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## Whitney Society.

The following are the papers read at the meetings of the Whitney Society during the fall term:

English as Taught in S. U. I.—Mr. Wauchpe.

Proceedings of Central Division of the Modern Language Association, Evanston, Dec., 1897—Mr. Wilson.

Did Germany Influence Romanticism in France? The Influence of Germany on Romanticism in France. (2 papers.)—Mr. Van Steenderen.

Latin Grammars and Purpose Clauses. Ann Arbor Classical Conference. (2 papers.)—Mr. Potter.

The Ancient and Modern Drama—Miss Call.

Influence of Shakespeare on Goethe—Mr. Schlenker.

A Forgotten Book (Condilla's Discussion of Art of Writing)—Mr. Reeves.

Florentine Art—Mr. Cook.

Latin Pronunciation—Miss Hughes. The Relations of Zacharias Werner with Goethe—Mr. Sturm.

Voluntary reports have been presented as follows:

Latin Division State Teacher's Association; Principles of Language Teaching; Phonetics in the Classroom; Printed Matter Circulated at Ann Arbor Classical Conference; Lane's New Latin Grammar—Mr. Potter.

Bacchylides, and MS. of his recently Found—Miss Call.

Method for Teaching the Subjective; Dutch Literature with Translation (Mr. Vaus's) of 1st act of Dekker's "School for Princes"; Brunetiere's New Manual of French Literature; Jouckbloev' History of Dutch Literature—Mr. Van Steenderen.

Interpretation of Part II of Faust; The Revival of the Roman Theatre at Orange, France—Mr. Schlenker.

Original Translation of Goethe's Opinion of Romanticism and Classicism; Tyroese Dialects; Gender of German "Weib"—Mr. Wilson.

Recent Presentation of Goethe's "Di. Aufgeregten"; Gender of German "See"—Mr. Sturm.

Cosmopolitan Magazine's Plan for an "International Language"—Miss Hughes.

"Adaptations" and "Parallelisms" as pointed out in the notes of edited texts, and letter of Tennyson in point—Mr. Kelley.

Touching these three points: Toller-Bosworth Anglo-Saxon Dictionary; Financial condition of the Journal of German Philology; Letters of Carlyle in Atlantic Monthly—Mr. Reeves.

Pronunciation of the German u-umlaut—Mr. Eastman.

## Iowa Academy of Sciences.

The thirteenth annual session of the Iowa Academy of Sciences will be held at Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 27-29. We have reason to congratulate ourselves upon the representation of the University in this Association, of which Professor T. H. Macbride is President.

Tuesday, Dec. 27th, at 8 p. m., President Macbride will give an address on "The Academy and the People."

Following are papers and dates of interest Wednesday:

"A New Method for the Quantitative Determination of the Water Present in Concentrated Sulphuric Acid," Dr. L. W. Andrews.

"Forest Trees of Adair County," and "Effect of Sleet Storm," J. E. Gow, C. '81.

"The Color of Deep Sea Animals," Prof. C. C. Nutting.

"The Distribution of Loess Fossils," Prof. Shimek.

"A Preliminary List of the Mosses of Iowa," T. E. Savage.

"The Iowa Liverworts," Professor Shimek.

"The Diatoms of Iowa," "A Fossil Deposit in Muscatine County, Iowa," P. C. Myers, C. '99.

"The Physical Basis of Nervous Activity," Prof. G. L. Houser.

Alumni and University students will be highly interested in these numbers, and should if possible attend this meeting.

## A Sudden Death.

A. J. McGuire, L. '98, was killed near Ladora, Iowa, yesterday morning, being struck by the fast mail while crossing the track in a buggy. The news comes as a shock to his many friends in the University and city.

## Zetagathian.

For the last meeting in the fall term the Zets presented a somewhat novel feature in a class declamatory contest, participated in by two representatives of each class. The program was as follows:

### Freshmen:

L. T. Tuttle..... "Selected."  
C. J. Eller.....

"When the Frost is on the Pumpkin"

### Sophomores:

C. O. Converse..... "Lochiel's Warning"  
W. F. Moore..... "A Trial."

### Juniors:

P. J. Klinker..... "The Swan Song"  
A. P. Speers..... "How Ruby Played."

### Seniors:

J. W. Ham..... "A Race With the Storm."  
Ira T. Hawk..... "Manford's Pavement."

The judges on the contest were Messrs. Kaye and Patterson, and Miss Bessie Parker. They decided that the Junior class had won, the Seniors second.

J. W. Ham received the highest individual marking, A. P. Speers, second, P. J. Klinker, third.

The interest taken in the contest was great: The audience filled the hall completely, and departed feeling that such contests as these should be made annual events.

While the decision of the judges was being collected, Mr. Patterson gave some pleasing remarks on student life in Germany.

## Senior Pins.

Extract from a letter just received by the Pin Committee: "Unfortunately, when striking up these pins, the die was crooked, which of course renders it useless, and we cannot make up another until after our holiday rush is over."

