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THE FACULTY OB DURATE.

THERE IS NO BALM IN GILEAD.

At the regular Faculty meeting, Friday afternoon, the suspension of the Sophomores was reconsidered. In the hope of somewhat influencing the first decision of that body, there was presented to it, at yesterday's meeting, the resolutions passed by a mass meeting of nearly one thousand students, a forty-five foot petition, containing 745 student signatures, and the special petition of the Freshmen.

The effect and result of all this activity is epitomized in the following resolution, passed by the Faculty:

"Resolved, that the several petitioners be informed that their respectful representations have received the most careful consideration. The Faculty feels compelled, however, in the interests of discipline, and in spite of a strong feeling of personal sympathy for those who are undergoing punishment, and for their friends, not to reduce the period of suspension."

Zetagathian.

The program in Zet Hall last evening was one of the best given this year. It was interesting from the start to the final number, each participant holding the attention of his hearers in a manner that is attained only by skill and careful preparation.

Professor Edwards opened the program with one of his best piano selections.

A declamation by W. C. Frank was the first literary number. To say that Mr. Frank did well is putting it mildly. His ease and elegance of delivery made the number very pleasing.

J. W. Ham followed with a speech on the subject "Thought." The title was very appropriate, as the speech contained much of the subject matter and also was clothed in splendid language.

The debate, as usual in South Hall, was one of the best features of the program. The question was: "Resolved, that immigration should be further restricted by law." The question was affirmed by J. F. Ogden and P. J. Klinker, denied by H. N. Wright and M. O. Lorenz. Messrs. Ogden and Lorenz deserve special mention for their splendid speeches. Mr. Klinker spoke in a very forcible and convincing manner. Mr. Wright presented his chart to good advantage, and made a commendable appearance.

The oration by Mr. R. G. Anderson on the subject "The Philosophy of History," was an excellent number.

Irving.

Although a strong wind and storm awaited everyone who ventured out last evening, Irving Hall had its usual good sized audience.

Mrs. Denenny opened the program with a vocal solo.

J. W. Miller declaimed a long and rather difficult selection, "Jack Hale's Boat Race," and showed himself equal to the occasion.

Mr. Cass followed with a speech on "Greater New York," tracing the history of its municipal control.

The debate was on the question: "Resolved, that church property should be taxed in the U. S." Affirmed by Messrs. A. McReynolds and J. W. Dickinson; denied by H. B. Noiland and R. J. Smith. It can be said that the debate was spirited and the arguments were logically presented throughout.

Following the debate, F. A. Williams declaimed in a suitable manner, "Asleep at the Switch."

The last literary number on the program was an oration by J. M. Brockway on the subject, "Influence of Puritanism." The oration showed thoughtful preparation, and was well delivered. This was Mr. Brockway's first appearance in Irving Hall, and he proved that Irving made a good selection in him. This was also Mr. Dickinson's first appearance on an Irving program, and Irving can truly be congratulated in obtaining him as a member.

Prof. Edwards closed the program with a piano solo.

The debate was decided two in favor of the affirmative.

Northwestern's View on the Rules.

Because the students of Northwestern University have been asked to make all comments upon the new code of foot ball rules which Professor Stagg's committee has issued, in writing to Professor J. Scott Clark, the impression has gained currency that Northwestern will join with Wisconsin in opposing the changes. Professor Clark was the Northwestern representative in the conference which created the committee. He will not issue an opinion based upon his own observations until he has received the comment of all the foot ball followers of Northwestern who are now prospective 'varsity players, or who have been in the past the representatives of the purple upon the gridiron. He may get some suggestions that will be of great value at the meeting of the Northwestern committee on the regulation of athletic sports, which occurs next month to finally act upon the report of the revision committee. Ex-Captain Van Doozer, of Evanston, has expressed himself as opposed to the rules. Captain Hunter thinks that, with the exception of the change in scoring rules, the proposed rules are not what he would like to see. There are said to be others of the same opinion. The probable adoption of the rules committee's report, therefore, appears at present to be doubtful in the big seven. Chicago, Illinois and Purdue are said to be in favor of the report without equivocation. Michigan, Wisconsin, possibly Northwestern and Minnesota, may be placed in the position where they can prevent the adoption of the rules.

Nomination.

We the undersigned members of the Athletic Union of the University of Iowa, place in nomination J. W. McKee, for the office of Treasurer of said Union for the next succeeding year.

A. J. MCGUIRE, and 14 others.

Brown and Dartmouth have arranged for a competition debate to be held this spring.

