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LAKE FOREST'S FIRST PRESIDENT.

The death of the Rev. Robert W. Patterson, D.D., at his home in Evanston last Wednesday removes one of the most notable figures in the history of the Northwest during the last fifty years, and recalls with renewed interest the establishment of Lake Forest University forty years ago under his leadership. Dr. Patterson was born in Blount County, Tenn., January 24, 1814, but came when still a little child with his parents to Bond County in this state. He was educated at Illinois College and Lane Seminary and entered upon the pastorate of the Second Presbyterian Church of Chicago in 1842, a position which he served until 1873. In 1854 and 1855 Dr. Patterson had frequent conferences with Dr. Harvey Curtis, of the First Church, and Dr. Charles Quinlan, now of Evanston, and the Rev. Ira W. Weed, of Waukegan, which resulted in their selecting Lake Forest as the site for a Presbyterian college, and when the University was chartered in 1857 he was one of the original trustees, a position which he filled until 1878. In 1854 he was also one of the original incorporators and trustees of the Chicago school for young women which became so famous under the presidency of Mr. Grover as Dearborn Seminary. On retiring from the pastorate Dr. Patterson assumed the duties of the chair of apologetics in McCormick Seminary which occupied a portion of his attention until 1881. But in August 1875 he was elected president of Lake Forest University, which at that time consisted of only the academy and Ferry Hall. In 1876, however, a large hotel, which stood on the present site of “Blair Lodge” was purchased, and in September a Freshman class began the real existence of the college. Dr. Patterson took up his residence in the college, and, assisted by Prof. John H. Hewitt and Edward P. Norris, carried on the instruction of the institution. In December 1877 the building was destroyed by fire, and after some disheartening months Dr. Patterson, now in his sixty-fifth year, retired in March 1878, and was succeeded in the presidency by a younger man in the person of Dr. D. S. Gregory. Dr. Patterson now retired to his Evanston home to a well-earned leisure. Yet, although his last thirteen or fourteen years were not occupied with official duties, he has taken an active part as a Presbyter in all the ecclesiastical life of this section down to the present year. His has been a familiar presence at Presbytery, at Synod, at the weekly Chicago ministers’ meeting and in “The Cleric.” His stalwart form and benign countenance have been familiar to thousands of suburban travelers on the Northwestern railroad, and he has been an ecclesiastical and social power in Chicago even to the close of his long and useful career. Lake Forest University will ever remember him as her principal founder and as a life long friend. We shall miss his sympathy, his counsels, and his presence, and shall cherish his memory reverently. He was a great, good man.

J. J. HALSEY.

PAN-HELLENISM.

Pan-Hellenism is that spirit which destroys the iron-bound and antiquated factional lines of student life, and permits one without prejudice to meet all his fellow students on a frank and equal footing. Whether these factional lines be strictly those of Greek fraternities or not, this term has come into common use in all college life, and the idea of Pan-Hellenism, keeping in step with all other progress, is becoming identified with the student life of all American schools. This idea has almost wrested the scepter from partisanship, whose long sway has been deplorable. This new Pan-Hellenic spirit is a far better sovereign, and it is to be hoped that it is typical of the thought of the modern college student.

Though the student body of Lake Forest College is commonly understood to be hostile to the college fraternity, yet its worst phase is present, and Pan Hellenism has a definite and needed application to our own student life. We have two active societies, whose members are so keenly loyal that a strong and sometimes hostile partisan spirit is often the result. It is frequently evident that a student feels restrained from making a true friend and confidant by the fact that the would-be friend is one of the men “at the other end of the hall,” and unless such feeling is decidedly distasteful, he soon comes to the conclusion that “no good can come out of Nazareth.” The method is charmingly simple, for it rests upon a single fundamental principle, namely, to consider no one in the other society good enough to be a friend. The cultivation of this principle makes it a necessity, even a duty, to freely criticize your neighbors. Open cordiality is permitted, but it must be borne in mind that by the right of tradition these rivals are enemies. Tradition, which hallow, often hampers. Who will hesitate to say that this spirit is antiquated? It should have been long since buried and forgotten in company with many other notions which were thought a generation ago to be an essential part of college life.

The idea of organization is improvement. These literary societies are built upon the idea of improvement and do improve. But even when they come to demand the highest style of work from their members, then more than ever there is bred an inter-society spirit of rivalry which is not always generous, and often goes beyond rivalry and makes enemies. The perfection of a good work may stimulate bad sentiment.

