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NEW STATE LIBRARIAN.

JOHNSON BRIGHAM, EDITOR OF THE MIDLAND MONTHLY, APPOINTED.

The Cornell Daily Sun has the following account of its worthy alumnus: "Hon. Johnson Brigham, C. U. '92, has just been appointed State Librarian of Iowa. Mr. Brigham came here at the opening of the University when that famous group of men, among whom were James Russell Lowell, Andrew D. White, G. W. Curtis, Agassiz, and Theodore Dwight, were professors at Cornell.

He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. The special prize of fifty dollars offered by Goldwin Smith for the best historical essay, was won by Mr. Brigham, and as a special reward for talent displayed in the production, the professor presented him with a handsome edition of Motley's 'Dutch Republic.'

"Soon after his graduation, Mr. Brigham went to Iowa, where he became prominent in journalism and politics. He was chosen president of the State Republican League of Iowa, and offered the nomination for Congress, which he declined. In '92-'93 President Harrison appointed him consul at Aix-la-Chapelle. After the expiration of his term there he returned to Iowa and has since been editor of the Midland Monthly Magazine. He will enter on his new work as State Librarian, May 1, 1898."

Medical Department.

Dr. Middleton was in Des Moines Thursday.

We anticipate a trip to Independence soon.

Coover is busy taking pictures of Senior class.

Stover had his whiskers trimmed according to Gardner.

Very interesting class meetings are being held daily by the Seniors.

Dr. Rockwood completed his lectures on Toxicology, Thursday.

Dr. Eli Grimes, '89, will continue his studies in Europe next summer.

Dr. Day, '97, is enjoying the bliss of a honeymoon. He is located at Allison, Iowa.

Dr. Matson, '96, of Gilmore City, Ia., brought a patient to the surgical clinic, Thursday.

Hon. John P. Irish, of California, will deliver the Commencement address to the graduates of the Medical department.

The following resolutions were drawn up by the Senior class and signed by every student, and forwarded to Washington:

To Hon. Senators Gear and Allison, Washington, D. C.:

DEAR SIR.—We, the undersigned, members of the Senior class, Medical Department of the State University of Iowa, having been informed that there is now pending in Congress a bill called "A bill for the prevention of cruelty to animals in the District of Columbia," do hereby respectfully petition you to use your influence against the passage of the same, for the following reasons:

Firstly. Although we as medical men and students believe in the prevention of cruelty to animals, and that there is no class of men who will do more to accomplish that, and yet we believe that animal experimentation is absolutely necessary for the advancement and future progress of the science of medicine.

Secondly. Because the wonderful advancement made in the "Serum Therapy" is due to the use of animals for experimental work, and that the passage of the aforesaid bill will seriously check the progress of this work.

Thirdly, we believe that this bill is simply a forerunner of others of a similar nature which will eventually be introduced in the several state legislatures, and that such legislation would be detrimental to that noblest of all sciences, the science of medicine.

Philomathean.

A fair sized audience met in Philo Hall last evening, and listened to the following well-rendered program.

L. Hensen opened the program with a well-rendered declamation, "The Position of Calhoun." This was followed by an oration, "America," by J. A. Fesenbeck. Mr. Fesenbeck is one of the Society's new members, and promises to become a good speaker.

Next was the debate: "Resolved, that cabinet ministers should have seats in Congress." Affirmed by Fitz and Louis; denied by Yoube and Smith. The debate showed thorough and careful preparation, each speaker setting forth his argument in a clear and forcible manner. The negative won.

The speech by C. W. Soesbe entitled "Hannibal," was well prepared and rendered. Mr. Soesbe handled his subject well.

P. A. Bond then delivered an oration, "A Plague of Wealth." He showed how, at different periods of the world's history, plagues had swept over the country, affecting the people. At the present age the greed for money has come upon the people, causing them to do anything for wealth.

The program closed with a well rendered declamation by O. Brackett, "The Boys." Mr. Brackett showed his ability as a declaimer.

Ames to Lengthen School Year.

We understand that the house committee upon the State Agricultural College at Ames, has reported favorably upon a bill providing that the college year there be made to correspond with that of other institutions, September to June. The passage of such a bill would tend to remove a number of the difficulties hitherto arising in connection with the inter-collegiate athletic relations of Ames and other colleges of the state. It would remove the possibility of the long preliminary foot ball training which has in the past few years resulted in bringing their team to their best before any other team was in any kind of proper shape. This has made satisfactory schedules hard to arrange on both sides. From this one point of view in which other colleges are interested, such a change is desirable.—Scarlet and Black.

Notice to Athletic Union.

By reason of the fact that only two nominations have as yet been made for the several offices to be filled at coming election of officers called for Wednesday, Feb. 16th, as provided for by the Constitution, this election is thereby necessarily postponed, and will occur Saturday evening, February 26th, at 7 o'clock. At this meeting ALL officers of the Union for the school year 1898-'99, including the managers of the track and base ball teams, are to be elected. The Union is earnestly solicited to see that competition for these offices is aroused, as this is the only means possible to create and insure a healthy athletic spirit and sentiment in S. U. I. Nominations must be published in the University papers on or before Saturday, Feb. 19.

