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COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

OUR PRESIDENT'S VIEWS ON THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT.

One of the serious dangers in our educational system is that we are apt to take a one-sided view of students. We are inclined to regard them merely as intellectual animals, to whom we are to supply proper mental food for their development. A broader view looks to the spiritual necessities, and would supply the means of moral development. But in these latter days we are coming more fully to recognize the composite nature of the material with which we deal, and that it is our duty to deal with the whole structure. To develop all the powers of a man is the only proper response to his structure, and the complete system of education must regard physical and moral, as well as intellectual development. Upon such a plane, therefore, would I put college athletics, as a distinct and very important part of our educational work, as a department which demands as careful and expert oversight as any other department of the college. We are coming more and more to think that the physical condition has very much to do with both intellectual and moral possibilities, and it is hard to understand why it is so often disregarded. Not many years ago the colleges endured or even frowned upon athletics, as something that "interfered with work," a view which has been very materially changed.

The purpose of college athletics is a serious one, and is not simply to furnish an outlet for youthful spirits. It may be well to indicate the essential feature for the development of this important department.

The first need is a competent physical director, as specially trained for his work as are the professors in other departments. It is just as absurd to turn students loose in the field to gather flowers and call it botanical culture, as to turn them loose on the play-ground or in the gymnasium and call it physical culture. Every student should be subjected to a physical examination and his work prescribed as rigidly as are his other college exercises. The developing of facilities should be made under the direction of the physical director, and the result would be something like symmetry rather than a haphazard collection of bric-a-brac. Of course a good gymnasium building is necessary, just as a laboratory, but it has little significance without a master in charge. It is needless to go into detail, for I know of no other scientific way of founding any department than to elect a professor and provide him with means for founding it.

I suppose, however, that the phrases "college athletics" suggests to the average reader games of football, or baseball, or other popular forms of athletic expression. These are but outgrowths that should come from a general physical culture, and under proper control are unsurpassed in their cultivation of college spirit, in their suppression of college pranks, in their encouragement of a vigorous, open-air life. The complaint is sometimes made that in "the height of the season" students think and talk of little else. A telling comparison was recently made by President Warfield of La Fayette College in describing the student-life of French and German universities, where the subject-matter of thought and action would make us regard the roughest American football field with its mob of howling students as a scene of charming simplicity and healthful innocence. Of course, brutality is not manhood, but every form of athletic sport that is becoming to gentlemen should be encouraged among college students. The danger connected with the most popular forms of athletic contests is that they may absorb all the interest and attention, and so practically destroy general athletics. This is hard to control when left solely to the impulses of students, and usually can only be effectively controlled by a competent physical director who has the general good in view.

In closing, I wish to say that in these days of co-education no arrangement for physical culture is complete without suitable provision for the young ladies. In the very nature of things, the young men of a college will do much in a physical way, even if no technical provision is made, but the young ladies are handicapped. No class needs more careful provision for physical culture than our girls, for they are none so much neglected in this particular, none to whom it would be of greater service.

John M. Coulter.

Field Day in Lake Forest.

Lake Forest University rightly recognizes but few holidays, and it is fitting that the one holiday granted to the "physical man" should be devoted to track athletics, which allows of the greatest variety of athletes, thus making the day's amusement the most democratic possible. The time for the holiday is about three months distant, but if we are to improve on our former celebrations, of which there have been three or possibly four, it is high time that we began our considerations.

The table given below is not to make a show of our good or poor work but as an object lesson. Lake Forest needs several of those lessons if they will in any way show her that she is not actually progressive in every step, that she has yet a few rough edges which would be far better out of the way.
One of our marks of backwardness lies in our undervaluation of track athletics. The truth of this statement is shown by the records, the number of field-days, the lack of a running track and various pieces of apparatus necessary for good field work. And it may be accounted for in one or two ways, complimentary or uncomplimentary to ourselves. We may account for the statement in the first way by saying that in track athletics the incentives are selfish, the strife being more between individuals than colleges. We being few in numbers, studiously inclined, and generous to a fault, put all of our energies on one part of our athletics, foot-ball, where individualism is most lost sight of and the college or university idea has the ascendancy. In the second way—uncomplimentary to ourselves—we will account for our undervaluation of track athletics, First, by our ignorance of them in regard to training; second, by our belief, founded on a wrong basis, that track athletics are only for track athletes, i.e., those who have taken part in contests, and third, by reason of the lack of that excitement which is found in a game played by more than one or two.