Further than this, profit eases, unless there comes Pan-Hellenism. Then there can be more than class-room contact with those of other societies. It is the thought which brings a liberty that permits unhhampered progress. It is the voice which bids a college student leave his characteristic prejudice behind. It is the kindly light by which he can see much more than little virtue and much vice in rivals. It is the band which takes from his eyes the bandage behind which he imagines too many faults in the others and good qualities in his own, and comes to think that “we are the saving remnant.” It is the step upward which leads him to a higher plane of thinking.
from which he may stretch out the hand of good fellowship to whomsoever he will, and say, "you are my friend." This thought, this voice, this light, this hand, this step is Pan Hellenism.

The mind is a fertile field, and ideas have a rapid growth. A false idea at its conception is but a grain of mustard seed. A look, a turning of the hand, a step, and an embryo has been formed. It takes root and pushes forth. It develops and blossoms. The fruit is conviction. Its growth has been that of a parasite taking firm hold; but let the host suspect and doubt, and, if he be an honest searcher for the truth, there will be a battle. On the one hand, conscience: on the other, full-grown conviction. Conscience will win.

For many years this institution of hostile factions in the student body has been supreme. The fact of hostility has proved it false. No doubt it was conceived in the honesty of a good idea, but it has overgrown, and its overgrowth has brought evil. Through ambition an organization, as well as an individual, may become corrupted and dishonest. It is a sorry fact that the honor of a college student has come to be a questionable thing. The over-rivalry between college organizations has been the mother of college polities, than which there are none more unclean. Let this not be misunderstood. We do not think the remedy to be the abolition of all student organization. Far from it; for student societies and rivalry between them must never die, but their present confining, stifling atmosphere of narrow ideas must be purified. In it there can never live that love for all our fellow men whose possession means a successful life. This love, this unprejudiced appreciation of any worth wherever it may be found, is choked and retarded in what might be its full and broad development. It is a good thing that the time is at hand in which new and better sentiment appears, and this battle between truth and tradition is nearly won. The individual student has already seen the wrong which has existed and will soon demand his right not to be restrained by the lines of the chapter or party to which he may belong, and to choose his friends without passion or prejudice from those he thinks most fit. His character will have full and free development. When he can place on an equal footing in his own mind the men of his own faction and all others of his fellow students, then this Pan-Hellenic idea will have won its just place. That unhappy prejudice which has been the natural outgrowth of these inflexible society lines will be overthrown. That overthrow signals new breadth of character and an impetus to more liberal development. It will bring a reign of good fellowship and universal confidence. Its first fruits will be honest co-operation and stronger college spirit. Hail the day when the college student may look his fellow men in the face "with good will towards all and malice toward none."

JOHN G. COULTER, '95.

THE BIBLE INSTITUTE,
A SUCCESSFUL SERIES OF LECTURES.

The series of addresses just completed, constituting the "Bible Institute," formed a distinct novelty in Lake Forest. As all who had the privilege of attending the lectures recognize, the Institute was a complete success; the credit for which, we understand, belongs to Prof. Thomas. The object of the undertaking was to lead to a closer study of the Bible, by bringing out the facts necessary to a right understanding and appreciation of it. The attendance was excellent at all of the five addresses, and the speakers were listened to with interested attention.

The first lecture was by Rev. E. C. Bissell, D.D., professor of Hebrew in McCormick Seminary. His subject was, "Methods of Higher Criticism as Illustrated in the Book of Genesis." The following is a syllabus of the lecture:

a. Four stages noted in the history of Pentateuchal criticism:
1. The theory of documents.
2. The theory of fragments.
3. The theory of a supplement.
4. The second (present) theory of documents.
b. Arguments examined by which the current analysis of Genesis is supported:
1. Differences in material as to point of view.
2. Variant accounts of the same event.
3. Differences in style.
4. Differences in vocabulary, especially the use of the divine names.
5. Arguments illustrated in a special case—the deluge with the counter testimony of the monuments.

Remark.—The analysis of Genesis was illustrated by a chart.

On Saturday morning President Coulter gave a clear and lucid presentation of the relation between "The Bible and Nature." A complete summary is appended.

Saturday evening, Rev. N. D. Hillis, D.D., of Evanston, discussed "The Bible and Society," in his usual brilliant manner. A brief epitome of his address is as follows:

1. Nature of the Bible. The Bible treats of the art of right living and of man in relation to his fellow man. Though the greatest book of peace it has been the greatest cause of trouble because it has been more misunderstood and has more life and action in it than any other book.
2. Its relation to society. Society is the broadest term in use—except God. It includes man in all his relations and is a growing germ which shall reach its full development in the final kingdom of God.
3. The Bible with respect to outer and inner revelation. The Bible is but a photograph. Were it destroyed God's Bible would still be in the hearts of men. There are four ways in which the Bible is unique.
   a. As a force in civilization, setting forth the nature of God.
   b. As peculiar in its view of man as an unfilled prophecy which needs another life in which to mature.
   c. The element of Providence.
   d. Human sinfulness.
4. There are apparent organic contradictions, but no moral blunders.

