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MADISON, WIS., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1895.

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IN FAVOR OF SEMESTERS

REGENTS ADOPT THE SYSTEM YESTERDAY.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC TO BE ESTABLISHED.

Library Appropriation Asked for—Other Business.

The board of regents met yesterday and transacted some business of importance. The semester system was adopted to go into effect next year. This plan has already been described in the Cardinal and is as follows: The college year will begin on the last Wednesday of September, about two weeks later than at present. The Christmas holidays will be shortened to ten days and the Easter vacation to five days. The year will be divided into two equal periods and examinations held at the close of each of these periods. The courses will be rearranged to correspond to the division into semesters.

Action was taken on the establishment of a school of music and the recommendations of President Adams on the subject were adopted. It is intended to begin the school next fall.

It was decided to ask for appropriations to cover the current expenses of the university and for a new library building. It is proposed to unite the university and historical libraries in one building.

Gen. Lucius Fairchild, president of the board of university visitors, submitted the report of the committee appointed to examine the university library. The report stated that the library contains 33,500 volumes and about 10,000 pamphlets. The average increase during the past forty years has little exceeded 800 volumes annually. This is small compared even with the libraries of Michigan, Cornell and Chicago universities.

1. The present library building is unsafe because not fire-proof. It is easy to show any intelligent person that the state is taking a risk which nothing except sheer necessity can justify.

2. The space available for books is now so limited that accessions make rearrangements necessary and thus greatly increase the labor of the library staff.

3. The reading room is not half as large as has been needed during the past ten years. It is daily crowded to a degree that often precludes the profitable use of the books.

4. The room is neither well lighted nor ventilated. In fact there is no ventilation deserving the name.

5. There are no suitable rooms for cataloguing and for the general work of administration.

The committee also discussed the historical society, assuming that to a certain extent union is practicable if desirable.

The historical library contains about 90,000 volumes and 80,000 pamphlets. There are 675 bound volumes of manuscript, and 8,000 bound volumes of newspaper files. There are

1,400 volumes classified as Shakespearean. In literature relating to America, it stands third in the United States, and in newspaper volumes it is second only to the library of congress. In economics it is one of the strongest in the country, and in genealogy it stands first.

The danger from fire and the appalling loss that would result was set forth.

Then followed a history of the library. In 1893, 92 per cent. of those working in the library were students. The weight of the books is now so heavy that experts says the structure is overtaxed. The value of the library is placed at \$1,000,000; that is would sell for that at auction. The museum of the historical society is equally endangered in its present location. The visitors propose a building that shall meet the wants of the university and historical libraries and the academy of sciences, arts and letters.

W. S. Miller, instructor in vertebrate anatomy, was given a professorship and granted leave of absence beginning with the next college year.

DEBATE POSTPONED!

It has been decided to postpone the joint debate until next Tuesday evening. This has been rendered necessary by the inability of two of the judges to serve at the time originally set for the debate.

BOATING AT MINNESOTA.

It is proposed this year to organize an eight-oar crew at the University of Minnesota. It is the intention of Mr. Johnston, the manager of aquatic sports, to put three crews at work immediately. The men will go into training at the Minnesota tank, when accommodations can be secured.

The candidates will leave the university grounds at 4:15 P. M. every afternoon and proceed to the training quarters, where they will be put through a course of rigid work. Each crew will run for a period of about three quarters of an hour, advancing an imaginary distance of about two miles.

About the beginning of March, the number of crews will be reduced to 2, whereby the competition will become hotter. The "Varsity" crew will not be picked until some time in April. Even after the men have been selected there is liable to be a change in the boat especially if one is not a conscientious worker or if he does not pull a good oar.

This year it is proposed to secure a race with the "Minnesotas" (of St. Paul) and with the Wisconsin "eight". Arrangements are already being made by correspondence and if plans mature the race will come off at lake Minnetonka some time in June. It is now proposed that each crew run two races during the regatta. If these races come off, our boys will take up their training quarters at Minnetonka about a month previous to the race.—Minnesota Ariel.

—Mr. Harry Kuhn, who held the position of fellow in mathematics at the university last year, is now operating a large insurance business at Sauk City.

SOPHOMORE CLASS MEETS

A PICTURE OF THE CREW IN BADGER.

OFFICERS FOR THE WINTER TERM ELECTED.

Other Routine Business Transacted—Committee on Crew Picture.

