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## WAGNER LADIES QUARTETTE.

TWO CONCERTS AT CLOSE HALL.

The annual Membership Rally of the Young Men's Christian Association was held on Saturday evening. A large number of invitations had been issued, and despite the unpleasant weather a large audience was present. The Hesperian program was begun at 8:30, to allow the members an opportunity of hearing the concert. The concert:

### PART I.

1. "Old Folks at Home,"..... arr. Dudley Buck  
Wagner Ladies Quartette.
2. "Come ye Disconsolate"..... Siegel  
Mandolin Solo—Mr. Eben H. Jayne.
3. Serenade..... Schubert  
Wagner Quartette.
4. "The Bandolero"..... Stuart  
Mr. Fred W. Bailey.
5. "Last Night"..... Kjerulf  
Wagner Quartette.
6. "Kamennoi-Ostrow"..... Rubenstein  
Piano Solo—Miss Mary Moon.

### PART II.

7. "Daddy"..... Behrend-Wiske  
Wagner Quartette.
8. "When Melindy Sings".....  
Paul Lawrence Dunbar  
Reading—Miss Bessie Parker.
9. "Legends"..... F. Mohring, Op. 5  
Wagner Quartette.
10. "The Whippoorwill".....  
Y. M. C. A. Quartette
11. "Iowa"..... Der Tannerbaum  
Wagner Quartette.

The Wagner Quartette captured the audience at their appearance, and after every number they were compelled to respond to an encore. The ladies are accomplished singers, and won the highest praise on every hand. That their efforts were appreciated was seen by the crowds that gathered to hear them at the Presbyterian church, Sunday morning, and at Close Hall in the afternoon.

The numbers by local talent were also well rendered and well received—there being just enough variety in the program to make it of the greatest interest.

The Union Meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. Sunday afternoon was attended by a crowded house, and the sacred concert was appreciated by the entire audience.

The program given was as follows:  
Voluntary..... E. L. Ahsford  
Mrs. Chas. S. Brown.

"Come Thou Almighty King".....  
Giardini  
Opening Hymn—Audience.

Invocation..... Rev. Dr. Bullock  
"Speed Away"..... arr. Woodbury  
Y. M. C. A. Chrous.

"Calvary"..... Wagner Ladies Quartette  
Scripture and Prayer.. Rev. Williams  
"The Pilgrim"..... Stephen Adams  
Tenor Solo—Mr. L. D. Carpenter.

"The Unseen Kingdom"..... Lane  
Soprano Solo—Miss Anna Close.  
"Lead Kindly Light"..... Dudley Buck  
Wagner Ladies Quartette.

"What are these who are Arrayed"  
..... O. B. Brown  
Contralto Solo—Mrs. Anna Bailey-  
Barth.

"Non a Ver"..... Luzzi

Cornet Solo—Mr. O. A. Kuck.  
"Over the River....."  
Wagner Ladies Quartette.  
Collection.  
"If I Were a Voice"..... Ruggles  
Y. M. C. A. Quartette.  
Announcements.  
"Blest be the Tie that Binds"..... Nageli  
Audience.  
Benediction.

Both entertainments were greatly enjoyed by both students and Faculty members, and the managers deserve credit for their efforts in arranging such successful entertainments.

## NEHEMIAH.

PROFESSOR WILCOX LECTURES AT  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

"Nehemiah, the Son of Heckaliah," was the subject of an interesting lecture by Professor W. C. Wilcox at the Congregational church, Sunday evening. Nehemiah lived and died 2,300 years ago. His words still live. Having no great ancestry, he says nothing of his ancestors. We know nothing of his descendants. He had no official position but that of captive cupbearer to a heathen king. He had no great gifts.

The book of Nehemiah is neither long nor short: it has no distinction of position, being neither first nor last; it has to poetry; it is not a book of great wisdom, of beautiful allegory, of interesting biography, of wonderful prophesy, nor is it a great book of law. At first glance we see no particular reason for reading the book.

But there are two reasons why we read it, because of what Nehemiah was, and because of what he did. He rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem; he was the last great leader of the Jews returning from captivity; he stopped the practice of usury and extortion; he did that which Ezra had tried but failed to do, enforced the Mosaic law, re-established temple worship, and stopped marriages with Gentiles.

These things he did by consultation with God and with himself; by setting an unceasing watch against enemies. He divided his servants into two groups, one to work, the other to fight. He kept the trumpeter by him, and at its sounding the people assembled. Nehemiah did not talk of himself, but built the wall of Jerusalem. He did not tell what he was going to do; he wrought. He was careful whom he took into his confidence. He stayed in Jerusalem twelve years, then returned, as he had promised, to captivity. Many a man has missed greatness by not dying soon enough.

Nehemiah worked on, heeding not the scoffers, the revilers, nor the weakness of some of his own workers. He was aided by his prayers. He used the rubbish in his building. The people had a mind to work. They were given good instruction, and read from the word of God distinctly. All wept when they heard the law, that they had not kept it.