Rev. Joseph T. Duryea, D.D., of Omaha, on Sunday morning, discussed "The Bible and History." It is difficult to condense so lengthy an address, but the speaker said in part that in the history of the Hebrew people, of the gospel and of the church we anticipate the purpose and end of history. Abraham was the first man who had a conception of a mission and a clear idea of God. He established his home in Canaan, in the center of the first "circle" of civilization. In the zenith of its power it touched every known nation. Athens became the center of the second world circle through a mixture of northern and southern peoples and by the same process Rome becomes a center and mistress of the world. When the
German tribes shattered the empire they found Christianity worn in its branches. Caesar’s kingdom had become Christ’s. The Redeemer of mankind was conquering the world with a love that was at once force, energy and action. Without Abraham there would have been no crusades, no reformation and no settling of the New World. This view of history is sufficient proof of the divine origin, authority and power of Christianity.

The last address of the series Sunday evening was delivered by Rev. Thos. C. Hall, of Chicago, on “The Bible a Supernatural Revelation Not Only to Man but Through Man.” It was a splendid exposition of the limitations of man and God’s use of these men even with all their limitations. We live in limitations out of which God has not chosen to lift us. Even the Bible shows traces of the limitations of its authors. The limitations of the authors of the Old Testament were greater than those of the New, both of which together are a revelation of God. Revelation is a steady unfolding. There is more yet to be revealed and it must be down through us or our descendants.

THE BIBLE AND NATURE.
A DIGEST OF DR. COULTER’S ADDRESS.

The great purpose of the Bible is to deal with human conduct, and its references to nature seem entirely incidental. An issue should never have been raised between the results of modern scientific investigation and the doctrines of the Bible. Such conflict as there has been was with theology, rather than religion, and the Bible has been put in the very unfortunate attitude of being defended by theology against science, for science has won all the battles.

Three phases of this man-nurtured contest between two parties, one of which had no cause for attack, and the other no occasion for defense, were considered, as follows:

1. It has been claimed that every expression of the Bible concerning nature must be true in the fullest scientific sense; and that its briefest references are but the surface flashing of an infinite depth of knowledge. Two classes of Bible statements were considered: those which refer incidentally to natural objects by way of illustration, and those in which nature seems to be the subject matter, such as the account of the creation. The general conclusion reached was that Bible expressions concerning nature simply represent man’s observation and tradition, and are used to convey to his fellow man the great truths of religion, and that they hold the same relation to the thought to be expressed as does the language.

2. The subject of miracles. These phenomena, whatever they may have been, are entirely outside of the scrutiny of science, which has never had such events under observation, and deals merely with subjects of its own experience. The conclusion as to the relation of modern science to the miracles of the Bible was that there is no such relation; that the relation is to history; that miracles do not come under the observation of science; that science cannot add to or detract from their probability, but that it is daily studying miracles more wonderful than any recorded under that name, and is daily discovering energy working in ways that had never been imagined.

3. It has been said that the operations of God in nature, even in the development of organic life, are replaced by the so-called “laws of nature.” The writers of the Bible evidently saw the hand of God in all the operations of nature, and their belief was that God was immanent in nature. Into the Latin church, however, there early crept the belief that God was enthroned far off, outside of an inert universe which He had created, and this conception has tintured our beliefs ever since. This medieval conception of God had more to do with the “conflict between science and religion” than anything else. The meaning of “natural law” was explained, as not indicating an entity, a something which acted differently from God, but merely a convenient statement to express the observed results of certain relations. Therefore they could not be called “secondary causes” as they were not “causes” in any sense, but simply observed methods. Science has brought us back to the conception of God as immanent in nature, whose hand appears in all the wonderful forms of energy with which we are daily becoming more conversant.

TOWN TOPICS.

Miss Julia Moss and Miss Ada Rainey spent Sunday, February 25, at their homes in Lake Forest.

Miss Davis, who has been visiting Mrs. Gorton this winter, will return to Cincinnati in a few days.

Miss Torrey, who has been visiting with Mrs. Fauntleroy, will leave for her home in Vermont Wednesday, March 7.

