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"THOMAS JEFFERSON."

DANA C. JOHNSON'S INTERESTING LECTURE.

The inclement weather of Monday evening was certainly a great misfortune to the people of Iowa City, since it was the cause of only a small audience being present at Close Hall to hear Mr. Dana C. Johnson in his lecture, "Thomas Jefferson." Every one who heard it pronounced it a rare treat, the only regret being that more could not avail themselves of the opportunity.

After a beautiful comparison of that imposing figure, the Washington monument, and more lasting in influence, Virginia University, the latter founded by Jefferson, the speaker briefly recounted the life of his subject, showing the importance of his early home training, his great success as a lawyer, member of the Continental Congress, Governor of Virginia, minister to France, secretary of state, and President of the United States.

He did not represent Jefferson as faultless, but his sterling character was shown by his devotion to his family and his ability, by the fact that, in its formative period, he did as much for his country as any other man.

The entire lecture was interspersed with a very pleasing humor, which heightened the effect very much. Jefferson's love affair, the great barrier to his chosen study—law—was very wittily told. The speaker next passing to a contrast between the Congress of to-day and the Continental Congress, pointed to Jefferson among the celebrities of the latter as just the man to write the Declaration of Independence.

Jefferson's greatness might be expressed by his epitaph written by himself: "Author of the Declaration of American Independence, of the Statute of Virginia for religious freedom, and father of the University of Virginia," but most fittingly by "A True American."

Communication.

EDITOR VIDETTE-REPORTER:

For what purpose do we have a library at the State University of Iowa? Is it for the accommodation of the student body in general or is it simply an annex to the Athletic Association? If the library is to be closed every time there is a performance upon the gridiron, it is simply an acknowledgment that athletic contests are of greater importance than are other contests.

We prize the loyalty of all who attend our foot ball games, but there are other interests at stake. Why should the doors of the library be closed against those who cannot or do not care to attend foot ball games? The dozens of students who sought admittance to the library Friday afternoon is argument sufficient to prove that there are those who are endeavoring to do honest library work, and who were compelled to throw away the afternoon and evening just because they could not gain access to the books they wanted.

Enthusiasm for athletics is to be commended, but enthusiasm for ath-

letics should not be carried to the extreme of conflicting with other interests.

There are contestants in other lines, upon whose success or defeat depends the reputation of the University, as much, at least, as does the outcome of a foot ball game. Let all contestants have an equal show. (Signed).

HALF A DOZEN DISAPPOINTED STUDENTS.

Irving.

An unusually large audience greeted Irving Institute in their hall last Friday evening, and the program rendered was full of interest. Each production was well delivered, and the debate showed that the participants had their question well in hand.

Owing to the absence of the musician the program was opened by Mr. Dickinson in a speech on "The Race Problem in the Southern States." The subject was one of current interest, and merited the attention of the audience.

The next number was a recitation, "When the Frost is on the Pumpkin," by Mr. Egan. This selection although somewhat old, bore well a rehearing at the hands of Mr. Egan.

The debate, which was on the question: "Resolved, that the United States should construct and operate the Nicaraguan Canal," was spirited and interesting throughout. The points were clearly and forcibly made, and the question was on the whole ably discussed.

Messrs. Drake and McReynolds affirmed, while Messrs. Cox and Hanson denied the question.

The audience next listened to a beautiful vocal solo by Miss Close.

The declamation by Mr. Swisher, "The Past Rises Before Me Like a Dream," was fair.

The oration on "The Development of America," by Mr. Stockwell, was the literary treat of the evening. Although Mr. Stockwell was suffering with a severe cold, which affected his delivery to some extent, the oration was on the whole one of the best efforts given in Irving hall for several months. Irving may well be proud of having enrolled a man of such ability among her numbers.

The program was closed by a piano solo by Professor Eduards, who responded to a hearty encore.

Philomathian.

L. A. Hunter opened the program with a well rendered declamation entitled "The Curse of Regulus." His appearance was certainly a credit to himself and the society.

Next on the program was a speech by A. L. Thorburn on "The Eloquence of Life." His production had a depth of thought worthy of an oration.

The debate, "Resolved, that labor organizations have been a benefit to laboring man," was affirmed by F. M. Baker and E. E. Blythe, and denied by Otto Brackett and Jay Smith.

The last number was a declamation by C. W. Soesbe, entitled "Cassius Against Caesar." Mr. Soesbe made an excellent appearance, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed his rendition.

The program as a whole was very good, and shows individual improvement.

BACONIAN.

A PAPER OF UNUSUAL INTEREST BY PROFESSOR MACBRIDE.

The audience at Baconian Friday night completely filled the physics lecture room and adjacent hallway. Professor T. H. Macbride delivered the paper of the evening upon the topic, "What is an Animal?" Illustrations were afforded by numerous charts, and drawings in colors upon the blackboard.