All cannot play foot-ball, a good many more are not base-ball players, gymnasium work is irksome and not so invigorating also. Hence we claim for track athletics a place, equal to that held by foot-ball and base-ball, in the minds and hearts of students, alumni, faculty, trustees and friends of the University. And to this end we would urge immediate and careful steps toward a levelling of the athletic field and the addition of a cinder running track about it. Let us hope that our late determination to make our athletics pay and not to have to beg support from friends is an advance which will not hinder us from having a better equipped athletic field, which means ultimately, better field days.

ATHLETICS.

There are cranks everywhere, even Massachusetts has them. Last week a member of the Massachusetts Legislature introduced a bill prohibiting the charging of admission for football games and making it a criminal offence for anyone to play when admission is charged.

We have learned that the long needed lockers are to be a reality in the near future. We hope this is true, but judging from the expedition used in getting the rest of the things which were promised, and which have not come, we are afraid it will be spring before we get the lockers.

The National Baseball League has had a committee at work on the rules for the past week. The only change to amount to anything is the restrictions put upon the hunt. If the suggestions of the committee are adopted the hunt will be almost as good as legislated out of existence. Another rule suggested governs the behavior of players on the field and gives the umpire power to fine or have removed any player acting indecently or using profane language.

Every time one watches a game of handball in the the gymnasium he is impressed with the amount of wrangling that is done over questions of rules. This is very disagreeable, and the players ought to get together and form rules or adopt one of the several codes used in different large courts.

Casper Whitney, whose articles in Harper's Weekly are read by nearly every college man, has gone to England to make a thorough study of English amateur sport. The last article in Harper's was written by Walter Camp and gave some of his views upon football, besides a brief history of its development.

After a good deal of wrangling with the large colleges, the University Athletic Association of N. Y. has finally succeeded in getting their consent to name a committee for the revision of football rules. The Athletic Committee of the Association has named the committee of revision as follows:—Walter Camp, Yale; Brooks, Harvard; Moffat, Princeton; Dashiell, Lehigh, and one not settled yet from Pennsylvania. It is not likely that any radical changes will be made in the game, but the momentum plays will probably be done away with, and the number of downs allowed a team for gaining ground will very likely be lessened. Several suggestions in regard to changing rules governing kicking have been made, but it is doubtful if they will be adopted. It would, however, not be surprising if some changes should be made in the rules governing scoring. But whatever is done will undoubtedly be for the best, as all the men on the committee have made a study of the game for years and thoroughly understand it.

THE UNIVERSITY STENTOR.

The above design for a University pin seems to be the most generally acceptable of the three presented in The Stentor of January 30. It will certainly look very neat in red and black enamel. The price of such a pin in silver will be from 35 to 50 cents.

Mr. J. Edwards Smith, ex '90, of Minneapolis writes us that "either design would be a puzzle to most any outsider to discover the identity of one's Alma Mater." He suggests that the words "Lake Forrest" would be better than the initials.

The pins will be manufactured and placed on sale at the College Book Store as soon as the design is definitely settled.
BIBLE INSTITUTE.

There will be given soon in the Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, under the auspices of the University, a series of addresses on the Bible. We give below a statement of the subjects and speakers, with the dates. These addresses are for the purpose of stimulating and directing Biblical study, and giving, so far as possible the latest accredited results of scholarship. The course is free and open to all, and it is hoped that both students and towns-people will avail themselves of the privilege here offered. The subjects are of great present interest and the speakers selected are men of reputation for eloquence and literary attainments.


Saturday morning, February 24, “The Bible and Nature;”—President Coulter.


Sunday evening, February 25, “The Bible a supernatural Revelation not only to man but through man.”—Rev. Thos. E. Hall, Chicago.

LIBRARY FINDING LISTS.