Mr. Marum gave the last of the series of chamber concerts under his direction at the house of Mrs. Frank Hall, last Thursday evening.

A series of classes has been instituted at the boy’s club as follows: American history: Teacher, W. H. Hunt; book keeping; teacher not appointed.

In the March number of the New England Magazine is an interesting and elaborately illustrated article on “Hans Holbein’s Portraits,” written by Mrs. Abby Farwell Ferry.

The many townspeople who attended the Washington’s birthday celebration were very grateful to the students, and wish through The Stentor to give them thanks for the patriotic entertainment.

Communion services were held in the church last Sunday, at which time an unusually large number united with the church, nearly forty persons being received by letter and confession of faith.

The new postoffice building which was opened last Wednesday for the first time, is in every respect an improvement over the old. The building was put up by Mrs. S. Lind, on her property, and the upper story will be used as a dwelling. Although the numbers of the boxes run up to 318, there are in all, counting the eight lock boxes, only 256 letter boxes. The reason for this is that there are no box numbers ending in 9 or 0.
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[Explanatory Note.] The editorial board greatly regret the non-appearance of The Stentor last week, but the failure was due to circumstances which they could not force and over which they had absolutely no control. Owing either to the "hard times" or to mismanagement, or both combined, the firm which has been printing our paper for the last two years was unexpectedly forced to suspend. We did not learn the true condition of affairs until too late in the week to make necessary arrangements with a new printing office, and under the circumstances had no alternative but to omit the issue entirely. It was an accident which might happen to any paper not owning its own plant, and we make this explanation in order that our readers may understand the painful necessity which prevented them from receiving their papers last week.

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It is a frequently observed fact that college students as a rule are too often lacking in knowledge of contemporary topics, including current political events and also recent literature. To remedy this defect many colleges maintain a "Current Topics" Club, whose object is to keep its members abreast of the latest happenings in the world of politics and letters. A certain university has a "Coffee Club", organized to encourage the act of conversation by broadening the student's horizon so that he may be able to see beyond his college walls and campus. Formerly this want was here met to a certain extent by Prof. Halsey's elective in current politics, but since that has been dropped we are thrown back upon the inadequate resources of the College reading room for our general knowledge and culture. Although we have many organizations, a Current Topics Club might be a profitable addition.

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A scheme which has been tried with much success at Yale and other universities is that of having one general treasury for all the student organizations. Instead of a separate treasurer for each of the various branches of student activity, there is one officer who has charge of the funds of all the different organizations. This plan is now being agitated at Beloit, and from The Round Table we learn that the main feature of the system are that the four divisions of athletics—baseball, football, tennis and track athletics—should have a common treasury, into which the money realized by the Glee Club. This is the course pursued at Yale, where a large sum is obtained from the last named club. In addition The Stentor would suggest that if the plan is ever introduced here, the Oratorical Association and the Academy Athletic Association should be included.

It is not desired that any of the organizations should lose their identity, but simply that there should be financial union. The treasurer, who would not be an undergraduate, could have no part in determining the financial policy of the organizations, but would act merely as a bank of deposit. A board of control, to be composed of representatives from all the organizations named, and very probably faculty and alumni members also, would have a general oversight of all the interests involved. To this board the managers of the various organizations would present their budgets at the opening of the season, and these could be carefully examined and revised, and filed with the treasurer. The managers would be compelled to keep within their budgets unless authorized by the board of control to exceed it. This board would thus practically be a board of trustees, having the financial welfare of the student organizations in charge, and is based on the assumption that the students are one body with common and not antagonistic interests. At the close of each season the managers would hand in to the treasurer reports with the balances on hand, or the deficits. The treasurer balances accounts, and if there is a surplus, well and good; if a deficit, a tax is levied per capita to make it up. The treasurer would be a graduate or possibly some member of the faculty.

Under this plan the interests of the students would be simplified and consolidated. In reality it could be a broadening of the scope of the University Athletic Association. Under the present arrangement the Oratorical Association and the tennis branch of athletics are left far in the rear of the procession; baseball and football men disagree over the right to funds; while track athletics take what they can get—which is usually a minus quantity. We have not brought out all the details of this scheme, for there are several ways in which they could be worked out. The main features are the board of control and the common treasury. While the idea may seem impracticable at first thought, yet we believe that it possesses merit and "adaptiveness," and is well worthy of consideration.
COLLEGE LOCALS.

Have you seen the University pin?

The entire Senior class will soon take up international law with Prof. Halsey.

