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[PRICE THREE CENTS.]

NATURE OF THE EPIC POEM

ITS CHARACTERISTICS AND VARIETIES.

THE REMAINING LECTURES IN THE COURSE.

Lectures Given Every Wednesday in the Law Building.

Prof. Freeman opened the series of lectures on the Great Epics of the World in the law building yesterday afternoon. He spoke on the characteristics, varieties and functions of the epic.

The epic takes its name from the term epos, meaning discourse or tradition, hence living tradition. The epic has as subject some vast action, which embraces the life of a nation or the history of an epoch. In the form of a real event it gives a living picture of the beliefs of a people. Every age has its heroic legends, which are the offspring of circumstance, locality and time. The legends could have arisen only when and where they did. The author of the folk epics is unknown. In an early age the interest is in the song, not in the singer. Many singers have to do with the early legends. Then appears some singer of greater genius to give order, unity and proportion to these scattered legends. As an epic embodies the beliefs of a people it becomes the Bible of that people. The subject of the epic must be taken from some far-off time when the gods mingled with men; but the weaver of the epic must belong to a later period, when literary art has taken its beginnings, yet he must not be so far removed from the era of his subject as to lose sympathy with that primitive time. Recent and commonplace events are not proper material for the epic.

The animating idea of the epic is the desire to look beyond the commonplace to the superhuman and to reconcile the human with the divine. The prevailing tone of the epic is that of fate. Sadness pervades all.

The action is laid in the past and memory and imagination must be relied on. It must have unity even stricter than history, and must include only those events bearing on the subject. The poet should begin in the midst of events. Aristotle said the epic should be short enough to be read at one sitting; hence, Homer was too long.

The characters are not analyzed by the poet but their peculiarities are revealed by what they do. The plot should not be so short or so long as to interfere with the slow flow of the epic. Episodes serve to instruct and delight the reader. It is not necessary that the epic be in verse though each nation has some favorite form of meter in which its epic has been cast.

The following is the list of lectures:
Epic Poetry—Its Characteristics, Varieties, Functions—Prof. J. C. Freeman.

Homer's Iliad—Prof. Alexander Kerr.

Homer's Odyssey—Prof. Charles F. Smith.

Virgil's Aeneid—Prof. Geo. L. Hendrickson.

Beowulf—Prof. F. G. Hubbard.

The Volsunga Saga—Prof. J. E. Olson.

The Nibelungen Lied—Prof. W. H. Rosenstengel.

The Song of Roland—Prof. Edward T. Owen.

Dante's Divine Comedy—M. W. F. Giese.

The Cid—

Ariosto's Orlando Furioso—

Camões' Lusiad—

Tasso's Jerusalem Delivered—

Spencer's Fairy Queen—Prof. J. C. Freeman.

Milton's Paradise Lost—Prof. J. C. Freeman.

The lectures take place Wednesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in the senior law lecture room of the law building.

At the next session, yesterday's discussion will be continued by Professor Freeman.

KEENAN—WINEGAR NUPTIALS.

Ceremony Performed at High Noon Yesterday at the Bride's Home.

Rev. J. W. Cochran yesterday at high noon united in matrimonial bonds Mr. Ambrose B. Winegar, of Kansas City, and Miss Fannie Keenan, of this city, at the home of the bride, 10 West Gorham street. The ceremony was witnessed by friends and relatives. Mr. Fred K. Houston, of Rockford, acted as best man and Miss Addie Keenan, of this city, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. The bride wore a gown of Bengaline silk. Miss Addie Keenan was dressed in white. Many beautiful and suitable presents were given. The couple left at 5 o'clock for Milwaukee and will go from there to Kansas City where the groom is engaged in business. He was graduated from the university with the class of '88 and is a member of Phi Delta Theta.

A cablegram of congratulations was received from Dr. George Keenan, brother of the bride, who is consul at Bremen.

ENDED IN A ROW.

Chicago Plays an Unfinished Game with Illinois—Score 10 to 6.

In the second half of the U. of C. Illinois game yesterday, with the score 10 to 6 in favor of Chicago, the Illinois team put in Vail, their coach. The Chicago eleven refused to continue and the game was declared unfinished by the referee. Captain Allen, of Chicago, protested against the paying of the guarantee to Illinois, but Stagg, who is managing the Chicago team, paid the Illinois manager the required amount.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Stoltze entertained the football team at a seven o'clock dinner last evening at their home on State street.

—The musical part of the program of the Pharmaceutical society Friday evening will be especially attractive. The society has secured the Madison Zither Club for two numbers on the program. This club is under the leadership of E. A. Iverson, '96.

WILL DEBATE AS USUAL

PROGRAMS FOR THE VARIOUS SOCIETIES.

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MATHEMATICAL CLUB:

"On Cantor's theory of irrational numbers,"—Mr. E. B. Skinner.

"On the life of Sir Isaac Newton,"—Mr. E. E. De Cou.

ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION:

Gas Engine—G. W. Hart.