The finding lists are now ready at the treasurer's office. These lists show what books are in the library, and where they are found. At the end of each are 18 blank pages to be used for keeping the list down to date by means of printed accession slips, which will be supplied free at the library. When these slips are ready, notice will be posted. I would suggest that the list owner head the pages as follows:—Page 1, General; page 2, English Language and Literary Criticism; page 3, English Poetry and Drama; page 4, English Prose; page 5, French and German; page 6, Greek and Latin; page 7, Minor Languages and Fine Arts; page 8, Social Science; page 9, Ancient History; page 10, Modern Foreign History; page 11, American History; page 12, Religion; page 13, Philosophy; page 14, Mental Science; page 15, Zoology, Botany and Geology; page 16, Physics and Chemistry; page 17, Astronomy and Mathematics; page 18, Biography and Miscellaneous. Three special reference catalogues will shortly be fixed in the library, but one who uses books much will find it to his advantage to have a finding list of his own, as he then can tell at his room what books are in the library, and can use his list at the shelves. The lists are sold at forty cents each, which is much below cost.

H. M. STANLEY, Librarian.

TOWN TOPICS.

Mr. Fauntleroy's new residence was opened Monday night with a dance, given by Mrs. Fauntleroy for Miss Torrey.

The Rev. Mr. Hale, of Hyde Park, preached Sunday morning and evening, Dr. McClure filling Mr. Hall's pulpit at Hyde Park.

The Art Institute unanimously reelected the following officers for the coming year:—

President, - - - Prof. M. Bross Thomas
Vice-President, - - - Mr. E. F. Chapin
Secretary, - - - - Prof. McNeill
Treasurer, - - - - Mr. J. L. Moss

The Art Institute met at the house of Mr. Hinckley Thursday evening. The program opened with singing by a ladies' trio, Mrs. Gorton and two others. The Rev. Dr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones lectured on "The Cause of the Toiler as Exhibited in the Art Galleries at the World's Fair." The lecture was followed with another song by the trio.

The attention of the town's people is called to the fact that the University Athletic Association has not called on them for subscriptions for the support of athletics at all this year. It is accordingly hoped that they will be very liberal in their support of the entertainment on Friday evening, which is for the benefit of University athletics.

In times of extremely cold weather most of the water-users of Lake Forest keep the water running all night to prevent it freezing. As a result more water was pumped per day during these cold spells than on any of the dryest days of last summer. At first thought it would seem that anyone has a right to save himself the annoyance and expense of burst pipes; that he cannot be blamed for using as much water as he wants when he is willing to pay for all he uses. There is, moreover, no provision of paying for extra water. But there is, however, a phrase of the case as to which the water company has not sufficiently informed the users of their water, and probably only a few know that there is a means of turning off the water. Just outside of each house, or, in some cases, inside, where the pipe from the street enters, is a crank connected with a valve several feet under ground. By turning this crank at night the water is turned off for the whole house, and at the same time is securely protected underground. All citizens are requested to notice and make use of this convenience.

The Northwestern publishes this week a cut of the University Glee Club. They have secured this year the leadership of Prof. W. H. Knapp of the Conservatory of Music. They have already given several successful concerts and have quite a number of dates arranged for the near future.
WHAT has become of the Oratorical Association? The president did not return to school this year, but the other officers are in College and they should call a meeting to elect his successor, and also to determine the date of the local contest. Lake Forest has established her reputation by winning first and second places in the state, and first in the interstate contests, and must not fall behind this year.

SLOWLY do the old customs disappear. The college faculty has lately voted to dispense with all but two of the graduating orations, thus disposing of a time honored practice. The old fashioned Commencement, with its flowers and frills, is doubtless very pretty, but is less useful than ornamental. One reason for its disappearance probably is that there is now less of the idea that a student has "finished" when he graduates. The old ceremonies conveyed the impression that the graduating student had learned all there was to be learned from books and apparatus, consequently his entrance into "the world" should be distinctly signalized. In these days the increasing number of post graduate students, even if there were no other reason, would tend to dispel that illusion. Instead of the new fledged "Bachelor" being told that in the field of learning there is for him "ne plus ultra, he sees that the true idea is plus ultra—"everything beyond."

FIND AND WEST CONTRASTED.

