regarded as it is to very nearly, at least, in the direct line of descent of the great series of vertebrates from the invertebrates—the animal itself being characterized by the possession, in its early life, of a notochord, the forerunner of the vertebral column.

The tunicate is also of interest from another point of view, exhibiting as it does the changes in a type in the course of long periods of time, due to change in habits and environment. From a study of the entire life history of the individual tunicate, both prenatal and postnatal, we can trace in a measure the history of its race, which shows that in time past the tunicate was in the highway to becoming a vertebrate, and was a free, swimming individual with a definite notochord. Later on it became fixed or attached again, and approaches a spherical form, and in its first natal development has no notochord, well illustrating a recognized biological law.

The entire paper was very interesting, and showed deep investigation in this and kindred subjects. The paper was discussed at some length by Professor Nutting.

### The Forum.

The first meeting of the new year was held Friday evening, and that the Law societies are recognized most favorably, is very apparent from the size of their audience and the appreciation of the program, which was as follows:

Inaugural Address... Pres. Sharp  
"An argument for stricter Immigration Laws"..... Mr. Draper

Instrumental Solo.....  
.....Mrs. Parker-Anderson  
"Gentle Troubadour."

Clippings..... Mr. Yoker  
Debate—"Should the United States annex Canada." Affirmative, Messrs. Allen and Turner; negative, Messrs. Dilley and Sargent.

Extemporaneous Speech.. Mr. Piersol  
"The Recent Senatorial Election in Ohio."

"The Career of Thos. B. Reed in Politics"..... Mr. Holly

The president's address was sincere in its commendation of the past work of the Society, and equally sincere in its warnings and admonitions for the future—the president is a most worthy officer and loyal member.

Mr. Draper's paper showed remarkable research work and thorough investigation. He is one of few who are willing to do any amount of work that they may skillfully present a deep subject.

The number by Mr. Yoker consisted of several declamations following immediately upon each other. The order of their succession showed as much tact as did the choice of the se-

lections. Proceeding from a humorous to a sad, and from that to an extremely ridiculous one, he made the audience feel the influence of each in turn.

The amount of interest and preparation in debate is worthy of commendation. Each presented his arguments in logical order, and with force and earnestness, no sarcasm or bombast being indulged in. The decision was two for the negative.

The Society expected an interesting number in the extemporaneous speech by Mr. Piersol, nor were they disappointed. Five minutes thought on the subject of the recent Senatorial election resulted in a most interesting talk of ten minutes. Well read in the current events, the facts come readily to his mind, and he set them forth in fitting words without hesitation.

Mr. Holly's paper was no less interesting than Mr. Draper's, and evidenced much and well rewarded work and thought, thus giving to the audience a knowledge which otherwise would have required hours to have gained.

We very cordially invite any who may be interested in hearing a truly literary program to visit the Forum.

### Th. Century Prizes.

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### Nominations.

We the undersigned members of the Athletic Union, hereby place in nomination F. C. McCutchen for the office of Manager of the foot ball team for season of 1898.

J. L. SHEUERMAN, and 14 others.

We the undersigned members of the Athletic Union, hereby place in nomination J. W. McKee for the office of Manager of the foot ball team for the season of 1898.

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### A New League.

Although nothing definite has as yet been done as to the debates which we will hold in the future, many projects for new leagues have been suggested. It is very probable that there will be arrangements made for a debate with Wisconsin this year, and our regular contest will make the usual number. It would be well before it is too late to make some plans for a permanent league. It is rumored, we know not by what authority, that since Minnesota has entered into a league with certain other schools, this would be the last time she would meet Iowa in the forensic arena. If such should prove to be the case, it is important that we should secure another debate. Suggestions have been made that it would be well to form a "triangle" with the Universities of Wisconsin and Illinois. This scheme seems to be desired by the other schools, and would probably be acceptable to Iowa. Wisconsin's success at debate is well known, and Illinois is fast coming to the front in forensic contests, and it seems that the three universities would be well matched; then the distance is not so great between them but what it would be more convenient than contests with schools further away.