## Notice.

The Humorous Department of the Hawkeye requests all persons to hand in their jokes before the end of this term. Box found in Central building.

## Homoeopathic Medical Department.

Calkins, '99, missed several classes this week owing to illness.

Professor Gilchrist has finished his course of lectures on Fractures.

Dr. Becker gave the Seniors lectures on Antiseptics yesterday.

Wm. A. Hamilton, '99, has returned from Des Moines, where he spent a couple of days on business.

Professor Royal will not be present next week, but Dr. Triem will give lectures as usual next Wednesday.

Dr. Conner, '93, who is practicing at Fairfield, Ia., brought a patient to the eye and ear clinic, Tuesday, and spent a day visiting old friends.

Dr. R. E. Peck, after spending several days in Iowa City visiting friends, departed yesterday for his home in Davenport, where he is at present engaged in practice.

Wednesday evening the Johnson County Homoeopathic Medical Society met in the physical lecture room, where Professor Veblen entertained them with an interesting and highly instructive lecture on the Roentgen Ray. The lecture was accompanied by illustrations and practical demonstrations of the wonderful power of the new ray, and Professor Veblen certainly deserves much praise for his kindness in giving the society such a lecture.

The following is the program given by the Hahnemannian Society last night:

Music—Selected..... E. Carmichael  
Paper..... J. Coddington

Debate—"Resolved, that micro-organisms are the causes of all infectious diseases."

Affirmed by Messrs. Calkins and Schenk, and denied by Messrs. Blackstone and Rorabaugh.

Lecture..... E. A. Abbott  
"Patent Medicines."

## New Term's Officers.

The officers of the various literary societies, so far as elected for the winter term, are as follows:

Polygon—Pres., Ham; vice-pres., Fletcher; sec., Miss Peterson; treas., Beck.

Die Germania—Pres., Klinker; vice-pres., Garrett; sec., Miss Plock.

Erodelphian—Pres., Mabel Foster; vice-pres., Bertha Remley; rec. sec., Edith Cushing; sec., Ethel Chesterman.

Irving—Pres., McReynolds; vice-pres., Garrett; rec. sec., Kingland; cor. sec., McLaughlin.

Hammond Law—Pres., Korf; vice-pres., Miss Williams; rec. sec., Miss Hubbard; cor. sec., Johnson; treas., Henneger; sgt.-at-arms, Harrington.

Zetagathian—Pres., J. T. Ogden, vice-pres., Hawk; treas., McCabe; sec., McCaffrie; cor. sec., Williamson; sgts.-at-arms, Emry and Kinney.

Forum—Pres., Dilley; vice-pres., Erickson; treas., Bittle; rec. sec., Underwood; cor. sec., Walsh; critic, Lynch; censor, Sargent; sgt.-at-arms, McGee.

Hesperian—Pres., Libbie Howard; vice-pres., Mamie Polk; rec. sec., Clara Stewart; cor. sec., Anna Roberts; critic, Frances Codner.

Phlomatian—Pres., Edson; vice-pres., Smith; sec., Mueller.

## Irving.

Following was the program for last evening:

Vocal Solo..... Miss Bailey  
Speech..... H. M. McLaughlin

"The Polar Quest."

Declamation..... C. A. Garrett  
"Lafayette."

Debate—"Resolved, that the present jury system shall be maintained."  
Affirmative: Thos. Cassady, C. E. Holbrook.

Negative: A. G. Remley, J. W. Hospers.

Declamation..... G. W. Egan  
"Sherman's March."

Ortation..... L. A. Wells  
"Our Navy."

Vocal Solo..... Mr. Carpenter

The program given last night was mediocre. Mr. Wells appeared for the first time in a well-delivered oration.

The debate, upon a time-worn and rather uninteresting subject, was decided for the negative.

## Forum.

The visitors at Forum last evening were entertained by a very interesting program.

Mr. G. E. Patterson delivered a declamation in a clear and distinct manner.

A reading by Mr. Landmann, and a paper by Mr. McGee, were both interesting selections, and brought forth loud applause from the audience.

The debate was on the subject: "Resolved, that the United States should build and maintain the Nicaragua canal." The affirmative was ably supported by Messrs. Baker and Turner, and the negative upheld by Messrs. Walsh and Hebel. There was more than usual interest manifested in this debate, and each participant brought forth some very convincing arguments. The decision was in favor of the negative.

Mr. A. H. Sargent closed the program with an extemporaneous speech, which was not only instructive, but was delivered in a very fluent manner.

The Dramatic and Musical Association of Iowa City gave its first entertainment Wednesday evening at the opera house. "A Proposal Under Difficulties" and "Evening Dress," two farces, were given.

The Glee Club goes to Muscatine Monday, Dec. 26, where they give the first concert of the trip the same evening. A quartet from the Club will go down the preceding Saturday and sing at the Y. M. C. A. meeting.