A RECENT writer in the Yale Courant gives his impressions of student life in the colleges of the middle West, as contrasted with life at Yale. He writes an interesting article, and is evidently fairly well posted on both sides of the subject. We do not know with what particular western colleges he is familiar, but some of his conceptions of them are a little behind the times, especially when applied to the schools in Chicago or vicinity.
The gentleman first remarks that western colleges suffer from the fact that many promising young men are drawn into eastern institutions. Then, too, the majority of their students show a lack of thorough preparation. This is due to the inferiority of the high schools and to insufficiency of strong preparatory schools. As a result it is alleged that the work of western students is not as thorough as that of the best class of Yale men. Lessons are studied as carefully, but there is less consultation of outside authorities and less of a range of reading beyond the text-book. Nor have students been trained to intense application by their earlier studies. It might also have been said that the student's auxiliary reading is too often limited by the meagreness of library facilities.

In regard to comparative deportment it is asserted that as a rule western students are more noisy, but rather less given to reprehensible amusements than eastern collegians. The prominence of the literary societies in western schools is in characteristic contrast to Yale. Generally speaking, the local societies do vigorous work, and rivalry between them is usually vigorous also. Western college oratory is characterized as less scholarly, but often excelling in earnestness and force that of Yale. College periodicals are mostly monthly or semi-monthly. The average standard, it must be admitted, is not very high, the contents often being labored essays and undignified personals.

Athletics in western colleges are discussed at some length. Their chief deficiency is shown to be lack of money and training. "A few men of some talent who will not work, and a few others who will train as well as they know how but who have only moderate ability, form the ordinary western nine or eleven." The lack of discipline is amusing to a Yale man. The reason is that a place on a team is not valued as it is in the east, because the accompanying prestige is not nearly as great. "The indolence of the players and the indifference of the general public act and react upon each other." But in these respects our critic sees a rapid advance, and the standard is rising with him. "Startling rapidity." There is an abundance of muscle and energy which only needs proper training to bring out.

In conclusion it is affirmed that college life in the West is less highly organized, less mature, and exhibits less perfection in attaining the result aimed at. But we of the woolly West know that we have the "essentials," and the rest will come with time—and a not very distant time either.

**COLLEGE LOCALS.**

Have you seen the new Phi Kappa Sigma pins?

The Hare and Hounds Club took a run last Saturday afternoon.

Prof. Stevens was confined to his house all of last week as a result of vaccination.

Cragin and Morrison came down from Waukegan and spent a short time in Lake Forest one day last week.

Mr. Black had to re-introduce himself on Monday morning owing to the fact that he had removed his "Pefferite" whiskers.

Library "finding lists" may be had upon application at the Treasurer's office—provided you find 40 cents to accompany your application.

Dr. Coulter delivered an address on Tuesday last before a convention of the Y. M. C. A., of Chicago, on the subject of "True Manhood."

The college girls do not aspire to forming a Y. M. C. A., as the printer makes us say last week; we shall be perfectly satisfied with a good Y. W. C. A.

President Coulter visited Indianapolis on Friday and spent Saturday in Danville, Ill. At the latter place he addressed the teachers and High School students, and also delivered a lecture to a general audience. He reports a strong Lake Forest sentiment at Danville.

Invitations from the Ferry Hall seniors have been received by the fortunate ones to a Valentine party, worded like this—"Seniors of '94, one and all, desire your presence at Ferry Hall Tuesday evening, the thirteenth; 'twill be to exchange valentines, you see."

The language of the third floor, to the every-day person, is almost unintelligible, about the only words we hear now are such expressions as "catch him on the point," "punch his sniffer," "get on to the claret, first blood," etc. We expect a summons for the militia shortly.

It is an unexplained phenomenon why all the monthly magazines appear on the city news-stands from one to two weeks before they are seen on the reading room tables. For example, the February Century had not reached the reading room up to Monday morning, the 12th. Something must be wrong with the transportation department.

The night watchers of Friday, Feb. 9th, witnessed scenes of revelry among the College girls. The Juniors and Freshmen held class feasts, while the Seniors and Sophs united forces to demolish their repast. As usual, the Freshmen had more style and form and more variety in the viands, but the Senior-Soph party certainly had the best intellectual (?) feast, consisting of music, recitations, and impromptu addresses.
The chess club has as last organized, with C. G. Smith as president, and E. U. Graff, secretary. The membership already numbers fourteen, and is likely to be soon increased. An invitation has been received by the secretary of the club from the Chicago Chess and Checker Club, asking our members to play them a series of games.

