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## THE MASS MEETING.

THE MEETING WAS A GRAND SUCCESS.

The mass meeting of the student body called for Tuesday evening was in every sense a complete success. The auditorium of Close Hall was taxed to its utmost seating capacity, many being forced to remain standing in the aisles and door-ways. In all, probably a thousand students were in attendance to lend their aid and presence in behalf of their suspended fellows.

The meeting throughout was entirely free from any spirit of radicalism or hot-headedness, being marked by a seriousness and mature deliberation that plainly attested to the sentiment of the evening.

J. R. Frailey, being called to the chair, acted as presiding officer. In his opening remarks he stated that the assemblage was not gathered together as an indignation meeting, and that any such idea was furthest removed from the minds of all. The meeting was called only to ascertain if any act upon the part of the students of the whole University would in any manner alleviate or mitigate the decision reached by the Faculty relative to the Sophomores.

On motion a Committee on Resolutions was appointed by the chair, consisting of A. W. Hamann, H. W. Hanson, Frederic Larrabee, F. H. Blume, J. L. Sheuerman and Chas. McDonald. The committee was instructed to draft resolutions as soon as possible and present them for the ratification of the meeting. While this committee was thus engaged, Messrs. Egan and Anderson, being called to the floor, made appropriate and patriotic speeches.

By this time the committee signified its readiness to report, and through its chairman, Mr. Hamann, submitted the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted amidst great enthusiasm and applause:

"We, students of the State University of Iowa, in mass meeting assembled, in the light of the recent action of the Faculty relative to the persons implicated in the Freshman banquet affair, resolve:

That we most sincerely regret the unfortunate circumstances which led up to the suspension of twenty-three of our fellow students, and we recognize and agree with our Faculty that measures must be adopted on such occasions as will maintain proper discipline in our University, and that we, representing the student body, are willing to co-operate heartily with the Faculty in discouraging all such conduct as in its eyes has recently been found reprehensible.

However, that we believe the persons implicated acted as they did under the belief that they were supported in their actions by the precedents established in previous years, and without any reasonable notice or expectation of the punishment they were incurring, either through previous action of the Faculty in similar cases, or any sufficient intimation thereof from authority.

That they did so unconscious that their offense would be regarded of so serious a character as evidently held by the Faculty.

That we believe the punishment and sentence imposed upon them, just as it may be in the light of the deeds really committed, was very severe, when the intent or rather lack of intent is taken into consideration.

That above all, we believe that the action means to those personally interested, virtually and necessarily, a severance from future college connection, and may force an entire change of life in some whose services in their respective lines of work this University can ill afford to lose.

For these reasons we respectfully petition and pray the Faculty to reconsider its action and mitigate and alter if possible the decision at which it has arrived."

The same committee was then instructed to present these resolutions to the Faculty at its next meeting, after which this gathering, representing the sounder, and healthier sentiment, judgment and sympathy of our student body, was adjourned. At the same Faculty meeting a petition, which at present writing contains about a thousand student signatures, will also probably be presented.

## Law Department.

A. H. Sargent, '99, is confined to his home by a severe cold.

Judge Seeds returned Tuesday morning from Manchester.

C. W. Clark, '98, is spending the week at his home in Montezuma.

The Forum will debate the question whether the action of the Faculty was justifiable in suspending the students for their participation in the Freshman affair, at their meeting tomorrow evening.

The subject for the special prize theses has been announced: "Discuss the Constitutionality of Section 3307, Code of Iowa 1897." A valuable prize will be given to the successful contestant by the Edward Thompson Co., a choice of either a set of American and English Encyclopedia of Law, 2d edition, or a set of the Encyclopedia of Pleading and Practice. Either of these invaluable sets of books are needed by anyone who anticipates the practice of law, and every member of the Senior class should make an endeavor to secure the prize. The contest will close May 1, '98.

## Track Team.

There will be an important meeting of the track team at Close Hall, Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock. All who will be candidates next Spring are earnestly requested to be present.

MILT B. CHASE, Capt.

## Notice to Athletic Union.

According to the constitution of the Athletic Union, the annual election of officers will take place Wednesday evening, Feb. 16th. All the officers for the school year of '98 will be elected at this meeting. Nominations must be called to order at 7 o'clock sharp.

J. R. FRAILEY,  
President Athletic Union.

## STUDENT VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT

IMPORTANT CONVENTION TO BE HELD SOON.