Y. M. C. A. STATE CONVENTION.

AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM HAS BEEN PREPARED.

At the State Y. M. C. A. Convention, which is to be held at Marshalltown Feb. 17-20, the delegates are assured, by the mayor of that city, a most cordial welcome from the city Y. M. C. A., the churches and young people's societies of the city. Besides the speakers mentioned in the VIDETTE-REPORTER last week, the singing will be an inspiration. Two well-known quartettes will be present: the Harmony Male Quartette of Des Moines, W. S. Lacey, L. D. Carpenter, E. C. Stanley and G. B. Graves; and the Eastern Iowa Quartette, J. V. Conzett, Dubuque, J. B. Trowbridge, Manchester, Charles Brown, Cedar Rapids, and J. H. Fellingham, Iowa City.

Every Association is entitled to send twenty delegates from among its active members. Care should be taken in making up the delegation; men should be sent who will be a help to the convention and be able to bring back to their Associations the inspiration and instruction received. Each committee should have a representative present. Free entertainment will be provided for accredited delegates whose names are sent to F. B. Magee, Secretary Y. M. C. A., Marshalltown, by February 14th. The Western Passenger Association, which includes all the Iowa roads, has arranged a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip.

Factory Made Speeches.

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Psychological Experiments.

The psychological department of Columbia University has been conducting a series of physical and mental tests among the students of that institution, which are considered of great importance to the world, and are expected to furnish the foundation for a general movement throughout all the universities, colleges and schools of the country to determine the secrets of the physical and mental growth of students, to show just how much heredity and environment have to do with an individual and to ascertain the interrelation of traits. These tests have been made on about 200 students of Columbia by Professor James McKeen Cattell and his assistant, Dr. Livingston Farrand. The present Senior class of Columbia was examined in its Freshman year, and will be subject to a second examination before graduation to determine their physical and mental growth, and to ascertain whether they have succeeded or failed in removing certain deficiencies which they previously exhibited. The American Psychological Association has become deeply interested in these physical and mental tests of students. A committee has been appointed to draw up a series of tests which can be followed in schools and colleges.

A three weeks' hammer-throwing contest at Yale, designed to bring out new material for the intercollegiate games, was finished recently. S. B. Tutphin won with a throw of 119 feet, 4 1-2 inches.

Princeton has made overtures to Pennsylvania for a series of base ball games, but Pennsylvania before meeting its former rival again, will ask for a five years agreement for meetings in all branches of sport.

Dartmouth College's athletic managers are trying to arrange a new foot ball league to comprise Dartmouth, Brown and Cornell, to take the place of the present Dartmouth-Amherst-Williams league.

It is understood that the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard, Columbia, Cornell, Yale and probably Princeton will participate in the conference to be held at Brown before long for the purpose of forming a uniform basis for the regulation of college athletics in the east.

The Freshmen at the University of Pennsylvania have very much disturbed the Sophomores by a threat to adopt a class pipe, and it has been agreed to contest the right in a tug-of-war contest. There will be forty-seven men on each side, chosen from the highest averages in the physical strength tests. If the Freshmen win they may smoke their pipes and have a pipe two feet in length made and presented to the best athlete of the class.

Notice.

The regular annual election of officers for the Athletic Union will occur Wednesday evening, Feb. 16th. Nominations must be made as prescribed by the Constitution.

J. R. FRAILEY,
President Athletic Union.

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A University Press Bureau.

The recent flood of garbled reports
and misrepresentation regarding the
Cherry Sister episode and the Sopho-
more suspension, eloquently empha-
size the demand for the early intro-
duction of a Press Bureau under the
direct supervision and authority of
the University itself.

As matters now stand, the Univer-
sity is continually placed in a false
light by local press correspondents.
This happily is not true in every case,
but with probably one exception, the
local correspondents of the great jour-
nals of this region, have apparently
adopted a deliberate policy of sensa-
tional falsification. So long as any
University event can be written up in
the lurid light of spectacularism, no
attention whatever is paid by these
"journalists" so-called, to fact, or
truth. The receipt of fifty cents a
column for their valuable contribu-
tion to the world's knowledge, to such
mercenary and irresponsible hack-
writers, is of far greater importance
than the honor or welfare of Iowa
University. The results of permitting
such unwarranted reports to be sent
forth as University "news," has been
made manifest in the reports of the
two recent events above alluded to.
The effect of these reports, upon the
University, can also be easily appreci-
ated.