Mr. C. R. Moore is making a personal canvas of the route for the spring tour of the Musical Clubs.

Prof. Jack was called home to Farmington, Ill., on Tuesday last by the death of an uncle.

The First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, Dr. Hills' church, burned to the ground last week. It will be rebuilt at once.

The Mandolin Club has been greatly improved by the addition of Prof. Seymour, who plays the flute, and Mr. Hedges, the violin.

Messrs. Carver, Drake and Graff are representing the Y. M. C. A. of the College at the Detroit convention of the Student Volunteer Movement.

President Coulter has made arrangements for lecturing in Nacomb, Camp Point and Carthage, Ill., and South Bend, Ind., in a short time.

On Saturday a number of the faculty and students attended the funeral services of Dr. Patterson held in the Second Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

Invitations are out for the Junior "Auction Sale", for next Thursday evening at Ferry Hall. One gentleman was so eager for the fray that he sent two acceptances.

Last Thursday morning Prof. Halsey made a few remarks concerning the life of Dr. Patterson, especially as it was connected with the founding and growth of L. F. U.

Prof. W. A. Locy lectured before the Biological Club of the University of Chicago on Wednesday, February 28. His subject was the "Metamerism of the Brain and Spinal Cord."

On Monday morning, February 26, the eight o'clock recitations were omitted and chapel began at 8:30, so that the students might be especially addressed by Dr. Duryea and Rev. Thos. C. Hall.

The recent Iowa State Oratorical Contest was won by Mr. Frank McKean, a pupil of our Prof. Booth. He is attending Lennox College, of which Dr. Wilson, formerly principal of L. F. Academy, is president.

Why wouldn't a more generous distribution of planks on the gravel walks about the campus be a good thing? In order to get along in some places, pedestrians have to become swimmers or walk several hundred yards out of their way.

A sleigh ride was enjoyed by a number of College boys and Ferry Hall girls in the afternoon of Washington's birthday. A stop was made at Mr. Pratt's for light refreshments, where the party also had their pictures taken.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees the resignations of two of its honored members, Messrs. A. Z. Benedict and Walter C. Lanse, were accepted. Two others not yet decided upon will be added to the Board at its next meeting.

The law firm of Eakins & Matthews, of Chicago, composed of two former Lake Forest students, has recently succeeded Judge Bangs as attorneys for the Women's Protective Association. The Stentor is pleased to note the firm's increasing success.

While glancing over a copy of "The World's Parliament of Religions," in the frontispiece which represents an actual scene at one of the sessions, a reporter recognized among the audience the familiar face of Prof. Halsey. The likeness was very good, showing the professor in a characteristic attitude.

The alumni of the Zeta Epsilon Literary Society have once more proved the lasting character of their interest in the society by presenting to it a beautiful and useful piece of furniture, in the shape of a combination book case and desk, which adds much to the general appearance of the society hall.

Samples of the University pin of the design published in The Stentor February 13 were circulated last week, and met with unanimous approval, the pin proving to be much prettier than the design would indicate. The price is fifty cents for the silver and one dollar for the gold pins. Orders may be left with Rice Bros. at the College book store.

The Senior Club held its last regular meeting on last Thursday evening. A pleasing recitation entitled "Widow Malone," by Miss Yertson, a reading, by Harry Goodman, of one of Frank Stockton's shorter stories, and vocal music by A. P. Bours made up the literary part of the program, after which charades and refreshments occupied the remainder of the evening.

Miss Bessie Beach, ex-'94, of Chicago, gave a delightful sleighing party on Friday evening, February 23. A dainty luncheon was served at her home on the South Side before the ride. Tin horns of diminutive size but of extraordinary noise-making power were furnished as souvenirs. The guests from Lake Forest were Misses Davies, Gilliland and Mellen and Messrs. H. L. Bird, A. P. Bours, F. S. Mellen, E. E. Vance and W. B. Hunt.

In a recent issue of The Bulletin there was an article on college finance clipped from the Chicago Inter-Ocean which wore a familiar look. Upon investigation it proved to be the main part of an article written some time ago by Mr. E. C. Cleveland, '94. This article, written for the Chicago Record, was reprinted by the New York Commercial Advertiser and then by The Inter-Ocean, from whence by The Bulletin. The incident in itself is quite complimentary to its author.

