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## "THAT BOY."

THE SUBJECT OF DR. VINCENT'S LECTURE THURSDAY EVENING.

The course of lectures for the present year closed Thursday evening with Dr. Vincent's lecture on "That Boy." Both Lecture Bureau and audience are to be congratulated; the one on having secured such a splendid termination to an excellent course, the other upon its good fortune and privilege of being permitted to enjoy and profit by the brilliant discourse of this famous divine.

Dr. Vincent himself needs no introduction to an American audience. For years he has stood for all that is best and highest in this country. The lecture was in every sense characteristic of the man. Speaking from a breadth of mind and catholicity of spirit that knew no hampering bounds or confines, inspired with a beautiful and all pervading love, he treated of the boy, not of any creed or class,—but just "that boy"—the average, ordinary, rollicking juvenile that abounds in every clime and every home. He that is the germ of the men of to-morrow, that springs into the farmer, the mechanic, the statesman and the saints of the days to come.

Beginning in the era of babyhood, the life history of every boy is, for a time, much the same. From out this sphere of holy mother-love, the real, genuine, bona fide boy ere long emerges. At least no one would ever suppose him to be a girl. It is the age of the boy terrible, of the infantile earthquake preeminent; an age of unmitigated frankness, when he loves to tell not only what he knows, but what all the family knows also.

Then comes the boy of twelve, and if a problem before, what is he now? But it is at this crucial point that the boy is the most lonely and friendless of mortals. He hardly has a friend outside his mother; he is too big for his father, too small for the girls. But it is just at this age that he is in most need of a firm but kindly authority, exercised always with a boundless love and sympathetic tenderness. He should be taught self control, reliance and independence. A sound and healthy morality should be instilled in him, and the home is the place for all this to be attained.

Then comes the last glimpse that we shall ever catch of "that boy"—the youth of sixteen. Now it is that he commences to brush and trim up; he now thinks he is a man; he even shaves, for he has faith in the invisible. He has opinions, deep-set and deliberate; he sings bass, because he can't help it. But all this, that may at times seem ludicrous, is but the real promise of the future man. It is now that the boy most needs a guidance and direction, that will give him reverence for the highest things of earth—parents and God.

Thus is the evolution in the life history of that boy traced—at once it is simple, fearful and wonderful. Throughout the whole, the course of his life can best be moulded by three forces—a regular and required attendance at the public service of his par-

ents, whatever that may be; a proper public school life, where the very best morally and intellectually is provided for him; finally and above all, he demands an ideal and beautiful home life. He should learn to look on home as the freest, happiest and best spot on earth. Upon whether the growth and development of "that boy" be thus guided or neglected, hangs the future, not of the boy alone but of the republic itself.

### Zetagathian.

The Freshman Special program, given in Zet Hall last evening, was extraordinarily good, and gave the Zets ample reason for being proud of their Freshmen.

The first number was a finely executed piano solo by Allen Burns.

The first literary number was the debate on the question: "Resolved, that if profit-sharing were universally adopted, it would benefit the laborer."

Mr. Frank opened the debate in a very deliberate and logical way, laying a very strong foundation for the affirmative.

Mr. Gow followed for the negative. He had a very convincing and pleasing manner, and showed good thought.

Mr. H. Downing continued for the affirmative, speaking with force and enthusiasm.

Mr. McCaffree opened next with a splendid speech. The gentleman debated with much force and showed careful preparation.

Mr. Wright, pleading for the affirmative, made a very pleasing and convincing speech.

Mr. Cook introduced a well-prepared chart, which he showed to much advantage. His speech was to the point and very effective.

Messrs. Frank and McCaffree were given three minutes each for closing speeches, which they improved to good advantage, doing themselves credit.

The debate was decided two for the negative.

Mr. Vandermast then gave a humorous declamation entitled "Let Her Rip," which was very entertaining.

The declamation by Mr. Morse, a "Tale of a Southern City," was well given and well received.

"Address of Sergeant Buzzfuz" was the title of a declamation by Mr. Kitterman in his usual pleasing manner.

Gny Ogle closed the program with a violin solo.

### Senior Notice.

There will be a meeting of the gentlemen of the Senior class at Close Hall, Tuesday, March 1st, at 4:30 sharp. Important business.

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### Notice.

On account of the Clay Clement entertainment, the next series of games of the Hellenic Whist League is postponed to Tuesday evening, March 1st, at Phi Delta Theta Halls. A business meeting is called for 4 o'clock, Monday afternoon, at Sigma Nu halls. Important business.

By Order Executive Committee.

Stanford is about to abolish its degree of Master of Arts.

## SENIOR SPEAKERS.

THE FACULTY SELECT COMMENCEMENT ORATORS.

At the Faculty meeting, yesterday, the following members of the Senior class were chosen to represent '98 as class speakers for commencement next June:

Ora H. Horine.  
Libbie Lodwick.  
Ruth Paxson.  
M. W. Williams.  
L. A. Swisher.  
J. R. Frailey.

### Irving.

An exceptionally large audience greeted the Freshmen last evening in North Hall.