Street Car Brakes—J. M. Boorse.

Swing Bridges—W. G. Kirchoffer.

Debate—Resolved that the contract system of convict labor is detrimental to industrial interests.

Civil Periodicals—F. Dixon.

Electrical Periodicals—G. B. Hayden.

Mechanical Periodicals—A. L. Goddard.

U. W. ENGINEERS' CLUB:

Scientific American Supplement—U. W. Bergenthal.

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American Machinist—O. T. Laderman.

Debate—Resolved that the "Trail" is better for street-railway purposes than the "Girder rail."

Cassius Magazine—W. F. McGregor.

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Western Electrician—Hal. Murphy.

American Machinist—W. W. Goldschmidt.

Electrical Industries—Lester C. Street.

Railway Review—Fred Newman.

Electrical Review—Fred Barrows.

PHILOMATHIA:

First Debate—Resolved that the merchant marine of the United States should be subsidized.

Paper—Eddy.

Second Debate—Resolved that capital punishment should be abolished.

HESPERIA:

Declamation—Smith.

First Debate—Resolved that Blaine's system of reciprocity is an acknowledgement of free trade principles.

Declamation—Noyes.

Second Debate—Resolved that church property should be taxed.

ATHENA:

Critic—Tormey.

First Debate—Was the United States justified in going to war in 1812.

Second Debate—Resolved that capital punishment should be abolished.

E. G. RYAN:

First Debate—Resolved that the federal election law should have been repealed.

Second Debate—Resolved that the Swiss Referendum should be adopted in Wisconsin.

Notice—Owing to the loss of the original program the members who are on the debate are not known to the secretary. Please leave names with P. C. Pitkin, Sec'y.

FORUM:

First Debate—Resolved that the Ohio requirement for admission to the bar is preferable to the present requirement in Wisconsin.

Second Debate—Resolved that church property should be taxed.

COLUMBIAN:

First Debate—Resolved that party spirit as manifested by our great political parties is a detriment to the best interests of the United States.

Second Debate—Should an educational qualification be made a condition for enjoying the right of suffrage in the United States.

BEFORE THE GAME.

In last Saturday's Ariel the following notice is found in the Calendar:

"Saturday, Nov. 17, Grand Jubilee 8:30 p. m.—2 a. m. campus."

We learn that owing to circumstances over which Minnesota had no control the "Grand Jubilee" was indefinitely postponed. The same number also contains the following editorial:

"Only a few hours and the great game of the season will begin. While many of us are unable to be at Madison in the flesh, we are present in spirit at least and are fondly hoping that the Fates will be kind. Incidentally the game will show whether our Wisconsin Iagoo (sic), the great boaster, has had any grounds upon which to base those extraordinary statements which have appeared in his columns from day to day regarding the game. We confidently expect to see the Cardinal's headgear, which has of late done most admirable service as a colander, knocked into a cocked hat. We trust that he will take his medicine with that fortitude which we are told is one of the cardinal virtues. Tonight will be one of great excitement on the campus, a night in which every one will turn out to see the fun. Bring your enthusiasm with you, and help make this a jolly evening, long to be remembered."

"Saturday night was one of the great excitement on the campus but it was Wisconsin's campus. There was a great deal of enthusiasm and a jolly time but it was Wisconsin students who participated in it." We trust that the Ariel editor will take his medicine with that fortitude which some one has rightly told him is one of the Cardinal virtues.

—Prof. Freeman lectures at Milwaukee tonight, at Menominee, Mich., tomorrow night, and at Marinette Saturday night.

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cared for from the fact that many of
the gentlemen are thoroughly experi-
enced in legislative affairs.

The plan that has been adopted by
the faculty in regard to the posting
of official notices is a good one and
will make impossible much of the con-
fusion that has existed heretofore.
Under the new arrangement all pro-
fessors' and instructors' notices will
appear on the official bulletin boards
and the other boards will be given
over to notices of societies and miscel-
laneous announcements.

To all appearances the class work
in the gymnasium promises to be the
best possible training for our indoor
athletic meet. Mr. Everett is no
longer confining the exercise to dumb-
bells and Indian clubs, but the squad
work includes jumping, vaulting and
practice on the bars. The classes are
much better attended than heretofore
and students are showing a decided
interest in the work, even a number
of upper classmen are daily joining
the classes. Of course for a few days,
some standing around must be ex-
pected, but when some definite idea
can be had of the size of classes this
will not be the case.

The sparring classes are also well
attended and the prospects are very
bright for a meet unsurpassed in the
west. Most students remember how
successful last year's meet was, which
was accomplished by individual work.
So it is very clear that this year's
meet must needs be something way
above the average, both in number of
contestants and quality of the work.

NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS.