Nehemiah the prophet was characterized by rare unselfishness, unusual self control, great patriotism, kind-heartedness, and common sense. Most significant of all, he communed always with God.

## IOWA CITY WINS.

CEDAR RAPIDS BASKET BALL TEAM  
DEFEATED BY Y. M. C. A.  
TEAM.

Last night, in the Cedar Rapids "gym," the Iowa City boys met and defeated the Cedar Rapids "Maroons" in a game of basket ball for the state championship of Iowa.

The game started about 8:45, and from the start it was evident that the Iowa City boys were by far the better players. The first score was made by Kydd from a foul, and this was quickly followed by a field goal by McLafferty. Freeman then made a goal for Iowa City, and Fay succeeded in netting two more points for Cedar Rapids by a pretty throw from field. The game continued for some time with neither side scoring, and the first half closed. Score, 6-2 in favor of the "Maroons."

The second half started even faster than the first, and not once during this half did the Cedar Rapids boys score a point. Bailey and Griffith both made a goal from field, and when time was called the score was a tie, 6-6.

In playing off the tie, both teams worked harder than ever, if possible. By a clever block, Iowa City got the ball, and with several lightning-like passes the ball was forwarded to Griffith, who, by a cool and deliberate throw, tossed the ball into the basket. Thus the game ended. Score, 8-6 in favor of Iowa City.

The line-up:

IOWA CITY.		CEDAR RAPIDS.
Freeman	r f	McLafferty
Jarvis	l f	Kydd
Chas. Bailey	c	Webber
Latta	l g	Ogilvie
Griffith	r g	Fay
Referee, Coffe. Umpires, Pettit and F. Bailey.		

## LOUIS KOSSUTH.

THE SUBJECT OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR SHIMEK'S LECTURE SUNDAY EVENING.

Assistant Professor Bohumil Shimek lectured at the Unitarian church, Sunday evening, on Louis Kossuth. The speaker said in part:

At the time of Louis Kossuth the continent of Asia was a scene of rebellion and bloodshed. Everywhere the weaker nations were oppressed by the stronger. This condition of suffering humanity appealed to the American people then as it does now; and it is in this that the perpetuity and stability of our government is assured.

To the American people, Kossuth was Hungary's hero, a patriot engaged to obtain the freedom of his country. So when he came to this country in 1851, to plead his country's cause, he was received as no other person had ever been received, Lafayette excepted. He was invited to Washington, and was everywhere banqueted and received with the highest honors. During his brief stay of six months he made over 300 speeches, which greatly

stirred up the sympathy of the American people for his struggling Hungary. Much of the sympathy placed in his cause was misplaced, for then, as now, the sympathy of our people went out to a barbarous people in a distant continent, who were not capable of governing themselves, and would not submit to civilized government; while they forgot the poor, suffering, down-trodden people at home.

The Austrians were models of modesty, but when they could seize upon a country they did so, and crushed out its individuality. Their motto was "divide and rule." They would stir up quarrels between small nations, and then, when they were exhausted, they would seize the reigns of government themselves.

This was the condition of Hungary in 1849 when Louis Kossuth, a man 47 years old, came to the front. Lam-burg had saved the government of Hungary, but it was again captured by the rulers of Austria.

In 1849 Hungary published her Declaration of Independence, which was dictated by Louis Kossuth. He was a lawyer, an educated and a very eloquent man. He was dictator of Hungary. He showed his skill in organizing armies, but he gave up too easily, and fled while there was still hope for his country.

One fact marred his brilliancy and stains his otherwise noble career. "He fought for Hungary alone." He did not have a sense of justice; it was not for freedom he fought, but rather for license to rule. He freely gave up Croesians, Romanians, Slaves and other peoples, to other governments, thinking that no people but the Magyers had any human instincts or rights of self-government. In this he was a tyrant. The Slaves looked to Austria as their deliverer; they were brothers of the Russians, but loved constitutional freedom above all other things. They took up the imperial government as the only preventative of extinction.

Kossuth treated the Slaves haughtily; outside of this his career until his election to the presidency of Hungary, was spotless. He raised armies and did all other things which fell to his duty, but he was weakened by his great responsibility. He gave up the cause of his country too soon, fleeing to Turkey, leaving his country and followers to their fate. The reign of terror followed. Thus ended the career of Louis Kossuth in the Hungarian revolution. He remained under the protection of the Turkish government for some time, and then made a tour of Europe and America, finally settling in Italy, where he died in 1894.

He was a man of genius and power. The cause of his failure was not in his superior opponents, but in the disunion of his companions and his weakening in the critical moment; in his inability to comprehend that the Slaves had feelings of right, and a desire for liberty and freedom. They fought for liberty and freedom, while he fought for license to rule. He also did not carry out the golden rule. It has been said of him that he was the pleader of his country, not its hero.

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### His Maiden Effort.