Auston was rudely awakened one night last week, and on attempting to rise found himself imbedded in a plaster cast. The explanation was found in the fact that, according to the unfortunate victim's statements, about three tons of his bedroom ceiling, attracted either by the force of gravitation or by Mr. Ruston, had become detached and started downward.

Mr. D. W. Lyon, the traveling secretary of the Student Volunteer movement, addressed the students in Ferry Hall chapel last Tuesday evening on the Annual Convention of the Volunteers at Detroit. Detroit has promised to entertain a thousand delegates. Lake Forest is allowed five delegates, of which there will probably be one from the Academy Association, two from the Ferry Hall and two from the College.

Patriotism received a decided boom at the hands of President Coulter and the Faculty yesterday morning, when they granted the petition of the College students for a holiday in commemoration of Illinois' greatest son, Abraham Lincoln. President Coulter made some very fitting remarks on patriotism and read from a recent article in the Century on Lincoln's place in history.

Dr. Coulter gave the students a few words of advice and instruction in regard to the semester system in colleges, at chapel, Feb. 5. He said that as a rule students should continue in the second semester the subject pursued in the first, as the first semester's work is but an introduction to the subject to which the second semester's work adds some practical knowledge of the subject. He said the day was fast approaching when students must choose studies for the year instead of for the semester.

The Aletheian Society held an interesting meeting Friday evening, the paper entitled "Who," written by Miss Phelps, and the impromptu address upon "My First Impressions of College," by Miss McLean, calling forth much meriment. The debate was well sustained by the Misses Pearce and Fitz-Randolph. The music consisted of an instrumental solo by Miss Parker and a vocal solo by Miss Keener. Miss Phelps had charge of the parliamentary law exercise, the subject discussed being motions and amendments and how to defer action upon them.

Every professor has his own idea of study and its utility, and most of them agree, if the truth were known, but each looks at it out of his own department and sees it just a little different from his neighbor. If he does not see a difference, he at least sees another side of it more plainly. Prof. Stuart advocates disciplina, Prof. Locy personal investigation, and then comes Prof. Jack, who advocates honest doubt. The all have the same final cause, truth, yet students are too apt to think that they are in conflict. Look more carefully and be not too ready to find discrepancy.

After the Y. M. C. A. reception Saturday night, the 3rd inst., the College gaiurs repaired to the Aletheian Hall, where a very dainty and pretty marshmallow toast was given by Miss Keener in honor of Miss Wetherhold's birthday. Needless to say, we are glad that Miss Jessie had a birthday and there were many wishes for her happy future not only in the toasts and clinking of glasses, but in the 'silent wishes' offered, as with the lighted taper's held high in hand, we formed the 'wishing circle' and marched down the stairs and through the long corridors to our couches of repose, with the flickering candles as our only light through the midnight blackness.

Prof. Jack's chapel talk of last Wednesday morning was unique and striking, and especially fitting when considered in connection with the one given by Prof. Stevens. Instead of taking a subject he chose a text from Tennyson's "In Memoriam;"

"There lives more faith in honest doubt,
"Believe me, than in half the creeds."

He held that a doubter is often a true believer, that doubt is not wrong but right, and that honest doubt is a necessity to him who would live a higher life. Further, that there is no line of truth which is not in a progressive stage. Our ideas of God have changed more in the last century than our ideas of the world, and the one thing which keeps us from finding the truth more readily is religious fervor.

The Z. E. Society program of last Friday evening was as follows: Debate: "Resolved, that the impeachment of President Cleveland for his action in the Hawaiian affair would be justifiable." The speakers on the affirmative were D. I. Jones and J. M. Vance; on the negative, A. F. Waldo and J. N. Adams. The judges reported two for the affirmative and one for the negative. J. J. Price gave a recitation, W. D. Gibson and W. T. Angus gave a society paper, the "Jocunda Aura." Messrs. Harris and C. Thom discussed the influence of the Parliament of Religions, pro and con, on foreign mission work; and H. L. Bird finished the program by conducting a "question box" on a variety of topics ranging from eating clubs to the North Pole.