Master Guy Ogle rendered a beautiful violin solo, and after the applause subsided, responded with "The Stars and Stripes."

The declamation "American Battle Flag," by Mr. Alden, deserves special commendation. The speaker forcibly declaimed the selection in a manner entirely in harmony with its spirit. The gentleman is certainly a forcible declaimer.

Fred S. Merriall then delivered a finely composed and thoughtful oration on "The dedication of the Grant Monument." The composition was especially fine. The orator promises to become one of Irving's most forcible speakers.

The debate was on the question: "Resolved, that the establishment of Postal Savings Banks in the United States would be desirable," and was exceedingly animated. The question was affirmed by Messrs. Remley, Mantz and Nolan; denied by Messrs. Body, Hanson and Holbrook. The speakers presented their arguments in a logical and forcible manner. The debate was well systemitized. Messrs. Nolan and Boddy especially deserve to be congratulated upon the ability displayed in their respective addresses.

Fred E. Drake's declamation, entitled "The Gladiator," was beyond criticism. It was the gentleman's initial appearance on Irving's floor. He is a declaimer of unusual merit, and bids fair to be among the strongest of Irving's declaimers.

Allen Byrnes then closed the program with a beautiful piano solo, which was thoroughly appreciated.

The debate was decided three in the negative.

### Foot Ball Rules Committee.

Representatives of the leading eastern colleges met last Saturday, at the University Club, New York, to revise the foot ball rules and to eliminate any objectionable features. Those present were: Walter Camp, Yale, chairman; Robert Wrenn, Harvard; Professor Denniss, Cornell; Paul Dashiell, Lehigh; John C. Bell, Pennsylvania. The committee were in session behind closed doors for several hours. A great deal of work is to be done and quite a number of meetings of the committee will be necessary, and it may be some time before the work of revision is made public.

The Western College Magazine says of the above committee: "The rules

committee of the eastern colleges have undertaken a revision of the foot ball rules for the purpose of eliminating mass play and of compelling a more open game. Every lover of the game wishes the committee success in this matter, but it will be impossible to devise any rules that will result in more open play, if the rules on tackling remain unchanged, unless some provision is made that will increase the amount of punting in the game. The public, in its demand of the open game of twelve years ago, loses sight of the fact that the rules and style of tackling have undergone a complete change in that time. When high tackling was in vogue an open style of game could be played, but the present low, hard tackling necessarily prevents all open play and compels the closest formation in order to protect the runner. It has always been the our idea that the most effective method for bringing about the open play, or at least for reducing mass plays and close scrimmages to a minimum, would be to make the ball a free ball on a punt. In other words, to allow all the players on the punters' side to be on side the instant the ball is kicked. Such a rule would compel end men to be more alert, full backs to be better kickers, and linemen to exert themselves more in both defensive and offensive playing."

### State Oratorical Contest.

The State Oratorical Contest occurred at Simpson College, Indianola, last Thursday evening. The contest was won by F. C. Aldinger, of Drake University, his oration being "Webster and the Constitution." Second place went to the oration "The Fifteenth Century," by J. L. Corley, of Grinnell, and third to "The Triumph of Democracy," by Chas. U. Pace, of Iowa Wesleyan. The other contestants and their orations in the order in which they were ranked were:

"The Grim Chieftain," by J. L. Ward, Upper Iowa University.

"The Supremacy and Conservation of Personal Power," by S. M. Holladay, of Simpson College.

"As the Hart Panteth," by Chas. C. Haworth, of Penn College.

"Social Discontent, the Ogre of the 19th Century," by Frank W. Spicer, of Coe College.

"The Hungarian Patriot," by Chas. H. Williams, of Lenox College.

### Political Science Club.

On last Tuesday evening the Political Science Club was entertained at the home of Professor Hayes. The paper of the evening was presented by Professor I. A. Loos, the president of the Club. Modern Socialism was the subject of Professor Loos' paper. This was an attempt to introduce the subject of scientific discussion. The leading writers on socialism were briefly reviewed, and their leading opinions and theories characterized. After the reading of the paper the subject was generally discussed by the members of the Club. In this after discussion an attempt was made to distinguish between socialism as an economic doctrine and socialism as a political theory. The Club was honored by the presence of Chief Justice Deemer.

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**Junior Prom.**

Although the custom of holding an  
annual Junior Prom. has been in  
vogue here but three years, it has al-  
ready become a fixed policy, and is  
looked forward to with increasing in-  
terest each year.

The members of the class of '99,  
profiting by the experiences of the  
past, are determined to eclipse all  
previous efforts and make this THE  
social event of the season. The com-  
mittee, of which Mr. White is chair-  
man, are already at work. Invita-  
tions will soon be issued, and the  
prom be held sometime during April.

It especially behooves the class of  
class of '99 to co-operate with the com-  
mittee in the matter of attendance  
themselves. If this is a Junior "hop"  
Juniors should attend; if not it will  
be different only in name from an  
ordinary ball.