The newly-elected Editor-in-Chief of our worthy contemporary has assumed control of the editorial columns with a pugnacious gusto that indicates a "mud slinging" propensity much to be deplored in a University journal. We regret the necessity of taking cognizance of the article at all, and should not do so were it not so manifest that it was written for political purposes. In an editorial upon plagiarism, he says: "We are sorry the VIDETTE-REPORTER FOUND IT NECESSARY to make publication thereof." What called forth the above, we know not. If it were merely a bravish desire to show the world his newly acquired authority, we would gladly allow the gentleman to enjoy, undisturbed, his *purile coup d'etat*. If it were an attempt to dictate to the VIDETTE-REPORTER the tenor of its editorials, we hasten to say that advice is not asked of the Quill.

"What private griefs they have, alas! I know not, That made them do it."

We would respectfully ask that the phrase, "found it necessary to make publication thereof," be elucidated in the next issue of the self-styled "Official Organ of the University." In the article referred to we mentioned no names, we made no charges, we accused no one, we did not reflect upon the action of any contestant, officer or person connected with the affair. In what respect have we offended any one, or over-stepped the bounds of journalistic license?

Is the Quill sorry because we said plagiarism was a grave charge? Is it "sorry" because we approved of the only method by which the accused could be exonerated in the eyes of the students and Faculty? Or is it grieving because we expressed the hope that the gentleman would be found

not guilty? If it is "sorry" the matter arose, we join in the lamentation, but because the whole affair is to be regretted, it does not follow that it is an improper subject for editorial comment.

As we again read the editorial we find no statement that we would retract. We held then, and we hold now, that when a man is accused of any offence he should be given a fair trial. If any person were guilty of plagiarism he should be punished; if he were falsely accused, it is only justice to himself, to his friends and the school, that the "proper tribunal" should declare him innocent. It was this that we advocated. It was this that was done.

### Notice.

The track team will meet at 2:30 p. m., daily, at the gymnasium, for practice.

### Hammond Law Senate.

The program at the Senate last Friday night was of exceptional merit, the especial features being the musical selections by Mrs. Baker and Miss Donahoe.

The debate was vigorous and spirited on the part of the affirmative, but the negative convinced the Senate by its argument, and won the decision.

The following program was rendered:

- Vocal Solo ..... Mrs. Baker
- Declamation ..... Sen. Scully
- Reading ..... Sen. Watters
- Extempo .....
- Debate—"Be it enacted by Hammond Law Senate that further foreign immigration be restricted."
- Affirmed by Senators Miskimmons and McCormick.
- Denied by Senators Cray and Borman.
- Oration ..... Sen. Smith
- Instrumental Solo ..... Miss Donahoe
- Critic ..... Sen. Williams

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The Collegiate class of '99 has again asserted its supremacy in defeating the hitherto invincible High School basket ball team, last Saturday afternoon, to the tune of 18 to 8. The Medics defeated the Laws 20 to 11.

The Superior Court of S. U. I. held a session Saturday evening. The case of Mrs. Forncrook vs. Muller was heard. Muller was charged with stealing a cat. The defense was that Mrs. Forncrook had the cat killed and then charged Muller with stealing it. The plaintiff asked \$10 for the cat, and \$20 exemplary damages. The jury brought in a verdict for the defendant. Moothart was on the bench. Smith and Erickson were attorneys for the plaintiff, Allen and Blackburn attorneys for defendant.

**Baconian.**

A large and appreciative audience greeted Professor Calvin, who spoke on "Geological Walks About Iowa City." The subject was unusually interesting to the average listener, on account of its freedom from the technicalities which usually characterize the papers read before this society.

The audience was taken back to the most remote times, and lead step by step through the ages to the present time. The scene of each age was laid in the vicinity of Iowa City. Mention was made of the fossils and other traces, which characterize each age, that are to be found near this city.

After this portion of our continent had been buried several times by the sea, and with each flooding a consequent new layer of sediment; after countless years of upheavals and sinkings, a vast ice sheet covered this part of the continent. This ice passing away left a level country covered with a layer of drift. Then the second drift, the Kansan, covered this continent, leveling up old river valleys and hills. After that glacier passed away, a period of time, at least fifty times as long as the period since our last glacial epoch, took place, before the next glacier came. This was accounted for by the fact that deep erosions had taken place. Instead of level plains, there were high hills and deep precipitous valleys.

The next glacial drift, the Iowan, did not quite reach the site of Iowa City. At the same time the old Kansan drift area was covered by a fine clay, called loess.

Then the age of mammals was passed through, and on revealing the age of man the confines of geology had been reached. The mound builders were among the first inhabitants here, and they left evidence of their presence principally north of town.

**Notice.**

Junior class sociable at Society halls to-morrow (Wednesday) evening. Every Junior is requested to be present. COMMITTEE.

Cornell and Grinnell will hold their inter-collegiate debate at Grinnell, March 17th.

Only eight orations were handed in for the preliminary oratorical contest at Northwestern.

Drake University was debarred from the State Oratorical Contest for violation of the inter-state constitution.

Scarlet and Black announces that preparations are now in progress at Grinnell College for a minstrel show for the benefit of the Athletic Union.

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