It is said that the faculty do not intend to allow the baseball team to make an extended trip during the coming season. In this there seems to be just a slight display of discrimination in favor of certain elements in the college life. For instance, delegates to conventions dealing with religious matters are allowed to be absent without the least objection. Of course it may be said that baseball trips and journeys to missionary conventions are entirely different matters; however, the fact remains that the development of athletics, particularly inter-collegiate athletics, is a matter of almost as large importance as the development in the student body of an earnest missionary spirit.
At the regular meeting of the Zeta Epsilon Society on Friday evening the following program was rendered: Debate, "Resolved that the best interests of the United States require that the federal government make immediate provision for the construction of the Nicaragua canal." Affirmative, W. F. Curry, W. S. McCullogh; negative, Alex. McFerran, E. R. Dodge. Decision of judges, three for the affirmative.Reading, "Sam's Letter," J. C. Linsinger; talk, O. H. Swezey; character sketch—Emerson—W. E. Williams; declamation. H. Moore; "A Bit of Natural History," A. Black; poem. J. H. Rice.

Y. M. C. A. ELECTION.

At the annual election for officers of the Y. M. C. A. held on Tuesday evening, February 20, the following officers were chosen: President, J. H. Rice; vice president, J. H. Jones; secretary, J. M. Vance; treasurer, F. S. Melien. At the same meeting delegates were chosen to attend the International Convention of the Students' Volunteer Movement. The gentlemen who went as delegates were Messrs. Vance, Drake, Graft, Currens and Carver. They started on the 28th ult. for Detroit, the place where the convention was held.

JOINT DEBATE.

The leading event of the year at Lake Forest will be a joint debate on the Political Issues of the Day held at the Art Institute Thursday evening, March 8. The speakers will be ex-Congressman, William E. Mason, who needs no introduction here now, and the Hon. C. E. Darrow, the well-known free trader of Chicago. The debate is to be given under the auspices of the Atenaeum Literary Society. No admission fee will be charged.

LATER.—Owing to an interrupting engagement of one of the speakers on the above night, the date has been changed to Friday, March 10.

A HINT.

[We have received the following article, with no trace as to the writer's identity. Contrary to our usual rule in such cases we publish it, and trust that those for whom it is intended will profit thereby.—Ed.]

In the age before man became so far removed from his quadrumanous ancestors, and when all created beings could convene, a gathering was called for a certain coterie of the birds and two rival companies of the animals. In anticipation of the event some of the animals took care to speak to their favorite feathered friends and engage their company for the assembly. At the time appointed all wended their way to the dell decorated for the occasion.

The chief of the birds had charge of the meeting, and well prepared was she for that office, having held similar positions of honor before. With songs and instructive as well as amusing exercises the time passed rapidly and the company, highly delighted with their success, determined to try again.

After improving their intellects the gay party turned to social pleasures, and for awhile the minutes flew swifter, yet trying to keep pace with twinkling feet and quick-answering tongues. And then appeared the first frowns of the assembly. Guards of powerful build and gracious carriage there were in abundance to attend each of the delicate warblers to their nests. Some had already engaged their companions for the journey, but sad to say, there were some of the pretty creatures who, unthought of, unnoticed, alone and by twos, with murmurs uncomplimentary, slowly wended their way as they came.

Ah me, what a dark shadow to cast over an otherwise very happy and successful gathering, and all for the want of a little thought and care! Beau Brummel.

WASHINGTON's BIRTHDAY.

Washington's birthday was celebrated by the students and townspeople with fitting patriotism. The day has not been so appropriately observed in Lake Forest for several years.

The credit of arranging the program is due to the students' committee, and to Mr. N. D. Pratt. The chorus of 125 mixed voices was trained for the occasion by Mr. Pratt, and the Art Institute was decorated and arranged by the committee. Dr. Coulter presided. The program, which began at 10 o'clock, was listened to by an unusually large audience, and was as follows:

Piano Solo—Patriotic Medley, Prof. Eager
"Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," Remarks, Dr. Coulter
Selections from Washington's Farewell Address, Prof. J. J. Halsey
"Song of a Thousand Years"
Mr. Chas. S. Lee, Ferry Hall and University Choruses
Oration, Hon. William E. Mason
"Battle Hymn of the Republic"
Mr. Chas. S. Lee and Audience
"America," Audience

Patriotism, as the emotion of the day, showed itself in everything. The members of the chorus waved small flags at opportune moments. Mr. Lee's singing, artistic and forcible, was especially impressive, and Mr. Mason's oration inspired patriotism in all his audience. His easy style and humorous adaptation easily prepared the way for his more serious thoughts.

Some of the more important ideas which he emphasized at different times were: the danger in believing our country and its government infallible, the benefits of liberal partisanship; and the part education plays in politics. That his address was enjoyed was shown by the attention and applause with which it was received.