Just as long as University news is
allowed to be retailed in this manner,
this state of affairs will continue.
But there is no necessity for S. U. I.
to thus remain a victim of misrepresen-
tation; neither can it afford to do
so; The establishment of a Univer-
sity Press Bureau, in which Univer-
sity correspondents would work under

the authority of S. U. I. itself, would
at once obviate the whole difficulty.
Such an organization could easily be
effected if the Faculty would only
adopt measures to bring it into ex-
istence. Until some is taken in the
matter on the part of the Faculty,
however, the same old misrepresenta-
tion of University interests, will go
on, as usual.

That such a press association would
be invaluable to our interests cannot
be denied. Not only would such oc-
currences as we have recently experi-
enced, be correctly reported, but
every enterprise that could add to the
glory and well being of S. U. I. would
be made the most of. This at present,
with the one exception before men-
tioned, is not done.

It is indeed singular that some
press organization was not established
here years ago. Almost every univer-
sity and college in the country has
long ere now adopted this means of
publishing its news and events, and
in every instance it has been an un-
qualified success. Viewed either as a
means of promulgating facts, or as a
means of advertising the institution,
such a bureau is needed in Iowa Uni-
versity to-day. Its value and import-
ance can not be over-estimated. We
would respectfully suggest to the Fac-
ulty that any action upon their part
to institute some such press bureau in
S. U. I. would not only be appreciated
by every student and friend of the
University, but would be of inestimable
value to the institution's welfare
and prosperity.

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Hep special program to-night.
Mrs. Neff will spend Sunday at her home.

May Hartley has resumed her work in the University.

H. R. Mosnat, '99, is spending several days in Des Moines.

Mary Hearst, '98, was received into membership by Hesperian, Friday.

Ethel Perkins has missed her classed for several days on account of illness.

Edna Page, '00, has been confined to her home, this week, on account of illness.

Geo. W. Egan left for his home last night, to attend the wedding of his brother.

Nellie Chase, who has been visiting the University returned to her home, Thursday.

Alice Howard, '01, and Dorothy Schutze, '01, were initiated into Pi Beta Phi, this afternoon.

Miss Fuchs, M. '98, attended the dedication of the Unitarian church in Davenport, Tuesday and Wednesday.

F. E. Farwell, L. '96, now located at Waverly, was in the city, yesterday, while on his way to Washington, where he has an important case for trial.

The commencement address before the graduating class of the Medical department will be delivered by Hon. John P. Irish, collector of the port of San Francisco.

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Mrs. Schaeffer entertained at a luncheon party, Friday afternoon, in honor of Miss Bostwick, of Ithaca, N. Y.

The union meeting at Close Hall, Sunday, at 4 p. m., will be addressed by the State Secretary of the College Y M C A's, Mr. Ed Hearne.

A punching bag will soon find its place in the Close Hall gymnasium. Mr. W. T. Chantland, L. '94, has made a special contribution for the purchase of that article and several other gymnasium essentials.

The University hospital has received a donation of one hundred dollars for the purpose of fitting out a room, from Mrs. Helen J. Gifford, of Davenport, the room to be a memorial to the son of the donor, Waite Lowry Gifford.

The magnificent collection of Hawaiian Island ferns, contributed to the University herbarium by Dr. C. M. Hobby, has now been permanently arranged by Professor Shimek. It is one of the most complete and valuable collections of its sort in existence.

Last Thursday six of the gentlemen's friends of the University consummated the organization of the "S. U. I. Hellenic Whist League," and chose the following officers, to hold until next October: President, W. S. Ankeney; Vice-President, Ed. Kemp; Secretary, J. H. Fry; Treasurer, A. H. Sargeant.

The Inter-State Oratorical Contest will be held at Beloit, Wis., May 5. The officers of the Association for this year are: President, J. P. Hephrey, Iowa Wesleyan, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Vice-President, J. A. McCaw, Beloit, Beloit, Wis.; Secretary and Treasurer, S. E. Fisher, Eureka, Eureka, Ill. The Secretary of the Iowa State Association is Miss Julia Bousquett, of Pella, Ia.

The State contest of the Oratorical Association will be held at Indianola, Iowa, February 24. The eight orations to be delivered are as follows: "The Grim Chieftain," "Social Discontent: an Ogre of the 19th Century," "The Fifteenth Century," "The Hungarian Patriot," "As the Heart Panteth," "The Triumph of Democracy," "The Supremacy and Conservation of Personal Power," and "Webster and the Constitution."

The Yale relay team is in active training for the race against Harvard in the B. A. A. games this month.

Cadwalader, the big Yale foot ball player, has taken up pitching, and has shown considerable ability.

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