The following program was rendered at the Athenaeum meeting on Friday evening: A declaration by Mr. Vincent, entitled "The Light-house." The next number, the feature of the evening, was a society paper edited by Messrs. Coulter, Carver, and Reid, and read by Mr. Coulter. Mr. Coulter's poetical gems made a decided hit. "Is the entire unanimity of the jury in
their verdict a feature of the jury system which should be retained? was the question for a discussion, supported on the affirmative by D. H. Jackson and on the negative by J. H. Jones. The last number of the debate, "Resolved, that the establishment of an income tax in the United States is advisable," resulted in a spirited discussion between Mr. Goodman on the affirmative and Mr. Ruston on the negative. The decision of the judges was for the affirmative.

ATHLETIC ENTERTAINMENT.

We print below the program of the entertainment to be given next Friday evening in the Art Building:

PART I.

March—"High School Cadets." .................................. Sousa
L. F. U. Banjo Club.

Too late to Classify .............................................
George Willie Wright and Willie Eddie Danforth.
Selection—The Fencing-Master" .............................. R. DeKoven
Messrs. North, Smith and Double Quartet.

Selection ...........................................................
Mr. G. W. Wright.

March—" Ivanhoe " .............................................
Wenger Mandolins and Guitars.

Selection ...........................................................
A. T. Random

PART II.

First presentation here of the charming comédietta in one act, entitled

WHICH IS WHICH?

By S. THEVRE SMITH.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Robert Capper, a young artist much in debt, Mr. Harry Goodman
Mr. Garbie, his uncle ........................................... Mr. P. E. North
Paddles, an oil and color man .............................. Mr. D. D. Lewis
Anne Pestle, an heiress .......................... Miss Gertrude Pate
Bertha Bingham, her penniless friend ........ Miss Lita Stoddard
Mrs. Mills, Capper's old servant ........ Miss Nellie R. Dillia
Scene—An Artist's Studio.

COMMUNICATION.

"Great wits to madness surely are allied. And thin partitions do their bounds divide," is a couplet from Dryden of exceptional worth. There are some things done about every college hall which are most surely done by one of the two classes intimates, great wits or madmen. The treatment of papers and periodicals in the reading room is a striking instance. As all know, most of our periodicals are either kept by the University and are bound in volumes for the library or are sold for the support of the reading room to private individuals. No periodical is exempt from destructive usage. In consequence of this as each year comes round we find a gradual decrease in the amount of revenue from the sale of these periodicals. Hence we come to the conclusion that some one or more of the reading room patrons are suicidal of their own best financial and mental interests. Now it may be the part of great wits to disrespect the rights of other people, but if it is they "to madness surely are allied" and it is clearly the part of other people to defend themselves against the mad.

FERRY HALL.

Miss Mamie Birchell spent the latter part of last week at her home in the city.

Grace Welton visited friends in Chicago Friday and Saturday.

Miss Charlotte Peck, Chicago, was the guest of Miss Bouton over Sunday.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Miss Mary Cabot, a Ferry Hall student in '92.

Mrs. H. A. Vennema, of Menominee, Mich., was the guest of her sister, Miss Parmeuter, over Sunday.

Last Saturday evening Misses Pate, Stoddard and Dillin took great pleasure in reciting for the "Boys' Clum," which meets every week in the old hotel.

Both Prof. Aeger and Mrs. Hester contributed to the enjoyment of the chapel exercises last week, by their pretty and entertaining musical numbers.

Of late the tones of the rising bell have been more doleful than ever before. Would you know the reason why? Because it, like the "Old Liberty Bell," is cracked.

Miss Ward, formerly a student and teacher of Ferry Hall, later a missionary to China, spoke to the young ladies of the Missionary Society Sunday evening on the subject "China."

It has been decided to have what is called a French evening. This little social circle will meet every Monday evening, chiefly for the purpose of developing its conversational powers.

The girls of the first and second corridors were favored with invitations to a very swell spread given Saturday evening, by the Misses Blair, in honor of Miss Anna's —th birthday.

The warning bell, which is rung every Saturday night at ten minutes of nine, is inadequate to fulfill its mission, and hereafter, if not heeded, the young ladies will not be allowed to receive callers.

Friday evening the young ladies had their long looked-for dance. A program of fourteen numbers proved none too long, and for two hours the gymnasium was the scene of a gay and brilliant company. The music, consisting of violin and harp, was furnished by parties from the city, and made the hop a grand success.