In behalf of the faculty and students the committee desires to extend to Mr. N. D. Pratt hearty thanks for his invaluable service in the training of the chorus, for securing the services of Mr. Mason and Mr. Lee, and for his gift of the programs and flags. The success of the celebration was largely due to his efforts.

JOINT MEETING.

In the evening the three college societies, the Althean, the Zeta Epsilon and the Atenaeum, further signalized the day by a joint meeting held in the Atenaeum Hall, the president of the Althean Society presiding. This is the first union meeting which has been held for almost half a score of years, and for that reason if for no other is a notable occasion. However, the program presented was an excellent one. It was as follows:

After the exercises an informal reception was held, and, needless to say, it was highly enjoyed by all.

FERRY HALL.

Mr. Lapp, of Chicago, visited Prof. Eager Tuesday.

Miss Norton has resumed her duties as French instructor.

Miss Alta Barnum, '93, was the guest of her sister, Miss Blanche, during the latter part of last week.

Miss Abbie Blair spent Saturday and Sunday in Evanston, the guest of Miss Annie Lord.

Miss Helen Chaplin was compelled to return home last week on account of illness. We trust she will soon be able to be with us again.

Dr. and Mrs. Seelye have very kindly consented to chaperone a party into the city next Monday evening, to hear the Italian Opera Company in its presentation of "Faust."

Miss Levinia Behel has bade farewell to Ferry Hall. She will not return to school again this year, and although here but for a brief time she made many warm friends who regret her departure.

The regular weekly prayer meeting was held on Tuesday instead of Wednesday evening, that an opportunity might be given to Dr. McClure for addressing the young ladies, preparatory to the communion Sabbath.

The young ladies of the economics class were allowed the privilege of attending chapel at the College on Monday morning, in order to hear Rev. Joseph T. Duryea and Rev. Thos. C. Hall in their brief and entertaining talks to the students.

The young ladies assembled in the chapel Friday evening directly after tea, to listen to a very interesting and charming paper prepared and presented by Miss Norton. Her subject of discourse was the "Parisian's Idea of Manners," in which she highly commended the gentle, thoughtful woman.

The Senior Club held its regular meeting Thursday evening in the Athenaenum Hall. After the literary program was carried on, several interesting charades helped to make time pass pleasantly. The success of the meeting was due to the efforts of the committee, Miss Somerville and Messrs. Drake and Goodman.

The new University pin has met with decided approval at the Seminary and all are anxiously awaiting the time when each one possesses a badge of her own.

Mr. Holt has very kindly offered to award medals to the young ladies of the Zeta Sigma and Kappi Phi Societies. The contest will take place some time next term and will be between the essayists, elocutionists, vocalists and debaters of the two societies. This is a very generous offer and we greatly appreciate it.

One evening last week, unfortunately for her friends, Miss received through the "mail" a banjo, "slightly disfigured but still in the ring." One has only to walk up and down the first corridor but once and she thinks herself again in Midway and her thoughts are those of immediate escape.

The young ladies at Mrs. Seeley's table celebrated her birthday Tuesday evening. The table was prettily decorated with smilax and marguerites. The menu was of a character which is always allowable on the occasion of a birthday, Monday evening the young ladies at Miss Ripley's table did honor to her birthday in the same charming manner.

The Kappi Phi called a special meeting Wednesday evening, for the purpose of making more definite arrangements for the coming contests. Various committees were appointed to take charge of this, and a society feeling heretofore unknown in our meetings, was manifested by all and gave promise of far greater enthusiasm in the future. Although this is our first attempt in the line of contests, and time for preparation brief, we intend to make them both interesting and helpful, also instrumental in awakening a spirit of activity among the members of this organization.

LAKE FOREST ACADEMY.

Judson Williams is around again after a few days illness with the quinsy.

R. O. Stoops is attending the convention of Student Volunteer Movement at Detroit, Mich.

The Seniors, according to a recent action of the faculty, are to be excused from delivering commencement orations.

Only a couple of hundred volumes are necessary to make our library one of a thousand volumes. To the six hundred that we ourselves have amassed, two hundred have been lately added from the University Library.

Regardless of preliminary contests Tri Kappa will be represented in the grand finale by Mr. Cooke and Mr. Loughlin in declamation, by Mr. Stoops in debate, and by Mr. Cutter in essay. The recent preliminary contests and their results have indicated a different array of champions, but this is not the final decision of the society.