The officers of the Whitney Society for the year 1899 were elected at the last meeting of the present year, held last Monday. Professor C. B. Wilson was chosen President, Mr. F. H. Potter, Secretary, and Professor Van Steenderen to the membership committee.

The Freshmen, in class meeting Friday, decided to have their banquet on or about Jan. 17. A committee was appointed to make the necessary preparations. The following class yell was adopted: "Hobble, gobble, razzle dazzle, zip baum bub, Hawkeye! Hawkeye! ninety two."

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### The Matter of Advice.

The Dubuque Herald thinks that the State Teacher's Association and the Board of Control should tell the Regents whom to select for a President of the University. We would suggest that the State Dairy Commissioner be allowed a chance at the business. The plan is excellent. Let's have every one that wants to talk tell the Regents how to do the thing up just right. Perhaps the wardens of the penitentiaries may be induced to speak. That old hand at the business, the Ames Student, should certainly stick in a little "word of advice" at this juncture.

When the cloud of advice enveloping the powers that be shall have been cleared away by the final selection of "the man for the place," and the Regents are seen still in business at the same old stand, everyone will feel so much better for having talked.

### Orators Take Notice.

Those contesting in oratory this year should bear in mind that the orations are to be handed in shortly after the holidays. Each writer ought, before that time, to acquaint himself with the constitution of our Association, and act strictly in accordance with its provisions. This applies especially to men who are writing here for the first time, for in oratory, as in all other things, there is a certain amount of red tape required, and in order that one may have no advantage over another, a strict observation of the Constitution is enforced.

From present indications more enthusiasm is manifested in oratorical preparation this year than ever before. Some, realizing the fact that orations are not made in a day, have been at work for months. These are generally the ones who show up best.

Delay in a matter of this kind often means defeat.

### End of the Term.

With the delightful—since short—four days of examinations, the first term of the school year of 1898-9 comes to an end. The past thirteen weeks have made an eventful term. Scarcely had it opened its doors when the death of its President occurred. Time may find as fit a man to take his place,—we hope it may—but the memory of his eleven years of service for the institution will ever endear his name to the students, alumni, and friends of the University of Iowa.

The term has been on the whole a successful one. The fall-off in attendance, at the beginning of the year, from last year, has been remedied in part by the return of many of the volunteers from their posts of duty on the nation's picket line to the textbooks and classrooms they had left at the call to arms. The foundation of the new Collegiate building has been laid. The first steps being taken, the day when its ample accommodations shall be enjoyed by students and Faculty seems not far distant. The University library has received great additions to its shelves the past summer and fall until it has now about 35,000 volumes.

The past few months the University has been represented by a foot team that has been a credit to her. The games that were lost and won were fairly and honorably contested. The story of the 'Varsity team's struggles against the many obstacles and untoward circumstances that threatened its total disruption, of its work under Dr. Knipe for the discipline and team work, of the success that was finally theirs, beginning with the game with our old rival, Grinnell, and crowned by the defeat of Nebraska Thanksgiving day, reads as one of the stirring romances of athletic history. Athletic affairs have become more centralized. The VIDETTE-REPORTER has been pleased at the great interest taken in the athletic news in its columns. The interest in athletic matters is greater than ever before.

Hoping, that, with the coming of another year our next issue will find your New Year resolutions more elaborate than ever, the VIDETTE-REPORTER wishes its readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and withal, a pleasant vacation.

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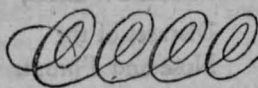
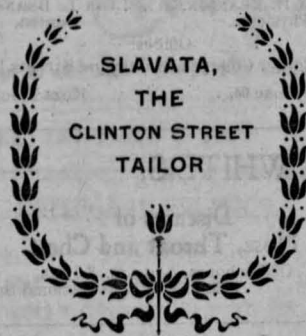
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FACT AND RUMOR.

There was no drill Friday. The Delts gave a party at their halls last night. The Pharmacy students have left for their homes. Fairall, C. '00, was initiated into Tau Delt last week. Mr. Dalby will not be in school next term. Rogers, C. '00, will spend Christmas with friends at Carroll. Morris, C. '99, is enjoying a visit from his mother and sister. Ivy Lane initiated Albert M. Currier, C. '02, Thursday evening. Scarlet and Black, in a recent issue, gives a cut of the Grinnell foot ball team. A. H. Meadows, M. '01, expects to spend his vacation with his sister in Des Moines. Two young ladies of Cornell College were guests of Mr. Hanley, L. '99, Friday morning. Pence, M. '98, now located at Laurel, Ia., brought a patient to the surgical clinic, Thursday. Maud Smith, '02, of West Liberty, will not be in school next term on account of ill health. A party of University students will give a dance in the old Beta hall next Wednesday evening. Professors Curtis and Edgerton, of Iowa College, attended the Iowa Stock Breeder's Convention. Professor Macbride's lecture on "Fungi" was much enjoyed by his class Thursday evening.