J. R. FRAILEY,
President Athletic Union.

Zetagathian.

The attendance at Zet last night was above the average. The program given was good throughout. The debate was spirited, and the orations and declamations were especially fine.

The program was as follows:
Declamation..... Frank Moore
"His Comrade."

Oration..... J. E. Springer
"Historic Ant."

Debate: "Resolved, that the United States should pass a law for the prevention of bribery." Affirmative, Frank Wells, C. C. Converse; negative, M. L. Kephart, C. F. Kellogg.

Oration..... F. S. Holsteen
"What of the Past."

The Forum.

The program last evening being in commemoration of the birth of the war-president, was limited almost entirely to him and the times in which he lived.

The opening number was an instrumental duet by Mrs. Parker Anderson and Miss Rigby, "The Charge of the Uhlans," one of Bohm's most characteristic compositions. The encore was responded to by "Lion de Ball," of Gillet.

The next number was "Lincoln's Journey from Philadelphia to Washington," by Miss Rigby, who made the subject very interesting. Her talk showed that she had done considerable reading in her preparation.

The debate was on the question: "Was the issuance of paper currency during the civil war expedient?" Affirmed by Messrs. Smith and Sargent; denied by Messrs. Derbin and Dilley.

The debate was characteristic of the society and the debaters, hence very argumentative.

Miss White's reading of "Old Ace" was one of the most appreciated numbers of the evening. Her delivery was exactly in keeping with the spirit of the piece. The audience, not content with the one selection, clamored for another. She very gracefully responded with a laughable little tale of the small boy, which thoroughly met the desires of her hearers.

Following Miss White, Mrs. Buss sang Abt's most charming composi-

tion, "Thy Heart is My Home." For this the audience showed appreciation by persistent applause, and received as encore a catchy and delicate love-ditty.

The last number of the evening was an oration, "Lincoln," by E. A. Maxwell. True oratory could not but well up in the bosom of a patriot when speaking of such a man, and Mr. Maxwell showed himself not only a patriot but also a personal admirer of Lincoln.

Irving.

A larger audience than usual attended the Irving program given in North Hall last evening.

"The Linen Duster" was the subject of an exceedingly humorous declamation delivered by H. F. Alden. The speaker did justice to the numerous comic situations.

Ben Swisher spoke entertainingly upon "The Stars and Stripes." The subject was treated in a forcible manner. The lack of due reverence for the flag was pointed out.

The debate was on the question: "Resolved, that in the colleges of the United States a student senate should be established for the maintenance of discipline."

The debate was unusually animated, the speakers being thoroughly infused with the subject. The affirmative spoke forcibly upon the need of student self-government, maintaining that in the light of the present, the proposed change is necessary for proper college spirit. The negative attacked the position of the affirmative on the line of practicability. They also endeavored to show that the system proposed would create dissensions in the student body. The question was affirmed by Messrs. Kingland and Louis; denied by Messrs. Peet and Remley.

The speech of Mr. Remley deserves special mention, being of a high order both from the view of delivery and solid argument.

J. W. Miller then declaimed "The Elopement." The declamation was exceedingly well rendered. The speaker portrayed the ridiculous situations with vivacity.

"The Nineteenth Century" was the subject of a finely composed oration delivered by J. M. Otto. Mr. Otto's delivery was well suited to the subject matter of the oration. The speaker is especially to be commended for his originality of thought. His composition was unique. The gentleman is certainly an orator of merit.

The program was closed by a vocal solo, rendered by Thos. Hershire.

The debate was decided three for the affirmative.

Senior Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Senior class at Close Hall, Tuesday, Feb. 15th, at 4:30 o'clock. Committees please be ready to report.

J. R. FRAILEY, Pres.

DePauw has maintained her previous enviable record by winning the 23d annual oratorical contest between Indiana colleges. Thomas W. Nadal, the winner, spoke on "The New Patriotism."

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And now will those papers and persons ordained to act as censors for the moral welfare of the American student kindly turn their attention to the Chicago Medics and Dents, and give Iowa a rest.

The Athletic Union Again.

The regular annual election of officers for the Athletic Union was to have occurred next Wednesday. At this meeting all the officers of this organization should have been elected. One week previous to the constitutional time of election, only two nominations had been made to fill six offices. The election by very force of circumstances was therefore postponed, as already announced by this paper.

One thing, however, is obvious, and that is an alarming lethargy on the part of the student body as regards athletics. In making this announcement we are perfectly aware that we are enunciating nothing that is new or original. For many long and weary months—nay, years,—the VIDETTE-REPORTER and the Quill alike, have been giving forth this same weary truth to the passing generations of students. The unwelcome fact itself has almost become an equally unwelcome tradition in Iowa University. Its age, therefore, lends to it somewhat an air of dignity and a claim to privilege.