The Triennial Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement to be held in Cleveland, O., Feb. 23-27, brings forcibly to mind the wonderful growth of the movement since its actual beginning only twelve years ago. As early as 1810, the development of the movement may be said to have been begun, for at that time the American Board of Missions was formed. In 1877, when the organization of the College Young Men's Christian Association took place, and in 1880 when the American Inter-Seminary Alliance began operations, the preparations for the final step in 1886 may be clearly traced.

The movement is an interdenominational missionary agency, having more than eight hundred institutions of higher learning in the United States and Canada as its field. Its work is done in co operation with the regular missionary societies, and through its efforts, hundreds of missionaries, who are now laboring upon mission fields, have been furnished to the Board of Foreign Missions.

The objects of the movement are to enlist the students in the colleges and theological seminaries in prayer and labor for the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world in our generation, to enroll among students in the institutions of higher learning volunteers who may be sent to the Boards of the different fields for lay or clerical service, to inform the Christian students of North America in regard to the progress and needs of modern missions, and finally, to rouse students and all Christians to the obligation of immediate financial co-operation with the different Boards of Missions. In over two hundred and fifty colleges there are classes following the course of study prescribed by the movement. The convention at Cleveland will from present indications be not only the largest missionary gathering ever held in North America or the world but also the largest university gathering ever brought together.

## Homeopathic Medical Department.

The Seniors had operative surgery on Saturday, the entire day being taken up by it.

Dr. Cogswell has changed his hours from Friday afternoon to Monday morning, a change much appreciated by the students.

There was a meeting of the Hahnemannian Society Friday evening, and a larger audience than usual enjoyed the program, which was of unusual merit. The program was as follows:

Guitar and Mandolin Duet.....  
..... Mrs. Lenz and Miss Morgan  
Paper..... W. A. Kaufman  
"The Rule of the Bosses."  
Recitation..... Mr. Tucker  
Society Paper..... E. J. Lambert  
Paper..... Mrs. I. Bailey  
"Tuberculosis."  
Guitar and Mandolin Duet.....  
..... Mrs. Lenz and Miss Morgan

We are able, through the kindness of those in charge at the hospital, to give the following interesting facts regarding the work done since the beginning of the college year, as shown by the clinic record: There have been 22 laparotomies divided as follows—carcinoma of misentary, herinotomy appendectomy oophorectomy, and the removal of a dermoid cyst. Eight malignant and 17 innocent tumors were treated. There were 5 contused wounds 3 dislocations, 4 fractures, as emergency cases, and three cases of necrosis of the bone. The following diseases also received surgical treatment in the clinic: Varicorele, hydrocele, sorcorele, pterydactilis, hemorrhoids, several cases of trochelorrhaphy, several cases of perineorrhaphy, phimoses, lupus, talipes and morbus coxarus; also a case of Potts' disease of the spine was in the hospital for treatment. There was a total of 377 cases treated and no deaths

## College Men who Attain Distinction.

The position which college men occupy after their graduation, and the number of them included among those known as the successful citizens of our country, may be shown by statistics compiled after an examination of "Appleton's Cyclopedia of America." From the statistics there given it is seen that of 15,085 men named, 5,297 are college men, slightly more than one-third. The number of graduates of American colleges from the beginning until the present time does not exceed two hundred thousand. Of these, five thousand have done such work as to deserve lasting remembrance. One man, therefore, in every forty graduating from college, has been successful, while taking as a basis the enormous number of men who have lived in this country since the beginning, we derive the statement that only one in every ten thousand, not college graduates, has attained a like measure of success. According to this the proportion is in favor of the college man, two hundred and fifty times.

Kansas Pharmacy students are petitioning for less exhorbitant fees.

Chicago and Michigan have agreed upon the following subject for their annual debate this year: "Resolved, that the rejection by the United States Senate of the arbitration treaty with Great Britain was wise." Chicago will defend the negative.

Walter Camp, Yale's athletic adviser and delegate on the General Foot Ball Rules Revision Committee, has signified his intention of being present at the meeting on February 19th at the University Athletic Club in New York. He is strongly in favor of revising the rules so that present ambiguities in several places may be simplified. It is believed that Yale will vote to recognize Stagg as a delegate to the conference from the combined western colleges.

## Notice.

The paper at Baconian Friday evening will be given by Professor Sims. Subject, "The Simplicity of the Graphical Determination of Stresses."

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**Mass Meeting.**

The sentiment expressed at the mass meeting on Tuesday evening was not nor could not be construed in any way as dictatorial on the part of the students toward the Faculty. Every speech made, every clause in the resolutions passed, indicate only an honest difference of opinion in regard to the severity of the punishment inflicted, and by no means a sanctioning of "scraps" such as led to the recent action.