The class of '97 held its term business meeting yesterday afternoon in University Hall. The principle item of business was the election of officers for this term which resulted as follows:

President—C. S. Greenwood.
Vice President—J. J. Rogers.
Secretary—L. Owen.
Treasurer—T. B. Blackburn.

A member of the '96 Badger board was present and urged the class to insert the picture of their last year's winning crew in the Badger. The President appointed as a Committee to attend to this matter, Messrs. Gilbertson, Kurtz and Morley. A tax of twenty-five cents was levied upon each member of the class to defray its expenses.

MR. GILES' LECTURE.

Before the Class in American Charities.

The first lecture of a series to be given by prominent men in the course of study under R. T. Ely, on American Charities was given yesterday afternoon in the Law building by Mr. Giles, the former president of the state board of Charities and Corrections. Besides the regular students who are taking the course, there was a number of citizens who are interested in this work of the state. The lecture was highly appreciated, received as it was from one so matured in years and experience. Mr. Giles in substance said:

"The advance which the state has made in the study of social science is marked by its introduction into schools. It is but the culmination of impending needs and as a factor in the work of Wisconsin, I appreciate its importance. In 1871 two boards of charities and reform were instituted after much opposition, to investigate the working of county institutions and all organizations devoted to charitable work as well as to make a study of the work of the state. Poor houses, jails, asylums and the condition of the poor were inquired into, which not only set the committee to thinking but the report opened the eyes of the people. The two boards were replaced by a single board of six members of which one was a lady. The work of this board became invaluable to the state. At first they had but the power to scold and to recommend, yet the effective work by continued investigation of county alms houses, asylums, jails and charitable work, not only added to their name but increased their power through bills introduced in the legislature.

"The condition of poor houses before reforms were instituted, was of the worst, vermin existing in all of them. This condition finally became the exception and not the rule. Better manner of treatment and more systematic work was accomplished. When compensation, although small, was allowed the board, more authority was conveyed and better work accomplished. The contract labor system conflicted severely with the poor house; it was a premium on neglect. Managers of alms houses denied through the press charges made against them by the board. The controversies were long and bitter but the board finally prevailed; and their work stands today as a tribute to the state of Wisconsin. In fact the work of the board set an example which other states have followed. Cleanliness and order took the place of filthiness and neglect.

"The work of the board in the insane wards was followed by reforms quite as beneficial. Many stories could be told—pathetic ones—of how poor, demoralized, forsaken beings were cared for, and transformed as it were from their insane state to sane and healthy men and women. Thus the good work was carried on. The contest over state control of insane asylums was a hot one but after once adopted has proved a brilliant success, to which the 23 well ordered institutions attest.

"The work of the board in the jails of our state stands for itself as testimony of its good effects. The evils existing here before the reform began can hardly be exaggerated. But there is a disposition toward better service in these latter institutions. Much has been done, but yet there is more to do. Public opinion is only beginning to understand the immensity of the work, however there has been a brave beginning. Let the good work go on."

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

—E. McClure, law '96, is confined to his room by sickness.

—Geo. Cunningham is suffering from an injury sustained in the gymnasium a few days ago.

—The freshmen recruits were put through the manual of arms yesterday for the first time.

—The office of quartermaster-sergeant in the university battalion has been abolished.

—Prof. Jastrow will leave on his European trip Tuesday of next week. He is much improved in health.

—Miss Josephine Bowden, ex-'96, is an instructor in the Hazel Green public schools.

—The Banjo club gave a pleasing musical entertainment to a number of friends at the Park hotel last evening.

—S. C. Hanks, '96, manager of the musical clubs, has left to arrange for a western trip of the clubs. It will include Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Sioux City and Omaha.

—Washburn observatory will be open this evening from 7:30 to 9:30. Prof. Comstock will be in charge and the observations will be on the planet Jupiter.

—The rifles, sabers and other military paraphernalia have been transferred to the new armory on the ground floor of the gymnasium. The new gun racks are of the latest pattern, each holder being provided with a lock catch which prevents the removal of guns when they are not to be used.