### Oratorical Association.

Last term it was decided at a meeting of the Oratorical Association to send but two representatives to the final contest. Since then there has been no little opposition raised to this action. It was argued that the expense was too great and the advantages but slight. The expense is certainly considerable, but we should bear in mind the fact that Mr. Peck, of Chicago, has offered prizes for the

winners, thus saving to us the amount—twenty-five dollars—we formerly contributed to this fund. Furthermore, the Board of Regents made an allowance to pay for the Opera House the night of the home contest, thus saving another twenty-five dollars. The Northern Oratorical League will this year meet at Oberlin, which is the most distant from us of all the schools, but the fifty dollars now saved by the Home Association would more than pay the expenses of the third man.

Moreover, it is important that our University should have three men at the business meeting of the league, for each school is allowed three votes, but only two if there be only two representatives present. To all who are acquainted with the importance of this annual meeting, it is evident that we need our full number of votes to secure fair play for Iowa.

Perhaps the most important reason for sending three men is that we need to do everything possible to encourage the students to write for the home contest. It sometimes happens that it is nearly certain beforehand who will win the first place, but with two other chances of being sent as representatives, it still offers inducements to the others, but when there is but one chance, the odds seem too great for many, and they fall to hand in their orations. Some claim that it will but stimulate the candidates to harder work, but the assertion is apparently made by those who never have and probably never will take an active part in oratorical work. Without exception, those who are writing most earnestly desire a third man sent, a number of whom will not enter if this is not done. Then, when the cost will be no more than in the past, when this is the general desire of all entering, and when our school needs the three men at the business meeting, would it not be just and right to make our constitution as it was in years past?

### Soap Sale.

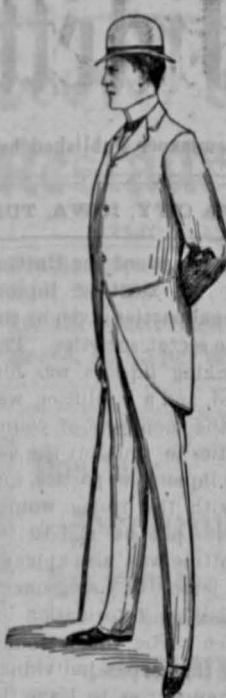
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Miss Gail Sweeney is pledged to the Delta Gammas.

The concert has been postponed for a couple of weeks.

Remember the debate at the Opera House Friday evening.

Miss Dorothy Shultz is wearing a Pi Beta Phi pledge pin.

Louise Daum is visiting with her sister in the University.

Miss Heath, '00, spent Saturday with her sister in Tiffin.

J. W. Young, '00, enjoyed a visit from his father, Saturday.

W. H. Thomas is enjoying a visit from his brother from Traer.

The Erodolphians will entertain their new members next Saturday afternoon.

A number of the churches will give receptions and entertainments Wednesday evening.

There will be no programs Friday evening on account of the debate at the Opera House.

Saturday evening Frailey, '98, McClelland, D. '98, and Drake, '01, were initiated into the Phi Psis.

President Schaeffer will give an address before the Farmer's Institute in Decatur county this month.

Robert L. Smith, who has been absent from classes for some time on account of sickness, is again able to be out.

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There was but a small attendance at drill yesterday, as the hour was changed to 3:30, and many classes conflicted.

The second inter-society contest of the year is the Minnesota Preliminary Debate, to be held at the Opera House Friday evening, admission 10 cts.

The Delta Gammas entertain the other two ladies' fraternities at Miss Ruth Hobby's, next Saturday afternoon, in an informal social session.

Gangs of Sophomores were omnipresent at the street corners, yesterday, laying plans to entertain the unsuspecting Freshmen, a couple of whom had already been carefully stored away some thirty miles to the eastward.

The Engineering society met Saturday evening and listened to a well-prepared paper on "Base Lines," by Maro Johnson. The Society decided to attend the meeting of the Iowa Society of Civil Engineers, to be held in Cedar Rapids Jan. 19th and 20th.

The less said about the unfortunate affair of last evening, the better. That the students carried things too far, cannot be denied, and on the other hand, the city officers cannot be commended for their actions. While it is their duty to keep the peace, it is anything but their right to arrest a student whose only offense was standing on the side-walk with the crowd, and who was taken, not for anything he had done, but as the officer said, he had to make an example of somebody. The entire procedure was a disgrace to both the students and the citizens of Iowa City.

The Beloit College Sophomore class is rehearsing the Greek play "Alcestis" of Euripidis. Alcestis is generally considered the strongest and most finished of all the plays of Euripides.

The fifty-sixth annual Yale Banner, a publication similar to the Bric-a-Brac, has recently been issued.

**Notice.**

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