**Lecture Bureau.**

On Thursday evening occurred the  
last number of the S. U. I. Lecture  
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committee of this season felt no small  
amount of timidity in arranging the  
course and attempting to both pacify  
the public and present a credit-  
able course. Suffice to say they have  
succeeded in every particular. In-  
stead of securing (?) speakers and leav-  
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allowing them to gather at the Opera  
House, and after they had exhausted  
their expectation in looking for a  
speaker, to finally return home. The  
lectures this year have all been of  
high merit, the concert a musical  
treat, and the management all that  
could be desired.

**Law Department.**

J. E. Trogden, '98, is attending  
the Kansas City Law School.

Chief Justice Deemer closed his  
week's lecture to the students of this  
department yesterday.

Bert Welty, '98, is not in school  
this term, as he is filling a position as  
clerk of one of the committees in the  
Legislature.

B. F. Anundsen, '98, and Attor-  
ney Hunt, '92, gave a dinner to a  
number of friends at the St. James  
Hotel, last Sunday.

Judge Kinne will arrive in the city  
Monday, and will commence a two  
weeks' lecture to the Juniors up-  
on "Domestic Relations," and the  
same length of time on "Taxation,"  
to the Seniors.

Judge E. P. Seeds, County Attorney  
C. M. Dutcher, '94, S. A. Coldren,  
'93, and W. M. Davis, '98, re-  
sponded fittingly to toasts at the  
Knights of Pythias anniversary ban-  
quet, held in Castle Hall Tuesday  
evening.

Hon. R. W. Terrill, '94, who lives  
at Manchester, where he has retired  
from active business life, is promi-  
nently mentioned by members of the  
G. A. R. as candidate for Department  
Commander of Iowa. Mr. Terrill was  
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**FACT AND RUMOR.**  
The band is in need of a piccolo player.

Miss Rogers, of Marshalltown, is visiting Miss Klopp, '00.

Richards, M. '01, made a short visit to West Branch this week.

Russell and Cox, both of '01, were elected into Irving last night.

Mr. Liffing, L. '98, has gone to Des Moines for an over Sunday visit.

W. B. Brush, '00, is enjoying a visit from his mother, of Ottumwa, Ia.

Miss May Morton, of Cedar Rapids, is visiting her niece, Miss Morton, '98.

The annual election of officers of the Y. M. C. A. will be held this evening.

Drake and Murphy, '01, were initiated into Irving Institute last night.

Miss Frances Codner, '99, is spending Sunday at her home at New London.

The Misses Safley are visiting at their home at Tipton, Ia., over Sunday.

Miss Jessie Popham, ex '99, of Williamsburg, Ia., is visiting friends in the city.

Miss Losey, ex-'99, of Parkersburg, Ia., is visiting her friend, Miss Balle, this week.

Geo. W. Egan delivered an address before the teacher's meeting at Big Grove, last evening.

Dr. J. G. Gilchrist received a visit from Dr. P. E. Triem, who is in town to inspect the Homeopathic hospital to-day.

The 15th annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the Homeopathic Medical department will be held March 29th.

C. A. Stutsman, ex-business manager of the VIDETTE-REPORTER, and C. W. Smith, both of Burlington, are visiting in the city.

Germania gave its first program on last Thursday evening. The society has been recently re-organized, and promises a flourishing existence in the future.

At Close Hall, Sunday, at 4 p. m., Professors Loos and Plum, and the other delegates, will report on the largest college men's convention ever held in Iowa.

The Zetagathian and Hesperian Societies will attend the Erodolphian program in a body this evening, and will hold a joint business meeting in the Zet hall afterward.

William L. Long, of Clay Center, Kansas, will represent Oberlin at the Northern Oratorical Contest. He won the annual Oberlin contest with an oration entitled "Under the Throne of the Czar."

Senator Harlan, of Mt. Pleasant, Professor Eastman, of Upper Iowa University, J. E. Merry, of Manchester, Ia., have been chosen as judges on delivery at the Oratorical Contest next Friday night.

The Zets elected the following gentlemen, last evening, as their representatives in the coming Freshman Contest: Debate, W. C. Frank and R. A. Cook. Orator, R. Downing. Declaimer, P. A. Kitterman. Max Lorenz was elected June Orator.

A course in gymnasium and Delsarte system work, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Committee of the University hospital, will be arranged in the near future. This course will be given by Miss Jennie Cottle, of the hospital, and will be given for the benefit of that institution.

Mr. Ganfield, a student of Cornell College, is visiting with Messrs. Maxwell and Hayes, of the Law department. Mr. Ganfield is one of the contestants on the preliminary debate with Grinnell, and is taking advantage of the opportunity to gather some material relative to the question from our library.

Mr. E. A. Spraker, custodian of the Dental department, was married to Miss Rinda Stauffer, at the Lutheran church, Thursday evening. The bride is a resident of this city, and has scores of friends to wish her life-long happiness. Rev. Dr. J. A. Wirt, of Des Moines, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Spraker will be at home at 220 S. Linn St., after March 10.


Chicago University has organized "Lincoln House" for the benefit of students who live in the city and have no rooms to set, study or eat in.

The Princeton base ball management has engaged three coaches for this season: Jayne, last year's pitcher; ex-captain Bradley, and William Clarke, catcher on the Baltimore nine.

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