If Randall Field is to be made use-
ful for athletic purposes, part of it
must be put in shape for a regular
field and it should be done as soon as
possible. As it is now it is almost
useless, for the big mile track cannot
possibly be kept in condition and the
baseball field is wretched. What
should be done, if the means with
which to do it were available, would
be to grade up the north end, put in
a third of a mile track with a 220
yard straight away and football and
baseball fields inside and erect a large
grand stand. This would not be so ex-
pensive as it might seem at first
thought. The hills within the grounds
south and west of where this new field
would be, are useless for any pur-
pose of an athletic field and dirt for
grading could be taken from them
and moved to where it was needed
at a comparatively low price. Then
when this field had been fixed up the
rest of the present fair grounds could
be platted and sold and it seems as
if the proceeds would more than pay
the expenses, if the legislature could
not be shown that it was the proper
thing for the state to do it.

The need of such a field is obvious
to every student. The lower campus
could not be improved upon for a
practice field and will always be used
for that purpose, but it is of course
impossible to enclose it and we must
have a good field on which to play
games. It is safe to say that with
such a field as the one described above
the receipts of the games this fall
would have been many hundred dol-
lars more. It would also furnish an
excellent field for class teams to prac-
tice on, something which has long been
needed. This is only the football side
of the question. For the baseball and
track athletic interests it is absolutely
essential that something be done. The
present track is not at all suitable for
training and the baseball field is mis-
erable. Within a three lap track
there would be ample room for a base-
ball field and hammer throwing and
other field athletics without any
crowding. A quarter mile track would
be a little too small for this and for
bicycling, though large enough for
running, but even with the runners it
is better to practice on the same size
track as that on which they are to com-
pete. The South Side Park in Chicago
is three laps to the mile. Such a field
as this, enclosed and provided with
a grand stand on one side would be
of incalculable value to Wisconsin ath-
letics and would also bring the reve-
nues of the association up fifty per
cent. It must come some time and
ought to be done next spring. Think
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something to further the project. We
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Monday, November 26.
Lecture in economics, Prof. Scott, law buildings, 4 p. m.
History and literature of Israel, Prof. Williams, North hall, 6:45 p. m.
Choral Union rehearsal, Library hall, 7:30 p. m.
Press club meeting, North hall, 7:30 p. m.

Tuesday, November 27.
Lecture on history, Prof. Haskins, Science hall, 4 p. m.
Co-operative association meeting, Science hall, 7 p. m.

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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR READINGS.

General Survey of English Literature.

Chaucer.

General accounts and biographies:—
Lounsbury's "Studies in Chaucer,"
3 vols.

Ten Brink's Early Eng. Lit., vol. II.,
pp. 33-206.

Morley's Eng. Writers, vol. V.
Ward's "Chaucer," in Eng. Men of
Letters series.

Green's Short History, ch. V.

Criticism:—

Lowell's "Chaucer" in "My Study
Windows."

Taine's Eng. Lit. Bk. I., ch. III., 5
sections.

Shairp's "Poetic Interpretation of
Nature," ch. XI.

Arnold's "Essays in Criticism." Es-
say "On the Study of Poetry."

Ward's English Poets, "Chaucer.

Language:—

Skeat's Introduction to Prologue and
Knight's Tale (Clarendon Pr. Series).

Marsh's Lectures on the English
Language.

Lounsbury's History of the English
Language.

Manners of the Time:—

Jusserand's English Wayfaring,
"Life in the Fourteenth Century."

Wright's History of Domestic Man-
ners and Sentiments in England dur-
ing the Middle Ages.

Brown's Chaucer's England.

Select Readings:—

Kellogg's Selections.

Ward's English Poets.

Skeat's Prologue to Canterbury
Tales (Clar. Press Series).

SQUAD LEADERS.

All students wishing to try for posi-
tions as leaders of squads in gymna-
sium practice are requested to meet
Mr. Everett in the gymnasium at 4 p.
m. Friday.

SYNOPTIC BIOLOGY: The class
will meet on Thursdays (instead of
Wednesdays as heretofore, commenc-
ing November 22, in room 42, Science
hall, at 4 p. m.

C. R. Barnes.

ANCIENT HISTORY CONDITIONS.
The examination to remove conditions
in the spring term's work in Ancient
History will be held Tuesday, Novem-
ber 27, at 2 p. m. in room 12, Uni-
versity hall.

Chas. H. Haskins.

CARDINAL BOARD: There will be
a meeting of the Cardinal board (edi-
tors and reporters) at the office in Uni-
versity hall, Saturday at 12 m.

CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION:
There will be a meeting of the di-
rectors of the Co-operative association
Tuesday, November 27, at 7 p. m., in
room 25, Science hall.

ATTENTION.

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Manager.

Y. M. C. A.:—The topic for the Thurs-
day evening prayer meeting is "The
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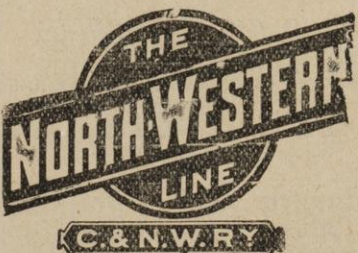
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