Professor Macbride began with a discussion of the slime moulds (Myxomycetes). Their position in the organic world has long been a matter of dispute among naturalists. De Bary considers them as neither animals nor plants, Parker and others as protozoans.

Plants and animals have been considered by men from the earliest times, as distinct. Distinctions were made long before any reasons for them were given. Linaeus was first to consider the matter distinctly. His distinction was purely physiological; animals feel, plants do not. But it is patent to students now that plants feel. Consequently the definition of the famous Swede is of no use. Another definition is based on the assumption that animals alone have free cells, but free cells are also found in certain plants.

Huxley advanced the definition most commonly accepted, one, probably, which he found in some old German text. It is also physiological, and based on the character of food. Animals are independent organisms, incapable of assimilating inorganic food; plants are independent organisms, capable of assimilating inorganic food. But this definition leaves out the whole world of fungi, and of parasites, plants which have lost their independence. It is good in its way, but useless when put in practice. It is not in harmony with nature, with genetic relationships. The clue may be found in Biogenesis. There is a true division when we show that organisms are genetically bound together.

Every organism originates in a single cell, and becomes gradually more complex by cell division, or segmentation.

It is generally recognized that all animals find their union in the gastrula stage—that all animal types have diverged from this one sac-like ancestral form. But the gastral cavity in Paramoecium, whatever an analogy it may have, has no homology with the gastral sac in the higher animals. On the contrary, it has a well defined homology with the cavities of some plants.

That there is such a thing as a science of biology, may fairly be questioned. The zoologist and the botanist each pursues the study of his own group of life forms.

No final definition of animal can be formulated until everything is known of outogeny, and that time will never come.

Professor Calvin delivered a lecture at Clinton, last Friday evening, in the interests of University Extension.

Forum.

The program Friday evening was opened with a German dialect declamation, "Jacob's Lament," by Mr. Erickson. It was a humorous selection, and was wittily rendered.

Mr. Mattison read a poem descriptive of the Morgan raiders in the civil war.

Next on the program was a piano duet, "The Minstrel Serenade," by Mrs. Anderson and Miss Lenz, which thoroughly deserved the hearty applause it elicited.

The discussion as to whether a political union between this country and Canada is desirable, was affirmed by Messrs. Bittle and Holly, and denied by Messrs. Dilley and G. M. Wilson.

The speakers all showed a thorough acquaintance with the subject, and are to be commended on speaking almost entirely without notes. Mr. Wilson's initial appearance in the Forum bids well for the future. The debate was decided in the affirmative.

In his usual pleasing and finished style, Mr. Tallman gave two readings, "Was Marriage a Failure," and "My Ships." He was compelled to respond to an encore.

The exercises closed with another piano duet.

It was an excellent program, setting a high standard for Forum's workers this year.

Professional Women's League.

The ladies of the professional departments of the University met Saturday, Nov. 19th, for the purpose of forming a league. The number of women in the various professional departments is twenty-seven. Of this number twenty were present in the ladies parlor at Close Hall, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Neff, M. '00, called the meeting to order, and Miss Harrison, L. '00, was chosen to preside over the meeting, and Miss Fisher, M. '01, appointed Secretary.

Miss Hurd, a graduate from the Pharmaceutical department at Ann Arbor, explained the workings of a league of this kind at that University, and was enthusiastic in her prediction of what it might do at S. U. I. After this each one present gave her opinion as to the purpose of the league, and it was the consensus of opinion that the league should undertake the development of general interest among its members, and further, to make the league felt as a force in the University whenever the interests of women are concerned.

There are to be five meetings each year, each department conducting one meeting during the year, and such department will be allowed the liberty to make their evening either social or literary, or partly both.

Lady instructors in the professional departments, wives of the professors of the professional department, alumnae of the league, and professional women residing in Iowa City, are to be made honorary members, and an advisory board is to be chosen from their number.

The temporary officers elected are as follows: President, Mrs. Parker Anderson, L. '99; Vice-President, Miss Howe, M. '00; Secretary, Miss Safford, D. '00; Treasurer, Mrs. Carroll, P. '00.

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The VIDETTE-REPORTER will not be issued on Thursday or Saturday, owing to the Thanksgiving vacation.

The patriotism of the tennis court party at Friday's foot ball game, cannot be too highly commended. The enthusiastic enjoyment manifested by these patriots is certainly a most delicate tribute to those who help to pay for the games by the perhaps rather commonplace method of rendering toll at the gate.

We wish once more to state that the editors will not hold themselves responsible for the opinions, suggestions or complaints set forth in communications. We hope to give everyone an opportunity to air his grievances, whether they accord with the ideas of the editors or not. Anonymous communications are never published, however.