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We publish in another column the
plans for boating at the University of
Minnesota during the coming season.
This news will be received with de-
light by every lover of aquatic sports
at our university. Boating at Wiscon-
sin has been on an insecure basis
as long as there was no intercollegiate
rivalry in the races rowed by the
crews. A place on the eight has al-
ways been eagerly desired but there
has not been that stimulus to hard
training that a race against another
university, and especially one against
the University of Minnesota, would
bring forth. Minnesota has been a
worthy rival of Wisconsin in football
and it has always been considered
that we must look to her for any com-
petition in rowing. Now that she has
decided to enter into that department
of athletics we feel that a race against
her crew would arouse interest second
only to the Wisconsin-Minnesota foot-
ball game. The fact that a race
against Minnesota seems an assured
fact, will increase the earnestness with
which the training for the Varsity is
gone through with. While the interest
in boating is being aroused why can-
not a race between the freshmen crews
of the two universities be arranged.
If the same incentive is offered to the
freshman to train with the crew as
there is to the other athletes to train
for the Varsity there would never be
a lack of good material for the crews.

Those who rowed in a freshman crew
one year would help supply any va-
cancies which might exist on the
Varsity. We would also suggest that
if the Varsity race be rowed at lake
Minnetonka the freshman race take
place at Madison. In that way both
universities would have the opportu-
nity of seeing a good race.

COMPETITIVE GYMNASTICS.

Dr. Sargent detailed briefly his ex-
perience of the past 25 years in Bos-
ton, at Bowdoin College, Yale College,
and, lastly, at Harvard, giving reasons
why he would oppose competition in
gymnastics, not only on the grounds
of physical culture, but as a matter
of expediency.

At Bowdoin, he said, he had one
of the finest classes he has ever seen
in a college. That was over 20 years
ago, before athletics came into vogue,
and when the desire for muscular
training ran to gymnasium apparatus
altogether. The inevitable develop-
ment of experts in the work came, but
no great harm was done until an at-
tempt was made to compete. Then
the stars frightened out the less ex-
pert from the games, and the latter
lost interest in the work. To crown
all, the stars deserted the gymnasium
for fear their rivals would learn their
tricks, and in the end no one came in.

At Yale it was the same, and at
Harvard no better. Wherever com-
petition was encouraged the sure re-
sult was a total abandonment of phys-
ical training—by the experts going
where they could practice in seclusion,
and by the average run of students
through the loss of an incentive.

The remedy applied was to encour-
age team and class work; to keep the
standard of difficulty down, and to
enhance the value of grace and per-
cision in relatively simple movements;
to foster the idea of all-round develop-
ment rather than the overtraining of
special muscles called for in difficult
feats.

Besides, the doctors urged, in the
days the expert amateurs were nearly
on a par with the professionals. Now
however, the professionals have car-
ried the science so far that no ama-
teur can hope to touch them, and
however good an exhibition there
might be under the auspices of an
amateur organization, the public could
see something far better in difficult
feats at any dime museum. It is the
competition of professionals carrying
the standard of skill so high that has
destroyed interest in college and ama-
teur baseball, for instance, and would
operate the same way in the matter
of amateur gymnastics.—Boston Her-
ald.

BUILDINGS AT DARTMOUTH.

The trustees of Dartmouth college
have formally accepted the designs of
a New York architect for the new
buildings to be erected on the pro-
posed quadrangle north of the campus.
For the present, according to the plans,
the college church and its chapel will
remain. The residences of Rev. S. P.
Leeds, D. D., emeritus college chap-
lain, and Professor Arthur Sherburne
Hardy, and the Rood House, a college
dormitory, will be removed. On Rood
House corner will stand the alumni
memorial hall. Between the church
and memorial hall, 100 feet back from
the street, will be the location of the
\$250,000 Butterfield hall, the archeo-
logical museum. Two other dormitor-
ies are shown on the plans, but will
not be erected now. The specifications
for the Butterfield hall are now being
prepared. The contract will be let in
February and work on it will begin in
April. The alumni memorial hall is
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HARVARD OBSERVATORY.

The forty-ninth annual report of the director of the Harvard astronomical observatory for eleven months ending Sept. 30, 1894, has just been published. The most important events of the year have been the practical trial of the Bruce telescope and the successful operation for several months of the Boyden meteorological station on the summit of the Misti, at a height of 19,200 feet. Unfortunately, early in September the shelter containing the instruments was found to have been broken into and a number of the instruments carried off. Apparently the robbery was committed by two Indians. The property stolen would, of course, be of no use to the thieves and its intrinsic value would be a small part of the actual loss. The work at this station was conducted with great labor, a mule path had been built to the summit and the entire expenditure had been large. It will be a serious loss to science if it proves impossible to maintain the station. Attention is again drawn in the report to the importance of Harvard's availing herself of the admirable atmospheric conditions at Arequipa. A telescope of the largest size would not only have most favorable opportunities for work, but a field unexplored with such an instrument in the southern sky. Much could be done with a smaller instrument and at a moderate expense.