Perhaps it would not be amiss to once more urge on the faculty to the practice of chapel talks which has obtained so great favor in the college, both in the faculty and among the students. Principal Smith has set a well-enjoyed example. We should like to hear discourses on any subject well studied and especially upon those subjects that pertain to that branch of study which the professor teaches.
The students both of the dormitory and the Annie Durand College have lately taken a very great liking to chess. Maybe the organization of a chess club inspired the fever—for it is a fever. At various rooms of either building, one may see many groups sitting in silent excitement, each gamester scratching the back of his head in profound perplexity or gazing raptly upon a healthy collection of chessmen which his opponent has removed from the field of battle.

Mr. Charles Holt, who annually gives to the Academy literary societies four medals, and to the society gaining the highest average in the contest a banquet, not long ago, in a letter to Principal Smith, laid down these provisions, which shall henceforth govern the final meet. Each declaration must not be of more than twelve minutes duration; the essayist must confine his reading to the space of ten minutes; and each debater will be allowed twenty minutes for his presentation. Of course each essay may be submitted to the judges on thought as long as the writer may wish to have it, but his appearance before the audience must be of only ten minutes duration. The joint committee of the two societies has decided that the contest shall be held in the Reid Hall auditorium.

THE ATHLETIC FIELD.

In the last number of The University Magazine the athletic editor, S. Scoville, Jr., had an article in defense of the athletic teams generally known as the "Mott Haven teams." This article shows the advantage of general athletics over football, baseball and rowing. For while a man, unless he has had previous drill, gets none of the advantages of training for the latter mentioned teams, in track athletics any man can take part and receive the benefits of the training. The article is one of the best that has appeared in any of the magazines of late and should be read by every one, whether active in athletics or not.

During the winter, Mr. Stagg, athletic director of the Chicago University, has had the football team play several indoor games, and in a recent article in a Chicago paper he stated his intention of keeping the football team in training all the year. This course of Mr. Stagg's has been questioned a good deal and it is doubted by many whether it will help either the men or the game. We as a college should take an interest in the question and stamp it with our approval or disapproval. If it is a good scheme we should not be behind in adopting it, but if it is not good we should use our influence against it. One argument against it is that it is liable to run the game "into the ground" as has been done with baseball. Then the expenses which are necessary to maintain a football team are such that they cannot be met unless the games are well attended. There are several arguments from the point of view of training against playing football the whole year round. The principle ones are that a man, no matter how strong he is, is not able to keep up the rigorous training necessary, without doing himself an injury. As college athletics are arranged at present, a man has an opportunity to take part in almost every branch of sports and as a result is likely to become a better all-round developed man than if he devoted his time entirely to one game. Furthermore, football being a more exciting game, will take way the interest from the other branches of athletics, which are most excellent in themselves but do not draw forth such applause for those who take part in them.

Of late several small pieces of apparatus in the gymnasium have been broken by being hit by baseballs. It is almost absolutely necessary that the baseball team get this practice, but it seems too bad that the gymnasium should suffer as a consequence. Furthermore, those who are not candidates for baseball but who wish to take some exercise, find it almost impossible to do so on account of the baseballs which are flying about in every direction. We would suggest as a remedy that the University, when its "ship comes in," put up a building somewhere near the athletic field with large enough floor space for a baseball cage.

The Board of Directors of the Athletic Association wish to call the attention of the students to the wretched condition of the baseball field. It is quite evident that if anything is to be done the students must do it. A committee has been appointed for the purpose of taking the matter in charge, but the co-operation of every one is necessary in order that the work of leveling the field may be accomplished. Let all those who are willing to devote their energies to this worthy cause signify such intentions by handing their names to one of the committee.

H. B. Craigien, Chairman.
D. H. Jackson, L. Gilleland.

DIRECTORS' MEETING.

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Athletic Association, the report of J. H. Jones, business manager of the athletic entertainment, was accepted. A vote of thanks was extended to the young ladies who assisted in the play, "Which is Which," also to Mr. Goodman and the rest of the committee and assistants. The committee on the gymnasium exhibition was given full power to make all necessary arrangements for the meeting. H. B. Craigien was appointed business manager.

A committee of two, D. Fales and A. O. Jackson, was appointed to find out the cost of putting lockers in the gymnasium, secure funds and put in the same as rapidly as possible. The necessity of improving the baseball field received full discussion, and H. Goodman, L. H. Gilleland and D. H. Jackson were appointed to devise practical plans for improvement.

A communication from the president of the W. I. C. A. A. was read and motion carried that Lake Forest be represented by one delegate at the meeting to be held in St. Louis March 13.

Wm. U. Halford, Secretary.

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