But old as is the subject of the necessity of the activity of the student body in our athletic affairs, it was never so important as it is to-day. Every student who pretends to be representative, and to know anything about University affairs, is painfully aware of our present financial situation in athletics. Every such student

knows our needs, and every patriotic one has responded to them. Although not one-sixth of the student body belongs to the Athletic Union; still the membership is larger now than it ever has been in the past, and will, we hope, soon be larger still. The fault, then, is not in a degeneration of athletic spirit, but in the fact that it has never existed. Schools one-third the size of Iowa have three times its spirit, sentiment and activity when it comes to a question of athletics.

Disagreeable a truth as this is, it is not what now concerns us. By slow and painful degrees we have been builded up some athletic spirit. Let us not become "back-sliders" now. When a student joins the Athletic Union more is demanded of him than his dollar; his support, his interest, his enthusiasm and his activity in whatever concerns the welfare of his University, are all needed.

The election of Athletic Union officers is the very place for every student to manifest that interest and patriotism. Instead of two nominations for six offices there ought to be six nominations for every office. Here, as every place, the only way to create an interest is to create a competition; not merely to "fill" each office, but to make it worth the having by means of vigorous, energetic contention for it. In this we behold the survival of the fittest, and that is what we need to-day. That such will be the result, depends upon the student body and their action before and at the coming election.

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Judge Seeds will spend Sunday at
his home in Manchester.

The Hesperians held an informal re-
ception this afternoon in honor of
Miss Parker.

R. H. Munger, L. '96, was initiated
into the Phi Delta Phi last Wednes-
day.

The band is in need of a snare drum-
mer. Candidates will report to direc-
tor McClelland.

Professor A. N. Currier has been in
Des Moines the last few days. He re-
turns to-night.

Edith Sterling, '00, has been absent
from her classes for several days on
account of ill health.

Mrs. L. W. Andrews entertained a
few friends at a tea party Thursday
evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Chancellor and Mrs. McClain gave a
very enjoyable tea party, Thursday
evening, from 6 to 10 o'clock.

Miss Roberta Holmes entertained a
small number of Miss Bessie Parker's
old friends at her home, last evening.

"The Law of the Land," the subject
of the lecture to be given by Judge
Wade in the public library lecture
course, was delivered at Madison,
Wis., last year.

Superintendent Stevenson will deliv-
er an address before the Southeastern
Iowa Teachers' Association, at Ft.
Madison, March 31, April 1, 2. His
theme will be: "Teachers' Associa-
tions—What are Their Benefits? How
Can They be Improved?"

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Tracy, L. '99, has left school for the present, and will take a position in the B. C. R. & N.'s general offices at Cedar Rapids.

The Forum Society elected Messrs. Smith, Hackler and Piersol, last night, as the debating team to contest with Nebraska University.

The first number of the library lecture course will be on next Thursday evening; subject, "The Life and Death of a Tree," by Professor T. H. Macbride.

Hon. L. S. Coffin, of Fort Dodge, formerly railroad commissioner of Iowa, will address the men at Close Hall, Sunday. Come out and hear the "railroad man's friend."

Ethel Perkins, C '98, has been obliged to give up her University work by reason of ill health, and has returned to her home in Keosauqua. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery and return.

Frank Russell, now at Harvard, was recently elected to an associate editorship on The American Naturalist. This is the greatest publication of its kind in America, its editorial staff being composed of the ablest professors in Harvard, Yale, Johns Hopkins and other like institutions. Both Mr. Russell and S. U. I. are to be congratulated on this latest laurel bestowed upon our distinguished alumnus.

A Vassar Athlete.

Vassar College boasts of an athlete who bids fair to rival any Harvard or Yale representatives in her abilities. Miss Kowena Reed, of California, is only 19 years old, weighs 160 pounds, and is 5 feet 8 1/2 inches tall. She can ride, swim, fence, row, wheel, run and jump. She can handle Indian clubs and dumbbells, play foot ball and basket ball like a veteran, and is an expert on the trapeze. In the games at Vassar she broke the woman's record for a broad jump, clearing 13 feet 3 inches; won the 120-yard hurdle race and running high jump, doing 3 feet 8 inches. As she is only a Sophomore, her career has only just commenced.

Harvard has enrolled this year 131 Illinois students, while Yale has 111.

Pennsylvania has established 30 scholarships in the department of philosophy.

The Cornell fencing team defeated Pennsylvania at Ithaca by a total of 79 points to 76.

The Carlisle team cleared \$10,000 in the season's games, part of which will be used in the purchase of an athletic field.

The board of education in Minneapolis has announced the closing of all the public schools March 1, owing to lack of funds for their maintenance, with no legal right to borrow.—Ex.

The eighteenth annual report of the Carlisle Indian school shows an attendance of 762 Indians, 425 males and 337 females, representing 68 different tribes. During the year the boys saved, by different means, \$13,185 and the girls \$7,263.

Compulsory education is about to be established throughout European Russia, the minister of public instruction having devised a system which will be enforced as soon as the Czar approves it. This will doubtless be a great benefit to that country, as only eight per cent of her population of 130,000,000 can read and write.



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