The library of the observatory has been increased since the time of the last report by the addition of 218 volumes and 529 pamphlets. The total number of volumes and pamphlets on Oct. 1, 1894, were 7,710 and 9,989 respectively.

—A. H. Long, law, '89, is the district attorney of Crawford county.

—L. M. Squire, '88, of Poynette, is reported as being very sick with typhoid fever at his home.

—Miss Mary Smith, '90, who was assistant principal of the Whitewater high school during the past year, has been unable to return to her position on account of ill health.

—The third in the course of university extension lectures at Milwaukee was delivered Monday evening before the Literary and Social Life Club by Prof. Stearns. His subject was "Asceticism and Mysticism."

—President Taylor of Vassar finds the accommodations of the college too limited for its necessities and has asked the alumnae for \$200,000 to cover the cost of a new lecture hall and dormitory.

—Prof. O. E. Barnard of the Lick observatory has arrived in San Francisco. He thinks the scheme of the Chicago man for building an enormous telescope, near San Diego, which is to have a glass greater than any other in the world, made of numberless lenses, is an absurdity.

MARKS OF CHARACTER.

Almost everything a woman does or says or wears is magnified by some one into an indication of character. She wears a certain style of shoe or wears it in a certain way, and some one discovers that she is vain and a spendthrift. She wears her gloves out in the thumb and some one discovers that she is cruel or something else. She has a fondness for laces and she is dubbed old fashioned; she indulges in studs and is called masculine. The poor thing can wear nothing without having some one consider her doing so portentous. Her rings are no exception to the rule. The professional finder of character in trifles can give almost a Sherlock Holmes resume of a woman's disposition and history from a sight of her jewel tray, declares the Philadelphia Times.

Is she very fond of solitaires, she is newly rich and anxious to display her

wealth, proclaims the character reader. Is she fond of the ordinary, fashionable stones in the ordinary fashionable settings? She is common place. A woman, who, with money enough to buy a marquise ring of sapphires and diamonds, has not enough originality to buy something else, is distinctly common place, according to the interpreter of rings.

Does she wear tall settings on a pudgy little finger, making it look pudgier than ever? She is inartistic. Does she wear pearls and crystal clear diamonds on a hand that is not as white as milk? She is worse than inartistic. Does she wear oblong bands of stones instead of tall vertical ones? She begins to show gleams of originality and good taste. Does she have her stones sunk into quaint silver settings or old-fashioned chased gold ones? There is hope for her in an artistic sense. Does she wear opals? She is venturesome. Who but a daring woman would defy superstition? Is she particularly attached to deep red stones—rubies, carbuncles, garnets? She is of a forceful nature, says the character reader. Red is the color beloved of people of passionate dispositions. Is she fond of sapphires? She is earnest, truthful, constant, intellectual.

Does she wear but one ring, eschewing all others? She is sentimental. Does she wear great many? She is vulgar, or at best frivolous. Does she wear none at all? She is poor!

So whatever she may do, the poor thing is harshly interpreted. She might as well, therefore, keep on doing as she pleases.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

George Fox was brought up in the humble home of a weaver.

The lower classes of Mexico have religious scruples against trying to cure small-pox.

James V. Polk was born on a farm, and even when very young helped his father in the latter's work as a surveyor.

The Chinese government levies a regular tax on beggars, and gives them in return the privilege of begging in a certain district.

A decapitated snail, kept in a moist place, will in a few weeks grow a new head, quite as serviceable and good-looking as that which was taken away.

Berlin is one of the most cosmopolitan of European cities. Though it is the capital of Germany, only 37 per cent of the inhabitants are Germans by birth.

John Ange, a planter who died in Sussex county, Del., about 1770, was reputed to be 140 years old. He left a son aged 80, who was already a great-grandfather when John died.

Search lights are such good targets for the enemy's guns that the Germans are arranging to throw the light first on a mirror and thence on the enemy, thereby concealing its real source.