Mr. Howard, the phrenologist, who lectured in the chapel Saturday P. M., disclosed some very interesting facts about numerous bumps on the head. He thinks he has found a large field for labor, and when he returns next week, desires that all "interesting characters" make him a private call.

One evening last week the ladies on the first corridor received the following invitation:—

At nine o'clock on Thursday night,
You're asked to meet Miss Phelps in white,
She wishes you to be a ghost.
To come with marshmallow toast.
Wednesday evening Miss Pate, no longer "sweet sixteen," did honor to her birthday by entertaining the first floor corridor from nine to ten. A very elaborate spread was the order of the evening, after which the guests departed, wishing the hostess many happy returns of the day, and secretly longing that Miss Gertrude might have a nightly birthday celebration.

In chapel Sunday morning Dr. Seeley gave a very interesting problem to the girls, viz., that if the greater per cent of the young ladies can arise at 6:30 six days out of the week, how many should be able to arise at seven o'clock on the seventh day? He went on to say that if it is easier to arise at 6:30, then let us do the easier thing and have the rising bell peal forth at that hour on Sunday A. M.

The chapel exercises were conducted by Prof. Thomas on Wednesday morning. After the usual devotional services, he laid before the students a plan for Bible instruction, to be effected by a course of lectures. These talks to be given in the near future by well-known men, on the "Relation of the Bible to different phases of the human life." None of us know too much about the Bible, and all look forward to these meetings, which we will gladly support both by our presence and by financial aid.

At the appointed hour the reception room of the hostess presented a very ghostly aspect, as fourteen figures clad in white scattered themselves at the prettily arranged and daintily decorated tables, to while away two short hours toasting marshmallows, by wac candles, and relating ghost stories. All vied with one another in trying to tell the biggest tale. An intellectual feast, "A penny for your thoughts," was a pleasurable feature of the evening. Each guest carried away numerous souvenirs, as they always do, to help swell the memory books.

LAKE FOREST ACADEMY.

George Wells visited his brother Ed on Saturday and Sunday.

Valentine's day will be appropriately celebrated in the Academy on Wednesday.

Reinhart has gone home to recover from his sickness. We hope to see him back soon.

Prof. Smith left town last week to visit his mother at Princeton, Ill. He received word that she was ill. We sincerely hope that her illness may not prove very serious.

Again our musical tastes were regaled with a performance by the Academy Glee Club. Saturday morning two selections were sung by that body. Master John Fales will hereafter sing the soprano parts. Prof. Dudley says he has a fine voice.

The preliminary contest in debate was held by the Tri Kappa society last Wednesday. The two contestants spoke on the negative side of the following question: "Resolved, that the press influence public opinion more than the public opinion does the press?" The judges gave first place to Mr. Stoops and second to Mr. Loughlin.

Prof. Thomas of the College conducted chapel exercises for us Tuesday morning. He announced to the students a series of lectures that had been procured by the University, and named each of the six lectures, together with the subjects of their respective discourses. The Academy was cordially invited to attend the lectures and asked to help along its plan financially. It should and will respond.

On Saturday noon a mass meeting of the students was called in the study-room. They proposed to sue for a holiday on Monday in honor of Lincoln's birthday. After a few moments' wrangling a committee of five was delegated to solicit the faculty. Later it was announced by Prof. Burnap that owing to the proximity of another holiday in honor of Washington's birthday the request of the students could not be granted.

The Academy muse, under the inspiration of Valentine's Day, is soaring high, as witness the following:

Chaste Diana, O glorious moon,
Thy beams touch the strings of the lover's lyre.
It breathes to his love a sweet low tune.
Are the murmuring night-winds a vast grand choir?
Her golden hair hanging o'er balcony rail,
Love-speaking eyes gaze to love-speaking eyes;
Lips swear eternal love by thy beams pale.
Sigh answers sigh as each throbbing word dies.

EXCHANGES.

Military drill has proved a failure at Stanford University.

The students at Champaign are varying the monotony of college life by some exceedingly lively class fights.

Johnny—"Papa, I looked through the keyhole last night while sis and her bean were there."

Papa—"What did you find out, my boy?"

Johnny—"The lamp."—Ex.

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