To the Student.

Dear Student.—As you repeat your former misstatements as to the cancellation of the I. S. C.-S. U. I game—misstatements undoubtedly due to misinformation—the VIDETTE-REPORTER and foot ball management earnestly request you to examine the correspondence that passed between the I. S. C. and the S. U. I. managers. Such an examination would be of benefit not only by giving you a personal knowledge of current affairs, but would also enable you to give the public a little correct information on the matter. Veracity is a rather important element of editorial writing.

Hoping that these few lines will be received with the same friendly spirit in which they are written, we remain,
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Foot Ball Election.

In the election of a captain for our '99 foot ball team, it is not improb-

able that a new custom may be inaugurated this year. Hitherto the new captain has been elected after the return home from the Thanksgiving game. It may be that this year the Iowa eleven will adopt the custom followed by eastern teams, and elect their new captain at Council Bluffs, immediately after the game.

Two men are spoken of as probable candidates—Eby and Griffith. Both are strong players, and have done good service for Iowa in some of our severest contests.

Griffith's first appearance on the S. U. I. team was at quarter, on Oct. 11th of last year, in a game with the second eleven. On Nov. 6th, Eby first appeared at right end in our game with Ames, and during the remainder of last season each held his position, each playing a good, clean, snappy game. Eby's first appearance this year was in the Rush game, at left end, and in the Grinnell and Simpson games he played tackle. In the latter he played a remarkably strong, energetic game, making gain after gain for our team. Griffith has played in every game this year, and since coming from the high school team two years ago, he has developed into truly a wonderful quarterback. His quick, snappy passes, and successful tackling of men twice his weight, have been features of every game in which he has played.

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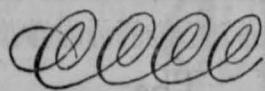
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FACT AND RUMOR.

M. L. Curtis will be in school next
term.

The Seniors held a meeting this af-
ternoon.

Miss Edith Smith, of West Liberty,
spent Saturday with Miss Heath, '00.

The Iowa Wesleyan takes occasion
to pat itself on the back—this time
over the excellence of its editorials.
This looks like an attempt to adver-
tise the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Some one carried off the two "hand"
signs at the barber shop of Jerry Col-
bert, on Iowa Avenue, Friday night.
It is presumed that they are now deco-
rating some student's room.

The Marengo high school foot ball
team will play the Iowa City high
school team, on Thanksgiving day, at
the Athletic Park. Both teams are
very strong and an exciting game is
expected. Game called at 2:30.

Thomas Fee has gone to Columbus,
Ohio, to attend the National Conven-
tion of the Phi Delta Theta frater-
nity. This is the largest college frater-
nity in the United States, and in
the convention will be many promi-
nent men.

H. L. Keefe and Miss Frances L.
Davis were married at noon to-day, at
Springdale, Ia., the home of the
bride's parents. Both were prominent
members of the class of '95; the groom
also graduated from the Law depart-
ment, class of '96, and was for two
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Quill. Mr. Keefe is now practicing
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A communication has been received from Minnesota asking if we would debate her this year. A meeting of the Debating League was held yesterday, and it was decided to continue the contests, provided that only undergraduates would represent the schools.

L. J. Kirkland, L. 97 of Vinton, is Republican county chairman of Benton county. He managed the recent campaign very successfully, every Republican on the ticket being elected. The Vinton Eagle, of last week, contained the following: "Mr. Kirkland is a young lawyer of marked ability, and is held in high respect by the bar and the citizens of Vinton and his home township, Polk, and he has a bright future before him."

Engineering Society.

The following program was presented at the Engineering Society Saturday:

Paper..... C. H. Beech
 "B., C. R. & N. Railroad Shops."
 After a discussion of the paper the following reports on periodicals were offered:
 "Concrete Facing on a Sandstone Bluff..... E. C. Bowman
 "Water Meters"..... F. T. Jensen

Communication.

If the men who took the umbrellas that did not belong to them, away from the rack at the Library, Monday afternoon, will return them to the same place, to be found by their owners, they will at one stroke do three things: Greatly accommodate several people who have need of such a thing as an umbrella; relieve their small souls of the burden of concealing the fact that they have umbrellas that do not belong to them, and greatly increase their chances of being given an easy berth when they come to take up their residence in the nether regions. All this they do, and at the same time relieve several persons from the necessity of believing that it is absolutely unsafe to leave any personal property exposed to depredation. A compliance in the near future is requested.

THE VICTIMS.

Notice.

The Faculty of the Collegiate department has granted the usual Thanksgiving holidays, covering Thursday and Fridays, Nov. 24th and 25th. The Library will be open as usual on Friday and Saturday. The meeting of the Faculty this week will occur on Wednesday, at 3:30 p. m.
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