Sirius, the dog star, the brightest star in the heavens, moves through space at a velocity of 33 miles a second. Its distance from the earth exceeds about a million times the distance of the sun.

Professor Ghost says that if we reckon the average depth of the oceans at three miles there would be a layer of salt 200 feet thick in their basins should the waters of all suddenly evaporate.

A priest of Buda, Hungary, recently married a very young couple, and, instead of the usual benediction, amazed principals and witnesses by exclaiming: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

A country cat can always be kept at home by cutting off her ears, or for a time by clipping out the hairs in the interior. The long hairs serve to keep out the drops of dew that fall from the leaves of plants and grasses, and when the hairs are removed the cat will stay at home rather than claw the water out of her ears.

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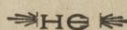
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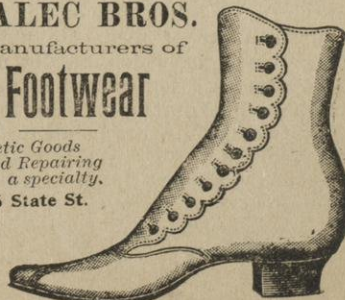
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OFFICIAL NOTICES.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1895.

ANCIENT HISTORY:—All the 9 o'clock divisions in Ancient History will meet in the lecture room of the Chemical Laboratory Thursday, Jan. 17, at the regular hour.

Charles H. Haskins.

ALGEBRA:—I will meet my 9 o'clock algebra class tomorrow, Jan. 16th in room No 7, Main Hall.

H. F. Stecker.

"THE TELEPHONE DOOR."—General Manager Hibbard of the Chicago Telephone company has very kindly supplied us with additional copies of his pamphlet called the "Telephone Door," and students who were unable to secure copies on Friday may secure them from the university librarian.

D. C. Jackson.

GREEK LITERATURE SYNOPTICAL.—Students taking the synoptical course in Greek literature will please bring class cards to the lecture Friday afternoon.

C. F. Smith.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR ENGINEERS.—Gen. Bryant's course of lectures on law of contracts will begin on Thursday, January 17th at 4:15 p. m., in the junior law faculty room on second floor of the Law building.

N. O. Whitney.

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GOOD TEMPLARS: Capital Lodge No. 1, I. O. G. T. meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, in Good Templar's hall located at No. 20 East Mifflin street, just east of the post office. All students who are members of the order are cordially invited to attend any or all sessions of the Lodge.

U. W. BAND: The Board meets tonight at 7:00 o'clock sharp. All members are requested to be present.

FRESHMAN MEETING: The freshman class meeting will be held Friday, at 2:30 p. m., in University hall.

TRACK TEAM.—All the members of last year's track team will meet at the Phi Gamma Delta House, 613 Francis street, Friday evening, Jan. 18. Important that all should be present.

H. B. Copeland.

A TOUCH OF HUMOR.

Stockings will now be filled with nothing more interesting than feet and legs for another year.—Washington Star.

Mr. Cynical Sneer and Tom Spittlejag, two society youths, had a row in the club room. The latter said severely:

"My dear friend, allow me to tell you that you are a donkey."

"Well," responded Mr. Sneer, "will you kindly tell me, am I a donkey because I am your friend, or am I your friend because I'm a donkey."—Texas Siftings.

A lady was showing a visitor the family portraits in the picture gallery. "That officer there in uniform," she said, "was my great-grandfather. He was as brave as a lion, but one of the most unfortunate of men. He never fought a battle in which he did not have an arm or a leg carried away." Then she added proudly, "He took part in twenty-four engagements."

Mrs. Beauart. "Why did you have the face of that Venus tinted with red, Mrs. Parvenoo?"

Mrs. Parvenoo. "I thought no woman could help blushing who didn't have

on no more clothes than she has."—Puck.

Tommie. "Aunt Sarah why do they always picture Cupid, the god of love naked?"

Aunt Sarah. "Bekase he most allus needs a spankin'!"—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

An English novelty making firm has brought out a patent veil fastener, consisting of a small fork suitably hinged to a base piece or handle, to which is connected a spring, which engages into a projection on the head of the fork, so that when the base piece is turned over the fork the spring locks it in that position. To use it, the ends of the veil are gathered between the prongs of the fork. The handle is then held by the thumb and fingers and turned round, so that the ends of the veil are wound upon the fork until the veil is sufficiently tight. The handle is then turned down over the veil and held by the spring, preventing any unwinding.

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