It is a well known fact that many of the leading state papers have the custom of increasing by about ten fold all of the troubles occurring at S. U. I. Our Fresh-Soph friendly meet of last term was heralded far and near as "a bloody struggle," "an outrageous disgrace," "where students fought like demons, and defied all civil authority," while as everyone present knows, that beyond a few torn collars and ripped coats, no damage was inflicted, and more than this, the best of humor prevailed throughout. Although less than one-third of the crowd at the Cherry "riot" was composed of students, yet its disgraceful features, after being magnified indefinitely, were attributed entirely to S. U. I. attendants.

Perhaps the frequent recent comment had much to do with the severe action, but the students do not control the papers of the State, nor are they responsible for the erroneous reports that creep out. Although the Faculty no doubt feel perfectly justified, the student body, or as much of it as could crowd into Close Hall, feels wronged, feels that the sentence is too severe, and unmerited by its recipients. The students and Faculty are the two great factors in our

school life; each is certainly entitled to a hearing.

What effect the presentation of the petition on next Friday will have, remains to be seen, but it cannot be denied that a more friendly and agreeable feeling, an increased respect for our professors will result, if its requests are complied with.

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The Betas will give a party Friday night.  
Judge Wade is holding court at Marengo this week.  
Remember the Hesperian special program Saturday evening.  
President Schaeffer leaves for Des Moines, to-day, in the interests of the University.  
The Philomathean literary society has been admitted to the S. U. I. Oratorical Association,  
W. E. Lamb, L. 95, of Northwood, Ia., was shaking hands with old University friends the first of the week.  
Hesperian special program next Saturday evening. Entertainment by Miss Bessie Parker. Admission 25c.  
Miss Dey gave an informal party, Tuesday evening, to a few friends, in honor of Miss Bostwick, of Ithaca, N. Y.  
Taxidermist Ridgway was summoned to Washington Monday night, by a telegram announcing the illness of his wife.  
Rev. H. P. Williams preached to a large audience at the Christian church Tuesday night. The Bailey quartet provided fine music. His theme was "The Everlastingness of the Church."  
Professor Currier addressed the students of the High School on "Roman Schools," Tuesday morning. He gave an explanation of the studies and methods of study in these schools, which was highly appreciated by his audience.

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Remember that all orations must be handed to the President of the Oratorical Association by to-morrow night.

Miss Geneva Horne has been summoned home from New York, owing to the sudden death of her father, J. W. S. Horne.

Mrs. Safley, of Tipton, who has been visiting her daughters, Miss Agnes, '99, and Miss Margaret, '00, has returned to her home.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Johnson County Medical Society, Tuesday evening, the paper of the evening was read by Dr. Hobby, on "Insanity."

O. K. Camp, M. W. A., of this city, will give an entertainment at Smith's Armory, the evening of Feb. 8th. Students who are members, in good standing, of the society, are invited to attend. Call on E. G. Fracker, Clerk of the Camp, 103 College St.

The first of a series of Senior sociables was held in North Hall last night. A large proportion of the class attended, and when the company separated after an evening of games and music, all were enthusiastic over the prospect of frequent class gatherings. At the future socials it is the intention to present a series of farces.

Wisconsin is at work on a song book.

Corbell is to have a fine hydraulic laboratory.

Lehigh will soon build an athletic field house to cost \$4,000.

Indoor base ball is being agitated at the University of Minnesota.

The debaters of the University of California against Leland Stanford have been chosen.

The board of control at the University of Minnesota met last week and discussed the new foot ball rules, and with the exception of a few rules, expressed a favorable opinion.

The third International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement will be held Feb. 23-27, at Cleveland, Ohio. These conventions have become famous as the largest and most powerful student gatherings of the world.

The University Athletic Club of New York City has been urged to call a meeting of the revision committee, composed of Dashiell, Sears, Camp, Bell, Moffatt and Dennis, in order that the present foot ball rules may be so amended as to eliminate all mass plays from the game.

A plan for a basket ball tournament is being undertaken at the University of Minnesota. The idea is to arrange a schedule of games among four teams—class teams—to play weekly or semi-weekly among themselves for the championship. Perhaps a cup may be donated—to be kept in the institution and contested for annually by the class teams. The objects are to develop material for the regular team, to furnish recreation and class spirit in a lively game, and to foster the game in that institution.

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